

# New Player/Coach Information

What seasons are offered?

- ⚽ Spring – 6 weeks (March to May)
- ⚽ Fall – 8 weeks plus a Soccerfest (September to November)
- ⚽ specific dates are available on the Home page

When are the games scheduled?

- ⚽ all the games are on Saturday
- ⚽ usually at 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 and 1:30
- ⚽ you can check your team's schedule on the Team Central page
- ⚽ each season's full schedule can be found on the Home page

Do teams take pictures?

- ⚽ pictures are taken in the middle of each season
- ⚽ packages are available for sale

Are standings kept and are awards given?

- ⚽ standings are kept for the older divisions
- ⚽ awards are given only during the fall season
  - younger divisions—everyone receives a medal
  - older divisions—the top three teams receive medals, the other teams receive a ribbon

What does HCYSA provide the players? What do parents provide?

- ⚽ HCYSA provides shirt, socks and an after-the-game popsicle or drink
- ⚽ parents provide black shorts, shin guards and shoes
- ⚽ shin guards are mandatory during practice and games
- ⚽ full-coverage shoes are required, and it is advisable to use shoes designed specifically for soccer
- ⚽ players should also have an appropriate size ball for practices and play at home
- ⚽ a water bottle for games is recommended

What size ball does my child need?

- ⚽ 8U and below – size 3
- ⚽ 10U - 12U – size 4
- ⚽ 13U and above – size 5

When are the practices?

- ⚽ younger divisions – players have a skill-building session before each game then they scrimmage; they may also have one optional practice during the week
- ⚽ older divisions – may have 2 practices per week (time and day varies)

How do I know what age division my child plays in?

- ⚽ check the Age Guide located on the Registration page

How do I register my child for AYSO soccer?

- ⚽ click on "Register Now" on the home page; log in or create an account
- ⚽ complete all the necessary information then pay online
- ⚽ for detailed instructions, view/download the Online Registration Instructions
- ⚽ print one copy of your receipt and bring it to registration (new players need proof of birth date)

How will I be notified which team my child is on?

- ⚽ after coaches pick up rosters (usually 3 weeks before the beginning of the season), you will receive a phone call
- ⚽ if you don't hear from your coach, you can find your team information in your account

What do I do if I want to be a coach, assistant coach, referee, or other volunteer?

- ⚽ you can sign up to volunteer while you are registering your child - select the appropriate program and role that you would like to sign up for and enter all required information
- ⚽ if you did not sign up to volunteer while registering your child, you can sign up by logging in to your account and clicking on the *Volunteer* tab >> and then clicking on *Find Volunteer Roles*

Is equipment provided for the coach?

- ⚽ practice balls and cones are provided by HCYSA
- ⚽ it is a good idea for your child to bring his/her own practice ball. Don't forget to mark it clearly with their name.

What training is provided for coaches and referees?

- ⚽ every coach receives an orientation to HCYSA and to the season activities
- ⚽ certification classes are provided by local trainers for the different levels of coaching and refereeing. Check the Coaches page for dates.
- ⚽ all volunteers must complete online training in Safe Haven and Concussion in the AYSOU tab

Does every team have concession stand duty?

- ⚽ not every team is needed for concession stand duty. Duty is always before or after your game.
- ⚽ check the schedule on the Home page to see if your team has duty

Are scholarships available?

- ⚽ If you are in need of a scholarship email us at [contactus@hillcountrysoccer.org](mailto:contactus@hillcountrysoccer.org).

This is my child's first year playing soccer, and I don't know what's going on. How do I find out?

- ⚽ Volunteer! There are lots of ways to be more involved in AYSO soccer and to help ensure a positive experience for your child. Team parents play an important role from helping coaches call other parents to arranging an end-of-season party.
- ⚽ If you're looking for a bigger challenge, volunteer to be an assistant coach or learn to be a referee.

How can I get more information?

- ⚽ first look through our website
- ⚽ if you can't find what you need, email [contactus@hillcountrysoccer.org](mailto:contactus@hillcountrysoccer.org)