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# SHOOTING FOR TEAMWORK

## OUTDOOR SOCCER Youth Sports Complex



### Rookies (Ages 3-6)

April 13 – May 11  
Saturday Only

### Grades 1-6

First Eligible Practice Date: Week of April 1  
Games April 13 – May 11  
Games Every Wednesday Night & Saturday Morning

In a positive structured program, children will stay active while learning and improving skills with youth soccer. Features Include:

- 2 weeks practice time to improve skills before season play begins
- Teams are formed by school! Play with your CLASSMATES!
- End of season Tournament for grade level participants
- MLS themed jerseys for grade level participants!

**Rookies: Members: \$26, Non-Members: \$41    Grades 1-6: Members \$59, Non-Members: \$79**

**\$5 off if you register by February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Registration Deadline: March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**\$15 late fee after March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Financial Assistance is Available!**

### Outdoor Soccer at the Youth Sports Complex

3& 4 year old Rookie     5&6 year old Rookie     Grades 1&2     Grades 3&4     Grades 5&6

T-shirt: Youth or Adult    Size: S M L XL XXL

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Head Coach     Volunteer Assistant    Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Coach Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Soccer Important Dates**

***January 21*** Registration Begins

***March 8*** Registration Deadline

***March 14*** Mandatory coaches meeting 6-7pm @ Beloit YMCA

***March 28*** All players should have received call from coach with team info

***April 1*** Practices eligible to begin this week for grade level participants

***April 13*** Grade level games begin/ Rookies first practice

***May 11*** End of Season Tournament/Rookies last day



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## Frequently Asked Questions About YMCA Soccer League

### *What age groups does YMCA Soccer serve?*

Our soccer leagues are for players ages 3 – 12 (6<sup>th</sup> grade).

### *What programs are offered for each age group?*

#### *Soccer*

**Rookie (ages 3-4):** This league is for beginners who would like to be introduced to the basics of soccer. The session lasts 5 weeks with practices and games on Saturday's only. All players learn the beginning fundamentals in a supportive "skills session" environment. In soccer, we use a size 3 ball to give players the best experience possible. Each game or practice lasts about 1 hour. The first half of each session is devoted to skill development through drills and stations that teach the fundamentals of the game. The second half of each session involves live games where players will take to the customized shortened field for fun & rapid play. Opening weekend begins April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Rookie (ages 5-6):** This league is for beginners who would like to be introduced to the basics of soccer. The session lasts 5 weeks with practices and games on Saturday's only. All players learn the beginning fundamentals in a supportive "skills session" environment. In soccer, we use a size 3 ball to give players the best experience possible. Each game or practice lasts about 1 hour. The first half of each session is devoted to skill development through drills and stations that teach the fundamentals of the game. The second half of each session involves live games where players will take to the customized shortened field for fun & rapid play. Opening weekend begins April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**(Grade Level Play):** All players in grades 1-6 can expect to participate two times per week. Teams will meet and practice for the first two weeks before game play begins. Practice will begin the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Soccer program will have games every Wednesday and Saturday beginning April 13<sup>th</sup>. All teams will play a minimum of eight games with an end of season tournament included.

### *How do I determine my player's "league age"?*

Register your child based on the current grade your child is in on registration day.

### *Is my child on the same team he/she was last year?*

No. Each child will be assigned to a new team from the previous year. This is done so kids have the opportunity to play for other coaches and meet new kids in the program. Grade level teams will be formed by school as much as possible.



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## ***What do the programs cost?***

### **Soccer**

Rookie Member- \$26.00

Rookie Non-Member- \$41.00

Grade Level Member- \$59.00

Grade Level Non-Member- \$79.00

## **Do you offer financial assistance?**

Yes! If you are in need of financial assistance, you may apply at the YMCA. To ensure that the paperwork is completed on time, we ask that the financial assistance paperwork is in two weeks before the season registration deadline. To be granted financial assistance we will need the previous year's tax form, or a letter of non-filing, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid you receive ( S.S.I, Food Share, etc.)

## **What does the player fee cover?**

Each player's fee covers only a portion of the expenses we incur to operate our leagues (team equipment, uniforms, referees, grounds crew wages, grounds-keeping equipment, concession stand supervisors, janitorial services, etc.). We cover the rest of our operating expenses with support from a combination of sources including donors, team sponsors, on-field advertisers, concession stand operations, and tournament hosting activities.

## **What is Your Refund Policy?**

Once practice begins you are only eligible for a **50 percent credit** on your account. This is due to the fact that uniforms are already ordered and teams have already been formed by this time. Once games begin no refunds will be given. All refund requests are subject to the director's approval. Refund or credit requests made prior to practice beginning are eligible for a full refund or credit pending directors approval.

## **Do parents need to volunteer in the concession stand or in any capacity?**

Parents do not need to volunteer in our concession stand. It is fully staffed so you can sit back and relax while watching your child's game!

We do however depend on parents/volunteers for our team's coaches. Our programs are growing and so is the need for volunteer coaches. Having enough dedicated volunteer coaches is crucial to the programs success. If you are willing to help volunteer coach please indicate this on the registration form or contact, LaRon Lofton, Youth Sports Director at 608-365-2261. The coaches meeting is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Beloit Ironworks YMCA.



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## **Does my player need to buy any equipment to play?**

The YMCA supplies all our teams with the equipment. We also supply all our players with a team jersey. YMCA participants will need to supply their own shoes/cleats and shin guards. Shin guards are required for all age levels. Cleats are required for grade level participants but not Rookie participants.

## **Do I need to pick up my child's uniform?**

No. Uniforms are given directly to your coach and they will distribute them when the season begins.

## **When is picture day?**

Usually in week 2 or 3 of the season. Your exact photo time will be given to you at a later date.

## **Does the YMCA cut any kids?**

No. If you register for YMCA soccer, you are registered and will be placed on a team. (Please note, however, that we do have limits to the number of players who can play in each league, and we will close registration for those leagues as they are filled.)

## **How many games do the teams play?**

### **Rookie Leagues**

Our Rookie Leagues will have a combination of 5 games and practices.

### **Grade Levels**

In our soccer and leagues, each team will play a minimum of 8 games. Since our leagues have a year-end tournament, the exact number of games for each team depends on how well the team does in the tournaments.

## **Does every player get to play?**

Yes! In all leagues every player on the team roster must play at least half of each game.

## **When does the season start, and how long does it last?**

**Rookie-** Teams are formed in late March. You will hear from your coach with your team name and practice information by March 28<sup>th</sup>. All rookie teams first practice will be Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The season will wrap up on May 11<sup>th</sup>.



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**Grade Level-** Teams are formed in late March. You will hear from your coach with your team name and practice information by March 28th. Grade level's first eligible practice date is April 1st. The actual first day of practice will depend on the team's coach. The season will wrap up on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **How often will my player's team practice (Grade Level)?**

We believe one of the most important factors in player development is regular team practices. For that reason, we encourage our volunteer coaches to practice with their teams as often as they can, subject to our guideline that every team should have at least two sessions per week (practices and games combined), weather permitting.

Because each of our coaches has a unique job situation, it is impossible for us to tell you exactly when your player will have practices during the season. In general, you can expect your player's team will practice one or two times per week before the season starts, and that the practice schedule will lighten after league games begin.

### **Where are the games played?**

All league games are played at our facility at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Ave., Beloit.



### **What times are the games?**

All games on weekdays will start between 5:30 and 7:30p.m.  
All games on the weekends will start between 9:00am and 2:00pm



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