

OUTDOOR SPRING SOCCER



HAVING FUN BUILDING CHARACTER

ROOKIE

3-6 YEARS OLD

Season: April 23- May 21

Members: \$35

Saturday's Only

Non-Members: \$50

YOUTH

GRADES 1ST-6TH

Practices: Begin the Week of April 4

Games: April 16 - May 18 (Wednesdays & Saturdays)

Members: \$65 **Non-Members:** \$85



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

- Practice time throughout the season to improve skills
- Teams are formed by school - play with your CLASSMATES
- End of season Tournament for 3rd-6th grade level participants
- MLS themed jerseys for grade level participants!
- All Rookie Participants will receive an award!



OUTDOOR SOCCER AT THE YOUTH 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: XS S M L XL XXL

Participant Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ School: _____

I am willing to help coach in the following capacity:

Volunteer Head Coach Volunteer Assistant Coach Name: _____ Coach Shirt Size: _____



Stateline Family YMCA's Youth Sports Taskforce 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.

4 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 and don'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.

4 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 and ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important role 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.

4 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 in and will accept responsibility for my actions.

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IMPORTANT DATES

<i>February 21</i>	Registration Begins
<i>March 20</i>	Registration Deadline
<i>March 23</i>	Mandatory coaches meeting 6:00-7:00pm @ Ironworks Branch
<i>April 3</i>	All GRADE LEVEL players should have received call from coach with team
<i>April 4</i>	Practices eligible to begin this week for grade level participants
April 10	All ROOKIE LEVEL players should have received call from coach with Team info
April 16	Grade level GAMES begin
April 23	Rookie Levels First practice
<i>May 14 & 18</i>	End of Season Tournament for Grade Level
May 21	Rookie levels last day

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age groups does YMCA Soccer serve?

Our **soccer leagues** are for players ages 3 – 12 (6th 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 23rd.

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. 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 23rd.

(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 week before game play begins. Practice will begin the week of April 4th. The Soccer program will have games every Wednesday and Saturday beginning April 16th. 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. Keep in mind some teams may be mixed with multiple schools. We may also have enough kids to from the same school to form multiple teams in the same age group from the same school. In which case the YMCA will split those teams up as evenly as possible (NOT BY PARENT REQUESTS)

What do the programs cost?

Soccer

Rookie Member- \$35.00

Rookie Non-Member- \$50.00

Grade Level Member- \$65.00

Grade Level Non-Member- \$85.00

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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.) 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.

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 23rd at 6:00 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.

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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 April 10th. All rookie teams first practice will be Saturday, April 23rd. The season will wrap up on May 21st.

Grade Level - Teams are formed in late March. You will hear from your coach with your team name and practice information by April 3rd. Grade level's first eligible practice date is April 4th. The actual first day of practice will depend on the team's coach. The season will wrap up on May 14th & 18th with our end of season tournament.

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.