

# JUST FOR KICKS

## YOUTH & ROOKIE SOCCER LEAGUES

In this positive structured program, children will stay active while learning and improving soccer skills.

### ROOKIE SOCCER

**SEASON DATES:** April 20 - May 18

**GAMES:** Saturdays

**COST:** \$40 Members | \$65 Community

### GRADE-LEVEL SOCCER

**SEASON DATES:** April 20 - May 18

**GAMES:** Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays

**COST:** \$65 Members | \$90 Community

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Questions? Contact Kobe at [khollenbeck@statlineymca.org](mailto:khollenbeck@statlineymca.org) or 608-365-2261

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 10TH**

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

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First Name Last Name School

**T-shirt Size (circle)** YXS YS YM YL YXL Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

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First Name Last Name Phone Number

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Email

Interested in Volunteer Coaching? [ ] Head Coach [ ] Assistant Coach Coach shirt size: .....

**AGE as of registration day (circle)**

Rookie 3-4  
Rookie 5-6  
Grades 1-2  
Grades 3-4  
Grades 5-6

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<b><i>Mar 10</i></b>	Registration deadline
<b><i>Mar 13</i></b>	Mandatory Coaches' Meeting - 6:00pm @ Ironworks Branch
<b><i>Apr 7</i></b>	All players should have been contacted by their coach
<b><i>Apr 20</i></b>	League games begin
<b><i>May 18</i></b>	Final games played

## IMPORTANT DATES: GRADE-LEVEL SOCCER

<b><i>Feb 12</i></b>	Registration opens
<b><i>Mar 10</i></b>	Registration deadline
<b><i>Mar 11</i></b>	Mandatory Coaches' Meeting - 6:00pm @ Ironworks Branch
<b><i>Apr 7</i></b>	All players should have been contacted by their coach
<b><i>Apr 8</i></b>	Practices may begin this week
<b><i>Apr 20</i></b>	League games begin
<b><i>May 15</i></b>	Final games for 1st and 2nd
<b><i>May 15 &amp; 18</i></b>	End of season tournament for 3rd-6th

# COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER



## CORE VALUES

**Caring** - We expect athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to remain committed to their team, teammates, themselves, and the integrity of the sport while at practice, before, during, and after games, and at all times. Sports, at their core, are about commitment.

**Honesty** - We are dedicated to an equal and fair standard. This happens when athletes, coaches, officials, and parents are honest at all times. In the end, cheaters never win and winners never cheat.

**Respect** - We expect all athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to be treated with dignity at all times. The experience is the focus, not the outcome.

**Responsibility** - We hold athletes, coaches, officials, and parents responsible for their actions. It is vital that everyone is following the rules and conducting themselves with, Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

## THE FOUR PLAYER VALUES

**Caring** - I will demonstrate caring to my sport and my teammates by practicing and playing to the best of my ability at all times.

**Honesty** - I will live out honesty by playing by the rules; I won't complain to the officials.

**Respect** - I will be respectful to my teammates, the coaches, and the officials by treating them how I would like to be treated.

**Responsibility** - I understand that actions have consequences and I pledge to take accept the consequences for my actions at all times.

## THE FOUR COACH VALUES

**Caring** - I will show my players I care by being prepared for practices and games.

**Honesty** - I demonstrate honesty by upholding the rules, regardless of the outcome.

**Respect** - I will respect each player and strive to help players' development individually and as a team. I will ensure that all players are respected by myself, teammates, and parents. Ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important roles as a coach.

**Responsibility** - I understand the responsibility of being a coach and the impact my choices have on players and parents. I am a role model for all players and parents, and I will not only follow the rules-I will uphold them at all times.

## THE FOUR PARENT VALUES

**Caring** - I will show my player that I care and support him/her by encouraging development both on and off the field/court.

**Honesty** - I will be a good role model for my player and their teammates by demonstrating honesty, regardless of the outcome.

**Respect** - I will respect all players, teammates, coaches, and officials at all times and understand that this level of play is focused on fun, fair play, and development.

**Responsibility** - I understand that my player will demonstrate the same level of responsibility I have. Therefore, I will follow the rules and policies for the sport in which my player is participating, and will accept responsibility for my actions.

**All coaches are required to attend a mandatory coaches' meeting, where we will share how our program works, rules and regulations, and practice drills.**

**Rookie Coaches' Meeting: March 13th - 6:00pm @ Ironworks Branch**

**Grade-level Coaches' Meeting: March 11th - 6:00pm @ Ironworks Branch**

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

The YMCA supplies all our teams with equipment. We also supply all our players with a team jersey; coaches receive a team shirt.

YMCA players generally supply their own shoes/cleats and shin guards. Please note: shin guards are required for ALL age-levels. Cleats are required for grade-level participants, but optional for rookie participants.

**When is uniform pickup?**

The complete uniform will be given to coaches this year to handout at practice.

**When is picture day?**

Picture Day is TBD

**Does the YMCA cut any kids?**

No. If you register for YMCA soccer, you 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; we will close registration for those leagues as they are filled.

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

Rookie: combination of 5 games and practices

Grade-level: minimum of 8 games. Since there is an end of season tournament, the exact number of games for each team depends on how well the team does in the tournaments. Rain outs can also affect the final number of games a team plays although, we make every attempt to reschedule any rain outs.

**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/early April. You will hear from your coach with your team name and practice information by April 7th. All rookie teams' first practice will be Saturday, April 20th.

Grade-level: Teams are formed in late March/early April. You will hear from your coach with your team name and practice information by April 7th. Grade-levels' first eligible practice date is April 8th. The actual first day of practice will depend on the team's coach.

**How often will my player's team practice (Grade-level only)?**

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 guidelines that each team MUST practice at least once per week during the season.

Because each of our coaches have unique job situations, and because the practice fields in our area are limited, it is impossible for us to tell you exactly when your player will have practices during the season.

**Where are the games played?**

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

# FAQ's



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

Our soccer leagues are for players ages:

Rookie: 3-6 years old

Grade-level: 7-12 years old (grades 1-6)

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

Register your child based on their age as of the date of registration. Rookie registration will be based off of age, but grade-level soccer will go by their current grade. No player is allowed to play up or down a division.

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

Rookie: Members \$40 | Community \$65

Grade-level: Members \$65 | Community \$90

## **When does registration begin and where can I register?**

Registration officially opens on February 12th. You can register online at [statelineymca.org/soccer](http://statelineymca.org/soccer), on the Y app, or in-person at the Ironworks Branch or Roscoe Branch of the Stateline Family YMCA.

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

Rookie, 3-6 year old: This league is for beginners who would like to be introduced to the basics of soccer. The season lasts 5-weeks, with practices and games on Saturday's only. All players learn the beginning fundamentals in a supportive "skills session" environment. In rookie 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 and rapid play. Opening weekend begins April 20th.

Grade-level, grades 1-6: All players can expect to participate 2-3 times per week. Teams will meet and practice for the first week before game play begins. Practice will begin the week of April 18th. The soccer program will have games every Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday beginning April 20th. All teams will play a minimum of eight games.

## **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 our donors, team sponsors, on-field advertisers, concession stand operations, and tournament hosting activities.

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

Not necessarily. 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, so some kids may end up playing with teammates from the previous year. Keep in mind, so some teams may be mixed with multiple schools. We may also have enough kids to form multiple teams from the same school; in the event this happens, the YMCA will split teams as evenly as possible.

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

Our concession stand is fully staffed, so you can sit back and relax while watching your child's game! We do however, depend on volunteer coaches for our program. Our program is a very large program and the need for motivated and dedicated volunteers is constantly growing. If you are interested in coaching, please indicate that on the registration form, submit your information at [statelineymca.org/volunteer](http://statelineymca.org/volunteer), or contact the YMCA at 608-365-2261.

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

All refund requests will be at the director's discretion.

- Before practice begins: a full credit on your account will be permitted
- Once practice begins: a 50% credit on your account will be permitted. This is due to the fact that uniforms are already ordered, and teams have already been formed by this time. All refund requests are subject to the director's approval.
- Once games begin: no refunds or credits are permitted.