



Frequently Asked Questions
(FAQs)

Q: I see Team Parent listed on the forms. What is a Team Parent and what do they do?

A: Team Parents assist the coaches primarily by organizing a snack rotation among the other parents on the team. The time this requires is minimal and the players really look forward to a snack at the end of the games. Snack usually consists of a drink box/pouch and a food snack (snack cookies/granola/fruit roll-up, etc.). Without a Team Parent to organize this, snacks are often forgotten and the players are very disappointed. Don't let this happen! Please volunteer to be a Team Parent! Optionally, some Team Parents have also organized gift/thank you cards for the coaches or end of year events for the team.

Q: I know we will be gone during a week of the season. This means I can't help as a coach, right?

A: No! We absolutely can still use you and our program will die without a sufficient number of volunteers willing to coach our players. We try to assign a coach and assistant for every team so that they can cover each other during absences. I also fill-in as needed. But we badly need you for the rest of the days you can be here!

Q: I am willing to help, but I don't know much about soccer. Is there a place for me?

A: We will train you to be an assistant coach and pair you with an experienced coach. Our greatest need is with the younger players and it is easy to learn what is needed. If you really feel that coaching is not for you, please volunteer to be a team parent and organize the snack rotation for your team's games.

Q: My player already has a Forest Ridge Soccer jersey from last season. Do I need to buy a new one?

A: If the jersey from last year still fits, you are set! Most families will hand-down shirts from their older players to their younger players for years. We will let everyone know if it ever becomes necessary to move to a new design.

Q: I have soccer equipment that my kids have outgrown, but are still in serviceable condition. Can you use it?

A: Yes! We run an equipment exchange at the beginning of each season. If you have gear that no longer fits, please donate to the exchange. Also, if the exchange has replacement gear, feel free to take it. This is a free service we run to try to help everyone. We usually have cleats, shin-guards and sometimes jerseys.

Q: Why did the fees go up? I thought they already went up recently.

A: Our fees will occasionally adjust as necessary to the changing costs of keeping the program running. The fact is that soccer balls, jerseys, field paint (for the lines), etc. are always slowly going up in price. We try to make small but sufficient adjustments to keep the program solvent. In general, our program for fall and spring seasons combined costs about one half of the cost of a single season in the other recreational programs around our area.

Q: What are the soccer fees used for? Do you get paid?

A: The only paid positions in our program are the referees. All of the coaches, assistant coaches, and I are 100% unpaid volunteers. Besides referees, money is used to purchase balls, bags, first-aid kits, whistles, timers, nets, cones, pennies (scrimmage vests), field paint, signage, certificates, trophies, background checks, training, etc.

Q: My child played in the fall. Do I need a new registration and fee for spring?

A: No! Our registration includes both the fall and spring seasons for one low price. Just show up to practice or drop us an email and we will get them assigned to their spring team and coach.

Q: I notice the spring soccer registration form asks for age as of Sept 1 of last year. Is that a misprint?

A: No, it is not a misprint. Our soccer seasons follow the school year. Our age divisions do not move up in the spring just as students do not change grades over the winter break.

Q: My child just turned 5 this winter/spring. Can I register them for the spring season?

A: We are always willing to evaluate individual players. The most successful under-age players usually have prior soccer experience or older siblings they already play soccer with at home.

Caution: Most of the players in the 5-6 year-old division will be 6-7 years old during the spring season. Many new 5 year-olds can be intimidated and frustrated when trying to match a 7 year-olds speed, coordination and experience and often end up feeling lost and discouraged. We usually recommend that your player join us in the fall with the rest of the new 5 year-olds for the best first-time soccer experience.