

# TRI-CITIES SOCCER ASSOCIATION RECREATIONAL HANDOUT SPRING 2020



**EARLY REGISTRATION:  
OCTOBER 28, 2019 – JANUARY 6, 2020**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS:  
JANUARY 7, 2020**

**FEES:  
\$120**

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\$145**

These fees are for players residing in the Park Districts of St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, South Elgin, Campton Township and in Burlington Dist. 301. Any player residing outside of these boundaries must pay an additional fee of \$50.00 per player per season.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [WWW.TCSA.NET](http://WWW.TCSA.NET)**

**RETURNING FALL 2019 PLAYERS THAT REGISTER DURING EARLY  
REGISTRATION ONLY WILL REMAIN ON THE SAME TEAM.**

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## **REFUNDS:**

Refund requests must be in writing, and will be granted ONLY for injury and/or illness (accompanied by a physician's report) or moving away from the TCSA area. Requests should be e-mailed, mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office by January 10, 2020.

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### **GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT:**

Players returning for the spring season either as an annual registration or a spring only registration will be placed on the same team as the fall season except under the following conditions, (1) a change (reduction) in player participation which would necessitate combining teams, or (2) coaches not returning for the spring season.

Those players new to our program for the spring will be placed using the following guidelines: (1) placement on existing teams within proximity to their public elementary school where vacancies exist; (2) on a team which has combined elementary school boundaries, again based on proximity; (3) nearest vacancy within the Tri-Cities community.

**PLAYERS WHO REGISTER AFTER THE EARLY REGISTRATION PERIOD (REGULAR REGISTRATION), WHETHER THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE FALL SEASON OR NOT, HE/SHE WILL BE PLACED ON TEAMS WHERE NEEDED.**

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL NOT BE HONORED, EXCEPT UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. A parent coaching or sponsoring a team will have his/her child on the team coached or sponsored unless otherwise requested or unless the child is in a different age division. A sponsor should indicate on his or her child's registration form whether the child should be placed on the sponsored team.
2. Brothers or sisters in the same division will be placed on the same team unless otherwise requested.
3. A coach may request two parents to be assistants. These requests must be written on the registration forms of the children of both head and assistant coaches and both must have registered their children on time (by the 3rd week of June).

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4. A request not to be placed with a certain coach will be honored. PLEASE WRITE this type of request on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your child's registration form. For annual participants, this request can be submitted by mailing a separate letter for spring season PRIOR to late registration. Please be advised that your child will be placed on a team based upon location and need.
5. Requests because of specific requirements of players with disabilities: Documentation of the medical condition is required. Players must be registered on time (by the 3rd week of June).

**PLAYERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO DIVISION (U6 CO-ED, U7 AND ABOVE BY GENDER) ACCORDING TO AGE ONLY. NO "PLAYING UP" OR "PLAYING**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	<b>BIRTH DATE RANGE:</b>
U5: HAND IN HAND	9/2/14 to 9/1/15
U6: CO-ED	9/2/13 to 9/1/14
U7	9/2/12 to 9/1/13
U8	9/2/11 to 9/1/12
U9	9/2/10 to 9/1/11
U10	9/2/09 to 9/1/10
U12	9/2/07 to 9/1/09
U14	9/2/05 to 9/1/07
U19: CO-ED SENIOR	9/2/01 to 9/1/05

If you are registering your child for the first time, please provide a copy of a certificate verifying his/her birth date. The copy will not be returned.

## **U19 SENIOR DIVISION REGISTRATION AND REFUND POLICY:**

Because of the very different nature of this division, a separate registration and refund policy has been established. There is no late fee, but players in this division must have registered and paid in order to be considered for team placement. Written requests for refunds will be honored prior to the second week of the current season in the event that the senior player will be playing for his/her high school team.

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## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT:

### SUPPLIED BY TRI-CITIES SOCCER:

#### SHIRT AND SOCKS:

Each season your child will receive a t-shirt and one pair of soccer socks. No child will be permitted to play without a team shirt and soccer socks. In cool weather the shirt must be worn outside of any other clothing.

#### TEAM PICTURE:

One team picture will be provided to each player. Coach will advise parents of time and date of team picture.

### TO BE SUPPLIED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

#### SHORTS:

Soccer shorts provide the most flexibility. However, in cooler weather, your child may wish to wear clothing that covers the legs. Sweatpants or something similar are recommended.

#### SHOES:

Tennis-type shoes may be worn, but soccer shoes with molded cleats provide better traction.

#### SHIN GUARDS:

It is **MANDATORY** that players wear shin guards at practices and games. Shin guards must either be of the sock-type or be covered by proper socks. There are several types available and each child should select a pair that feels comfortable.

#### GOALKEEPERS:

Each team receives one goalie shirt for team use during the season. Children who play goalie may wish to use knee and/or elbow pads and gloves. For older children who are serious about playing goalie, padded shirts and pants are commercially available.

#### BALL:

A soccer ball is important. It is not required for your child to have one to participate, but it is strongly recommended that players have their own ball, clearly marked with their name. Ball sizes are as follows: U6- U7 use Size 3 ball; U8-U12 use Size 4 ball; U14 and older use Size 5 ball.

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## PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT:

### ABSOLUTELY NO PIERCED EARRINGS.

No player may wear equipment dangerous to themselves or to others. This includes **ALL JEWELRY** (especially pierced earrings and barrettes). **NO CASTS** (no matter how well padded), metal tipped cleats, caps with hard bills and any other equipment the referee determines to be dangerous. Baseball cleats are also prohibited.

## FIELDS:

We have specific locations for games and practices. Teams are prohibited from practicing on game fields. We have received permission to use roughly 60 practices sites throughout the Tri-Cities area and the list of these areas is updated and handed out each season.

## PRACTICE AND GAMES:

We recommend that practices be held once or twice per week. The day and location will be determined by the coach. An optional third practice session per week is permitted during the two weeks preceding the first scheduled game. A practice or scrimmage is considered a practice session. Soccer is played in most any kind of weather. Normally games are not canceled because of rain unless lightning or other dangerous conditions are present. Referees are instructed to halt games under these conditions. Schedules for games will be distributed before the first game. All games will be played on Saturdays with starting times of 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Your child's team might play at any or all of these times during the season. Hand in Hand times are 9:00am and 10:00am.



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