

Groveport Parks & Recreation
2009 Fall Youth Soccer Information



Parent/Guardians should read and understand this form before registering their child for Youth Soccer.

Leagues - Participants are grouped by age in four different leagues based on the grade your child will be in the 2009-2010 school year. The leagues offered are as follows:

- **4.5 years to Kindergarten**
- **1st & 2nd Grade**
- **3rd & 4th Grade**
- **5th & 6th Grade**

Participants can play in a league above their grade, but not below.

Mandatory Player Assessments – Participants in the 3/4 & 5/6 grade leagues will be assessed on Saturday, August 22, 2009. The purpose of the assessments is to identify and divide the skill level as evenly as possible and create teams that are evenly matched. Assessment times are as follows:

- **4.5-Kindergarten** – NO ASSESSMENTS are held for this level.
- **1st/2nd** – NO ASSESSMENTS will be held for this level.
- **3rd/4th & 5th/6th** – assessments are held at 10:30 am at Cruiser Park on Saturday, August 22.

Cost – The cost to register is as follows:

- **\$45** for Groveport taxpayers and Groveport Recreation Center Members
- **\$55** for all others
- The price is increased by \$5 after August 3rd deadline – provided space is still available

Uniform – The uniform is included in the cost of the registration. The uniform includes a t-shirt and a pair of socks. Shorts are no longer included with the uniform. Black shorts are recommended. Please note that sample t-shirts are available at the Front Desk for sizing purposes. T-shirt sizes tend to run small.

Request for Coaches – We will no longer honor requests for your child to be placed with a certain coach. All Coaches will coach his/her own children if they so desire.

***A Head Coach is allowed one Assistant Coach per team.**

Siblings – Siblings that are eligible to play in the same league can play on the same team if you so desire. Please note on your registration forms that you want your children to play on the same team.

Contact From Your Coach – Participants in the 4.5-Kindergarten and 1st & 2nd grade league should receive a phone call from their coach the week of August 10th. If for some reason your coach did not make contact with you, please plan on attending the first practice at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 22. The supervisor on duty will be able to inform you of what team your child has been assigned and on which field your practice is being held. All other participants (**3rd/4th & 5th/6th Grade**) should be contacted by their coach on or after Monday, August 24. Practices will start immediately thereafter.

Parent's Meeting – There will be a Parent's Meeting on Saturday, August 22 at Cruiser Park, located in designated tent. The Parent's Meeting schedule is as follows:

- 4.5-Kindergarten & 1st/2nd Grade – practice at 9:00 am, Parent's Meeting at 9:30 am
- 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Grade – assessments at 10:30 am, Parent's Meeting at 11 am

Fall Teams No Longer Linked to Spring – The teams in the fall season will no longer be linked to teams in Spring. All registered participants this fall will receive a new uniform (t-shirt and socks).

Soccer Teams – All teams are selected by blind draw. Coach’s children are placed on their team. Players are evenly divided by grade level, gender, and shirt size. Players are further divided by degree of experience, unknown experience, or inexperienced. The players from each category are distributed one at a time to the teams. To the best of our ability, through this process, teams receive even numbers of males/females, grade levels, and experience levels.

Practice Schedule – Teams will practice during the week and play most of their games on Tuesday or Thursday evenings **and** Saturday mornings. Teams will generally have the same practice schedule week to week. Coaches determine the evenings that they practice, based on their own availability and field space.
***Due to cancellations, games may be held on week nights.**

Game Schedule – Games will be played *tentatively* **Sat., September 19** through **Sat., October 17**

**Once all schedules are determined they will be available online at www.groveportrec.com.*

End of Season Tournament - The 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Grade leagues will play a round robin tournament the final day of the season. **The 4.5-Kindergarden and 1st/2nd Grade leagues will simply play 8 regular season games. There will not be an end of season tournament at the 1st/2nd Grade level.**

Cruiser Park – All games and practices are held at Cruiser Park. Cruiser Park is located at the corner of Old Hamilton and Bixby. Patrons are urged to park in the parking lot and not along any of the adjoining streets (citations are issued to violators).

Equipment Requirements – The only required piece of equipment for Youth Soccer is shin guards. Soccer cleats are not required, but recommended. If purchasing cleats, please purchase soccer cleats opposed to football or baseball cleats. Football or baseball cleats are illegal in soccer.

Ball Size – The 4.5-Kindergarden and 1st/2nd Grade leagues play with a size 3 soccer ball.
The 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Grade leagues will play with a size 4 soccer ball.

Water Bottle – All participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle, with their name on it, to every practice and game.

Volunteer Coaches – Volunteer Coaches are the key to the success of our Youth Soccer Program. All soccer coaches are required to complete the following tasks before they are eligible to coach and or practice with the team.

- Complete a Volunteer Coaches’ Application
- Complete a Background Check through our Human Resources Department
- Attend one of the two meetings listed below

Please pick up the Volunteer Coaches Application at the Front Desk of the Recreation Center.

Instructions on how to get your Background Check completed are attached to the coaching application.

<i>Coaches’ Meeting/Clinic</i>	<i>Monday, August 10</i>	<i>5:45 - 9 pm</i>	<i>Lock 22 Room</i>	<i>Rec. Center</i>
<i>Coaches’ Meeting/Clinic</i>	<i>Wednesday August 12</i>	<i>5:45 - 9 pm</i>	<i>Lock 22 Room</i>	<i>Rec. Center</i>

- The first half of the meeting should be attended **by all coaches**. We will be discussing team roster, practice, and general information about the season. Also during this time, you will get a chance to have open discussion on any soccer related questions you may have about the league. An Athletic Trainer will be on hand to cover drills and safety procedures as well.
- The second half will be for those coaches who are new to NYSCA organization. During this time, you will be required to watch a video, complete a simple exam and sign an oath. NYSCA certification lasts one year and the Groveport Parks and Recreation Department pays the \$20 fee. *The NYSCA program sets the standard in youth sports across the nation regarding good sportsmanship, proper conduct for players, parents, and coaches.*