



Spring Youth Soccer Soccer Scribbles

Dates to Remember

January 12	\$10 discount ENDS (Fee changes to \$66)
January 19	Registration Ends at 5pm (Refund Deadline)
March 4	Coaches Meeting (Virtual 6pm)
March 8	You should hear from your coach
March 20	Referee Orientation [subject to change]
March 23	Games Begin / Team Photos
April 27	Season Games End

What division will my child be in?

The aging date that we will use is 7/31/2023. Your child's age on that day will determine his/her division.

Example: If your child's birthday is 8/15/2014, he/she will play in the U10 (under 10) age group. Although they are 10 when the league starts, they were not 10 on the cut-off date. All children must be 4 by 1/31/2024!

Columbus Youth Soccer Camp

This camp program will be held June 3-7. It is available for ages 5-13. For more information or to register please call 812.376.2680 or visit us online at www.columbusparksandrec.com.



Referee Orientation

If you are 14 years of age or older and would like to referee Parks & Recreation soccer you must attend an orientation. Upcoming orientation date is March 20 from 5-7pm [subject to change]. Email clollar@columbus.in.gov by March 13, 5pm if you are interested.

Volunteer Coaching

Each soccer season over 1,100 Columbus youth participate in the Parks & Recreation soccer program. That is over 100 individual teams that need coaches. **Although our program has grown, the number of volunteers has not always kept up, so we ask you to please consider coaching a team (training available)!**

If you express interest in coaching when registering your child, a division manager may contact you through the email or phone number you have on file with the Parks & Recreation Department.

Background Check & Code of Conduct

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Recreation Department will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require background checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website-- www.columbusparksandrec.com.

Please feel free to call or email Collin Lollar at (812) 375-2741 or clollar@columbus.in.gov with any questions.

Soccer Scribbles

Practice Cancellations

All decisions on whether or not a practice is cancelled are determined by each individual coach. He/she will determine whether the weather will affect practice. If you have any questions regarding the status of your child's practice, please call your coach. The Parks & Recreation staff will NOT have this information.

Game Cancellations

If the weather is questionable, check the Remind app, listen to local radio stations, visit our main Parks website or check out the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Game Make-up Times

Make up games will be played the next day (Sunday) starting at 1pm. Make sure to check the Remind app, or visit the youth soccer page on our website for game times

www.columbusparksandrec.com.

Columbus Youth Soccer Association

Don't hesitate to call your division manager if a problem arises or if you have any soccer or program related questions.

Parks & Rec Sports Coordinator

Collin Lollar | (812) 375-2741 | clollar@columbus.in.gov

Sports Programs Manager

Seth Rice | (812) 376-2658 | srice@columbus.in.gov

Division	Division Manager	Phone
U5 Co-Ed	Bill Storkman	(812) 343-3597
U6 Co-Ed	Dave VanValkenburg	(812) 343-2642
U8 Boys	Steve Krebs	(812) 447-1086
U8 Girls	Tim Larken	(812) 371-7796
U10 Boys	Evan Adams	(812) 603-2691
U10 Girls	Aaron Bunch	(812) 447-8980
U14 Boys	Joe Sawin	(812) 374-2148
U14 Girls	Joe Sawin	(812) 374-2148
U18 (HS) Co-ed	Bill Storkman	(812) 343-3597
Referee Director	Rob Heathcote	(812) 344-8437
Board Member	Bryce Mitchell	(812) 344-3133

Frequently asked Questions

When are the game played?

Games are played on Saturday mornings at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 am at Blackwell Park behind Parkside School.

When will I hear from my child's coach?

The coaches will receive their rosters on March 8. You should receive a call or an email from your child's coach by March 8. If you do not hear from them by this time, call Donner Center at (812) 376- 2680.

How long is the season?

There are six games beginning on March 23 and ending April 27.

What about practices?

Teams will be scheduled for 1-2 practices a week. The coach will determine the day / time and contact you with the information.

Can my child change teams if they have a schedule conflict?

Unfortunately, no. Due to the size of our soccer program we cannot accommodate everyone. We instead require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because they are unable to attend practice.

Does Parks provide uniforms?

Parks and Recreation will give each player a uniform t-shirt. All players must provide their own shin guards and long socks (required). Cleats are optional and are the player's responsibility.

Is there anything my child cannot wear?

Yes!!! Players cannot have beads or hard objects in their hair as well as no jewelry (earrings included). New piercings cannot be covered with tape.

What if I have a problem?

Go to your coach first. If that does not help, please contact the division manager for your child's age group.