

TRI-CITIES SOCCER ASSOCIATION RECREATIONAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES



FEES:

FALL ONLY OR SPRING ONLY FEE (EARLY REGISTRATION):

The fee for fall only or spring only players is \$135. \$160 Late Registration Fee beginning July 1, 2021.

FALL/SPRING FEE (EARLY REGISTRATION):

The fee for a full year (Fall and Spring) is \$250. \$275 Late Registration Fee beginning July 1, 2021.

REGISTRATION:

FALL REGISTRATION:

Refund requests must be in writing and will be granted only for injury and/or illness (accompanied by a physician's report) or moving from the TCSA area. Requests should be mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office by July 11, 2021.

SPRING REGISTRATION:

Refund requests must be in writing and will be granted only for injury and/or illness (accompanied by a physician's report) or moving from the TCSA area. Requests should be mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office by January 10, 2022.

ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS:

Requests should be mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office for those players who do not wish to continue playing in the spring by January 10, 2022.

PLEASE REFER TO THE CURRENT SEASONAL INFORMATION
FOR DEADLINE DATES.

GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT:

FALL TEAM PLACEMENT:

The Tri-Cities Soccer "year" begins in the fall of each year and carries through the spring. New teams are organized every fall. Teams are organized by the closest public elementary school and location of the volunteer coach(s), only during THE EARLY REGISTRATION PERIOD. Players registering after

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the EARLY REGISTRATION are assigned to teams on a first come, first served basis and as much as possible on proximity to nearest public elementary school. Because of uneven numbers of players in certain areas it may be necessary to combine elementary school areas.

SPRING TEAM PLACEMENT:

Players returning in the spring will be placed on the same teams whenever possible. However, player participation may CHANGE in the spring which can dramatically affect team make up. Coaches not returning can also affect placement. Further, if your child has not registered for the entire year and does not register during EARLY REGISTRATION for the spring season, he/she may be placed on teams where needed. If a coach cannot be found for your child's team, the team will be dropped. If you are an active volunteer (officer, director, assistant director, commissioner, coach, scheduled referee) your child will be placed on another team. If you are not an active volunteer there may be no place for your child and the registration fee will be returned within 10 days after the start of the season.

REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC TEAM PLACEMENTS WHEN NEW TEAMS ARE FORMED FOR OUR FALL SEASON ARE NOT HONORED. HOWEVER, TRI-CITIES SOCCER WILL HONOR THE FOLLOWING PLACEMENT REQUESTS:

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 in writing by both head and assistant coaches and both must have registered their children on time (by the 3rd week of June or by the 3rd week of January).
4. Requests because of specific requirements of players with disabilities: Documentation of the medical condition is required. Players must register during the EARLY REGISTRATION period.
5. 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 REGULAR REGISTRATION. Please be advised that your child will be placed on a team based upon location and need.

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6. IF ANY FAMILY IS FOUND TO DELIBERATELY FALSIFY THEIR REGISTRATION TO BE PLACED ON A SPECIFIC TEAM, ALL CHILDREN IN THAT FAMILY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AND THE FOLLOWING FULL CALENDAR YEAR.

PLAYERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO DIVISION (U6 CO-ED, U7 AND ABOVE BY GENDER) ACCORDING TO AGE ONLY. NO "PLAYING UP" OR "PLAYING DOWN" WILL BE PERMITTED. NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED FOR SPECIFIC COACHES, PLAYERS, AREA, CAR POOLS, ETC.

AGE DIVISIONS:

Players are assigned to a division based upon birth date. A division range runs from September 2nd to September 1st (see table below). High school graduates may not play regardless of age.

DIVISION:	BIRTH DATE RANGE:
U5: HAND IN HAND	9/2/16 to 9/1/17
U6: CO-ED	9/2/15 to 9/1/16
U7	9/2/14 to 9/1/15
U8	9/2/13 to 9/1/14
U9	9/2/12 to 9/1/13
U10	9/2/11 to 9/1/12
U12	9/2/09 to 9/1/11
U14	9/2/07 to 9/1/09
U19: CO-ED SENIOR	9/2/03 to 9/1/07

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 goalkeeper may wish to use knee and/or elbow pads and gloves.

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



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