

2015 YOUTH SOCCER PARENT HANDBOOK



Parent and Player Information

Geary Family YMCA

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PARENTS INFORMATION

SOCCKER 2015

Games: Participants will be assigned to teams randomly; however requests are taken into account if they are deemed to be reasonable by the Sports Director (relation, car pooling, certain coach). Games will begin March 8th and run through April 5. Coaches will serve as the referees in all age divisions.

Practices: The first practice for all teams will be **February 28th**. This practice time will be determined by your assigned coach. Practice day and time for your team's weekly practice will be determined by your coach as well (mini kickers just practice on Saturdays. You will be contacted by your child's coach before the first practice on February 28th to communicate to you what time they will be practicing. This means each team will get two practices in before their first game. **Mini Kickers will not practice during the week, they simply practice on February 28th, and then the first 30 minutes of their scheduled game time.**

Game Schedules: Coaches will handout schedules at the first practice. If you do not receive your schedule call the YMCA at 419-435-6608.

Shirts: Coaches will hand out the team shirts at the first game. Your child does get to keep his/her shirt or jersey.

Pictures: Picture day is March 21st .Please arrive 30 minutes early to your game so we can get the pictures taken and still stay on our normal game schedule.

Equipment: Players must wear sneakers or a good athletic shoe that fits. Players must wear their team's YMCA shirt during games. Comfortable shorts or sweats are to be worn, no jeans will be allowed. Shin guards are suggested but not required.

Weather and Cancellations: It is our policy to cancel games only in extreme weather conditions. If games must be cancelled coaches will be notified and they will in turn contact parents. If you are unsure it is best to call your coach first, check the YMCA Facebook page and as a last resort call the YMCA.

Geary Family YMCA Youth Sports Program Parent Agreement

As a parent in the Geary Family YMCA's Youth Sports Program....

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the program
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent including, but not limited to: booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
8. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
9. I will emphasize skill development and practice, and will focus on how they benefit my child over winning
10. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game fields, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
11. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their uses at all sporting events.