



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: Why did the fees go down for fall 2019?

Q: Why doesn't fall 2019 include spring 2020?

Q: Why does the form ask for birth year instead of my player's age as of September 1st?

A: Most soccer programs have transitioned from a school year age bracket system to a calendar year system. Our legacy brackets were creating more and more confusion between our program and other programs we coordinate with on team age compositions. In order to improve our standardization with surrounding programs we are transitioning to the new calendar year system. This means our teams will be based on birth year, not their age on a certain day. Also, our payment system will be moving to a calendar year basis as well. Because this fall (2019) will not include spring 2020, we have reduced the price for this season only.

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 spring (2019). Do I need a new registration and fee for fall?

A: Yes. Our program is transitioning to a calendar year registration period. In order to do this, we are faced with the need to run one fall season à la carte. Our normal registration includes both the spring and fall seasons for one low price. We will be returning to this scheme with the start of 2020.

Q: My child played in the spring (2020 and beyond). Do I need a new registration and fee for fall?

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

Q: What size are the fields?

A: We have two fields at Forest Ridge. Our U6 field is roughly 27 yards by 50 yards. Our U9 and U12 share the same field and it is roughly 50 yards by 87 yards.

Q: Where are the fields?

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