

SOCCER



1. Registration periods, registration cost, age cut-off date and age groups, evaluations/coach's meetings, and how to become a coach.

Registration Period:

Monday June 19th – Sunday July 30th

Late Registration Period:

Monday July 31st – Monday August 7th

*\$10 late fee will be added onto registration fee for anyone registering during late period.

Registration Cost:

YMCA Member - \$65

Potential YMCA Member - \$95

Age Cut-Off Date:

August 1st, 2023

Age Divisions:

- Under 14 – Anyone who is 12 or 13 years old prior to August 1st, 2023.
- Under 12 – Anyone who is 10 or 11 years old prior to August 1st, 2023.
- Under 10 – Anyone who is 8 or 9 years old prior to August 1st, 2023.
- Under 8 – Anyone who is 6 or 7 years old prior to August 1st, 2023.
- Under 6 – Anyone who is 4 or 5 years old prior to August 1st, 2023.

Evaluations/Coaches Meeting:

Evaluations will take place behind the YMCA. Each age group has a coaches meeting but not every age group has an evaluation. Please see the times and dates below for each meeting and evaluation. Evaluations last up to an hour. If your child cannot make it to the evaluation, PLEASE DO NOT WORRY, he or she will still be placed on a team.

- Under 14 – Thursday August 17th at 7pm. **NO EVALUATION**, coaches meeting only. **PLAYERS DO NOT SHOW UP.**
- Under 12 – Thursday August 17th. Evaluation at 5:30pm then coaches meeting will follow.
- Under 10 – Monday August 21st. Evaluation at 5:30pm then coaches meeting will follow.
- Under 8 – Tuesday August 22nd at 5:30pm. **NO EVALUATION**, coaches meeting only. **PLAYERS DO NOT SHOW UP.**
- Under 6 – Wednesday August 23rd at 5:30pm. **NO EVALUATION**, coaches meeting only. **PLAYERS DO NOT SHOW UP.**

Would you like to coach?

The Anderson Area YMCA is always in need of volunteer coaches. If you would like to coach please indicate so on your child's registration form, or contact Seth Furr (Athletic Director) at sethf@andersonareaymca.org Coaches for U6 and U8 are always needed. If we don't have enough coaches for the amount of players then your child might get a later start on the season until we are able to find them a coach.

2. The separation of teams, player request for a team, and when you will be contacted by your coach.

Separation of teams:

The separation of teams will occur after the evaluation during the coaches meeting. Each team starts off with returning players and we continue to add players to each team until all everyone is on a team. *If we don't have enough coaches for the amount of players then your child might get a later start on the season until we are able to find them a coach.

Player request for a team:

- **U12 and U10 age divisions:** The YMCA does grant the request if a player wants to return to his or her coach from the previous season. If they are not returning to a previous coach then they will be placed in the draft. *If we don't have enough coaches for the amount of players then your child might get a later start on the season until we are able to find them a coach.
- **U6 and U8 age divisions:** Parents may request any coach or carpool with any players they choose. The majority of those requests are granted unless that team is full. We at the YMCA will not overfill a team because it is unfair to the coach as well as the other players on that team. *If we don't have enough coaches for the amount of players then your child might get a later start on the season until we are able to find them a coach.

When will I be contacted by a coach:

Start EXPECTING A CALL FROM A COACH on Saturday August 26th. If you do not hear from a coach before Wednesday August 30th, please call our front desk at (864) 716-6261. If we don't have enough coaches for the amount of players then your child might get a later start on the season until we are able to find them a coach.

3. Practices, game schedule, does other YMCA fall sports interfere/overlap soccer, ordering of jerseys, and refund policy.

Practices:

This season practices will not take place at Ducworth Tucker due to the renovation construction taking place. Practices will take place at a designated area at a local school. Practices cannot start before 5pm Monday thru Friday, cannot start before 8am on Saturdays, and cannot start before 1pm on Sunday.

Games:

Games are played on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. *Any games that are canceled due to inclement weather will be made up on the closest available Wednesday, NO EXCEPTIONS. Nightly game times are 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm. All games will be played at the Anderson County Sports and Entertainment Complex.

***Soccer Saturday will be held on one of the following two dates: Saturday October 14th or October 21st.**

Do other YMCA fall sports interfere/overlap soccer:

All 3 of our fall sports (tackle football, soccer, and baseball) program overlap one another. If you choose to sign your child up for multiple sports, that's your decision. The YMCA Athletic Department is NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHEDULING GAMES AND PRACTICES AROUND YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE.

Ordering of jerseys:

Please make sure you circle the correct jersey size and short on your registration form. The first round of jerseys ordered will be on Thursday August 24th. If you register your child on Thursday August 24th or after, then their jersey will be late.

Refund Policy:

After Sunday August 6th, the YMCA will not issue full refunds UNLESS the parent can provide a doctor's excuse as to why their child cannot participate. Anyone requesting a refund prior to the August 6th date will have to choose 1 of 2 options:

- **Voucher** - YMCA voucher for a 100% that can be used toward anything at the Anderson Area YMCA.
- **Money Back** – The YMCA Athletic Department will issue check for everything paid minus a \$10 processing fee. Once this refund is requested, it will take up to 2 weeks to receive a check in the mail.

What shoes are allowed for soccer:

PLAYERS MAY NOT WEAR BASEBALL CLEATS OR FOOTBALL CLEATS FOR SOCCER GAMES. Players must wear soccer cleats or tennis shoes. This is a liability for the soccer officials.

If you have any further questions, please email the athletic director at sethf@andersonareaymca.org