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**Outdoor Spring Soccer** STATELINE FAMILY YMCA YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX

# Rookie (3-6 yrs old)

April 18 - May 16 Saturdays Only Members: \$30 Non-Members \$45

# Youth (grades 1–6) Practices: Begin the Week of April 6 Games: April 18 – May 16 (Wednesdays & Saturdays) Members: \$63 Non-Members \$83

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# In this positive structured program, children will stay active while learning and improving not only soccer skills, but also teamwork.

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade level participants
- MLS themed jerseys for grade level participants!

# \$5 off if you register by 2/28

Registration Deadline is 3/13 (\$15 late fee if registered after 3/13-this will not be waived)

[ ] 3&4 year old Rookie	[ ]5&6 year old Rookie	[ ] Grades 1&2 [ ] Grades 3&4 [ ] Grades 5&6
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one:	Email:	School:



# **Spring Soccer Important Dates**

- February 3 Registration Begins
- *March 13* Registration Deadline
- *March 18* Mandatory coaches meeting 6:30–7:30pm @ Ironworks Branch
- *March 30* All players should have received call from coach with team info
- *April 6* Practices eligible to begin this week for grade level participants
- *April 18* Grade level games begin/ Rookies first practice
- *May 16* End of Season Tournament/Rookies last day

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# Spring Soccer Frequently Asked Questions

## What age groups does YMCA Soccer serve?

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

### What are the age groups for 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 18<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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**(Grade Level Play):** All players in grades 1-6 can expect to participate 2-3 times per week. Teams will meet and practice for the first two weeks before game play begins. Practice will begin the week of April 1st. The Soccer program will have games every Wednesday and Saturday beginning April 18th. All teams will play a minimum of eight games.

# 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, so some kids may end up playing with teammates from the previous year.

### What do the programs cost?

Soccer Rookie Member- \$30.00 Rookie Non-Member- \$45.00 Grade Level Member- \$63.00 Grade Level Non-Member- \$83.00

## 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-filling, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid you receive (S.S.I, Food Share, etc.) Our financial assistance application can be found on our website at, http://www.statelineymca.org/join/financial-assistance.

### 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.

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# 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 director's 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 program's success. If you are willing to help volunteer coach please indicate this on the registration form or contact Youth Sports Director at 608-365-2261. The coaches meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Beloit Ironworks YMCA.

#### 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 date and 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 grade level soccer league, each team will play a minimum of 8 games.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>. All rookie teams first practice will be Saturday, April 18th. The season will wrap up on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade Level** – Teams are formed in late March. You will hear from your coach with your team name and practice information by March 30th. Grade level's first eligible practice date is April 6th. The actual first day of practice will depend on the team's coach. The season will wrap up on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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#### 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 2–3 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.

#### 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

#### 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.



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