

Georgetown Co. Family YMCA Youth Soccer Program Guide Spring 2017 Season Time Line



Date	Event
<u>SPRING SEASON</u>	
February 26th, 2017	All Players Contacted
March 13, 2017	Practice Begins (Week of)
March 25, 2017	Games Begin
April 15-22, 2017	No Practice or Games for Spring Break
May 20, 2017	Last Regular Season Game
May 22-24, 2017	Spring Playoff Finals (U10 only)

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE?

The price includes both fall and spring seasons. Your child will be provided with a team jersey, and end of year medal. Each season consists of 7 games, and 8 practices. The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING?

- All players should come with cleats, shin guards and a water bottle.
- Dress in proper gym clothes/practice gear...ie. t-shirt and shorts.

WHAT SIZE BALL DOES MY CHILD USE? *coaches will have practice balls

U6-U8: Size 3

U10: Size 4

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED?

Teams in the U6-U10 divisions are made from special requests and then balanced by age. Score is not officially kept except for the U10 and older divisions. There are no playoffs for the Spring 2017 season. Age group champions will be based on league points.

HOW OR WHERE DO YOU FIND COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS?

Coaches/Assistant Coaches:

The YMCA is always looking for volunteers to help coach our teams. Our primary source of coaches is found from parents of the child's team. This helps build a stronger community within the team. Coaches are provided with support from YMCA staff and are given resources including supplies, training and clinics.

Team Parents:

Team Parents are always helpful. In the YMCA, a team parent helps:

- a. Establish and maintain communication with the sports director to help pass along information to the rest of the parents and coach.
- b. Schedule a drink/snack schedule for each practice and game. Ask each parent to choose a day to help with this. Most parents are willing but you may encounter some that are financially unable.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING/SCREENING DOES THE YMCA CONDUCT?

All volunteers and employees are subject to a criminal background check. Employees are trained on First Aid, CPR and AED, Child Abuse Prevention & Blood borne Pathogens. Coaches also review drills, skill development and character development, including the four core values of: honesty, respect, responsibility and caring.

WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM MY COACH?

Sunday, February 26th (Spring Season). Please contact the YMCA if you have not heard from your coach by this date.

WHEN WILL PRACTICES BEGIN?

Practices will begin the week of March 13th. All practices are at the YMCA, 529 Browns Ferry Rd. in Georgetown. Practices are strictly assigned based on the availability of your assigned volunteer coach.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

All age divisions be scheduled for a 7-game season (guaranteed minimum of 6 games should weather or other issues arise). Games will begin on Saturday, March 25th and the last games will be May 20th. Most of the games will be played on Saturdays, but depending on participation/weather cancellations games may be played during the week. A minimum of 6 games will be played, and make up games will be made up during the week.

WHERE WILL GAMES BE PLAYED?

All games are at the YMCA, 529 Browns Ferry Rd. in Georgetown.

WHEN WILL WE GET SCHEDULES?

The schedules for the fall season will be ready the second week of practice or sooner. They will be issued to your coach and can be found online through our sports software called PlayerSpace. You will receive log-in information. Please contact your coach to get your schedule.

WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATEHR AND CANCELATIONS?

The Soccer Director, along with the coaches, will call practices under severe weather (lightening, thunderstorms, or tornado watch), ongoing hard rain, snow/ice, fields unplayable and/or any possible weather threats. (Lightning within a 10 miles radius will result in automatic cancelation of practices & games). **Otherwise**, any other weather conditions such as small rain showers will be at the discretion of the coach. This is for all ages.

Games:

The **Soccer Director will call games** at the earliest time possible. The Sports Director will call or email all coaches as soon as a decision is made. **This decision will be made by 3:00pm for weekdays and 8am on Saturdays.** After this time, all decisions will be made on the field and information will be given to the Member Services desk at the YMCA.

You may find the YMCA Youth Development/Sports website at www.coastalcarolinaymca.org. Field closings are available on the front page of the linked website from the sports page.

HOW CAN I GET A REFUND OR CREDIT?

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
January 1-March 12	A full refund or credit may be issued
March 13-May 20	NO REFUNDS. A credit for another Y program May be issued minus the cost of the uniform and medal/trophy
After May 21 st	Refunds or Credits may not be issued