

Claire Chapin Epps 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 10-16, 2017	No Practice or Games for Spring Break
May 20, 2017	Last Regular Season Game
May 22-24, 2017	Spring Playoff Finals (U10-U14)

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE?

Your child will be provided with a team jersey, shorts, socks and an end of year medal. The medal will be given at the end of the spring season. Each season consists of 7 games, 8 practices, and playoffs for the U10+ age groups. 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?

U6-U8:	Size 3
U10:	Size 4
U12:	Size 4
U14:	Size 5

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED?

Teams in the U6-U8 divisions are made from special requests and then balanced by age. Score is not officially kept and there are no playoffs for these two age groups. Teams in the U10-U14 divisions are divided by skill. New players for the Spring season will be randomly assigned to teams or per request as space allows. Teams will be formed by balancing the talent to make the league fair and competitive. Scores and standings are kept. Each team makes the playoff.

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?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players by **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. The U6 and U8 age groups will practice at the YMCA of 62nd Ave. The U10+ teams will practice at the YMCA fields on 65th Ave. (or YMCA fields at Market Common). Practice will be at either 5 or 6pm during the week. U6-U8 will practice on either Tue., Wed., Thur., or Fri. U10-U14 will practice on either Tue., Thur. or Fri. 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 18th 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. For the U10-U14 divisions, there may be some Friday night games as well. A minimum of 6 games will be played, and make up games will be made up during the week.

WHERE WILL GAMES BE PLAYED?

U6 and U8 age groups games will be at either the YMCA on 62nd Ave and/or old YMCA fields on 65th -67th. Ave. Age groups U10-U12 will play at the old YMCA fields on 65th-67th Ave and/or YMCA Fields at Market Common.

WHEN WILL WE GET SCHEDULES?

The schedules for each season will be ready the second week of practice or sooner. They will be issued to your coach and can be found online at coastalcarolinaymca.org and on PlayerSpace (log-in information will be provided).

PLAYOFFS:

Play-offs will be conducted for the U10 through U14 age divisions on May 22nd-24th during the spring.

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 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 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 21	NO REFUNDS. A credit for another Y program May be issued minus the cost of the uniform and medal/trophy
After May 22	Refunds or Credits may not be issued