

## **Bermudian Springs Youth Soccer FAQ Fall 2021 and Spring 2022**

### **What are the ages for each level?**

#### ***Non-travel – 2014-18***

- 4U (birth year 2018) – players are age 4 or under as of 12/31/22
- 6U (birth years 2016 and 2017) – players are age 6 or under as of 12/31/21
- 8U (birth years 2014 and 2015) – players are age 8 or under as of 12/31/21

#### ***Travel – 9/1/07-2013***

- 10U (birth years 2012 and 2013) – players are age 10 or under as of 12/31/21
- 12U (birth years 2010 and 2011) – players are age 12 or under as of 12/31/21
- 14U (birth years Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009) – players are under age 14 as of 12/31/21 **OR** in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and not eligible to play on a middle school team which begins in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO SPRING SEASON FOR THIS LEVEL.

Team placement is based on birth age NOT grade. FEW exceptions will be made to this as approved by coaches and/or board members.

### **What do I get for my registration?**

Local registration fees (per season) go toward covering league expenses such as mowing, volunteer background checks, volunteer training, equipment, field maintenance and game shirts and socks.

National registration fees (annual fee) cover player insurance and all things associated with running a national youth sports club.

### **What do I need to provide for my child?**

All players will need to have their own soccer cleats (sneakers are okay for U4), black shorts (mostly black is fine) and shin guards. It is recommended that you also purchase a ball to continue practicing at home. A water bottle is also suggested – please put your child's name on so there is no confusion/sharing.

- Size 3 ball – 4U/6U/8U
- Size 4 ball – 10U/12U
- Size 5 ball – 14U and above

### **What age does travel begin and how far will I need to go?**

10U begins to travel and play teams from other Regions in our Area. Each team plays approximately 8 games during the season, half at our home field, half away. Other Regions include Upper Adams, Fairfield, Chambersburg, Greencastle, Littlestown, Tuscarora and

Gettysburg. We make every attempt to minimize the number of teams we play that are farther away.

## **When/how often are practices and games?**

### ***Non-travel***

- 4U – one day during the week (coach determines day)
- 6U/8U
  - Practices are held two days per week before games begin (coach determines days)
  - Games are held on Thursday evenings (there may be changes in order to make up missed games due to weather)
  - When games begin, practices are held one day during the week in addition to game day

### ***Travel***

- Practices are two days during the week (coach determines days)
- Games are held on Saturdays

## **Where are practices and games?**

Latimore Township Park, 710 Pondtown Rd.

## **When will I get my child's practice and game schedule?**

As registration comes to a close and we know how many players might be registered for each level, we can then determine coaches and finalize practice schedules. Game schedules are typically distributed two weeks prior to the start of games, but may not be completed until the week games begin for travel teams.

## **How can I get involved?**

As an all volunteer organization, we are always looking for people to help the seasons run smoothly. Online training, and in-person for some volunteer opportunities is available and all fees are reimbursed by the club.

AYSO requires extensive background checks annually. Those fees are also reimbursed by the club.

Email [bysosregion801@gmail.com](mailto:bysosregion801@gmail.com) with any questions or to let us know you want to volunteer.

### ***Volunteer Positions:***

Coach – Non-travel levels begin learning the basics of kicking, throw-ins, dribbling, passing, etc. Previous soccer knowledge or play is not required. Patience and having fun is key! If the kids have fun while building skills, they will keep coming back season after season.

Travel coaches – having a background in soccer is helpful to begin developing more advanced skills and help players have a better understanding of their position and various plays. Player line-ups need monitored to ensure all players play 50%, and helping young players learn and try different positions at a more competitive level helps guide them to success.

Assistant coaches – all levels benefit from having an assistant on the field to help manage players during practice, communicate with parents and provide overall support to the head coach.

Referee – perhaps the most important volunteer position at the travel level. Without referees, we cannot have a season! You will need to be available Saturday mornings during the season, and complete all levels of online training. Completion of in-person training when offered will also be required. You will need to develop a complete knowledge of rules at each level of play.

Board member – if you are great at planning and organization, this position is for you! A knowledge of soccer is not required, but doesn't hurt! Having a good mix of backgrounds and soccer knowledge makes for a great opportunity for the kids.