

General Coach Information

Thank you for volunteering your time to coach our youth in soccer. Your coaching position will require a lot of effort on your part, but you'll find out quickly that both you and your players will be rewarded in many ways. We hope the following information helps you get off to a good start and answer's most of your questions you might have. Please consult our website or contact your sports director for additional information.

Key dates:

- The spring season begins September 11th and consists of 8 games. 1st-6th grade teams have an optional end of season tournament.
- Coach's clinic: TBD. It is mandatory that all coaches attend at least one clinic per season.
- Referee Clinic September 2nd at 6:30pm. Mandatory for all referees.
- Picture day: TBD
- Soccer season kick-off party/parade September 10th at 6:30pm. Richardson YMCA.
- Team game conflicts due September 3rd. No changes thereafter.

Team Information:

-Team Name: You must check with your sports director BEFORE finalizing your team name so we can ensure there are no duplicates within the same league. Also, please let us know the colors of your uniforms to avoid color conflicts during games.

-Team Uniform: Shorts, sock and jersey with the appropriate YMCA logo & player number on the back. For safety reasons the players name is not allowed on jerseys or shorts. Sponsor's name may be displayed on uniforms but must be appropriate for a youth sports organization. The Y logo can be placed on uniforms at Sports Distributors for \$1.00.

On game day, the *home team is required to change jerseys or wear pinnies in case of color conflict*. If needed, field directors or YMCA staff will have extra pinnies available on loan.

-Team Formation: Teams are formed based on grade, closest elementary school, player and coach request. All requests are honored when possible. ***Placement is based on availability. We cannot guarantee placement on a team by location or school.***

-Team Practice: Practice dates, times and place are distributed at the coaches meeting. If you are not able to attend, please call for availability. You must have your field reservation card with you during practice in the event of a conflict. Your team can practice at the allocated fields ONLY during your registered time.

-Trophies – Pre-K -1st will receive participation trophies. 2nd & up will receive 1st-3rd placement trophies and participation medals. Small fry will receive trophies.

-Players are not permitted to play in a game or practice with a team until registration has been completed (registration form and payment both received). Officials WILL be doing random roster checks throughout the season. Any team found to have a player suited up and ready to play, but not on the roster (verified by coaches before the season starts) that game will be forfeited This should help prevent the recruiting of any "ringers" for key games or potential tournaments.

Coach Information:

-All coaches are **required** to fill out and turn in a YMCA volunteer application (background check) along with copy of a picture ID to obtain a coaches card. Coaches ID cards will be provided with a lanyard to be worn during games for referee's to check. We ask that every team have at least 2 coaches with a card. **ON GAME DAY EVERY TEAM MUST HAVE A COACH PRESENT WITH THEIR ID CARD IN ORDER TO PLAY THEIR GAME.** If a card is forgotten, the coach must check with the head referee who will verify eligibility with a list provided by the sports director.

-EVERY PLAYER MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF 50% OF EACH GAME. Equal playing time for all should be the goal.

-DO NOT RUN UP THE SCORE – if you find that your team is winning too easily (by more than 5 points), make adjustments to your line-up through substitutions, moving players to different positions, only allowing certain players to shoot, requiring a certain # of consecutive passes before a shot is allowed, allowing opposing team to add an extra player, etc.

-Coaches must have a copy of their official roster (provided by the sports director) for the referee to validate players if needed.

Schedules, standings and field conditions: www.quickscores.com/richardsonymca (Click on your appropriate league)

Field Information:

-Small Fry-1st play at the Richardson YMCA fields. 2nd -7th play at either Berkner or Heights fields. Coaches and players on one side of the field, parents and spectators on the opposite. This allows the children to concentrate and listen to their coach's instruction without distraction.

-Rainout information - will be posted on the YMCA website and Quickscores as soon as information is available.

-Berkner Fields: SE corner of Yale and Spring Valley Rd. YMCA Fields: 821 Custer Rd.

-Heights Fields: Arapaho and Floyd

Vender Information:

-Score-lowest priced uniform per page regardless of quantity. Includes YMCA logo and jersey number. Contact score sports at 800-626-7774. Account # 244892.

-Sports Distributors: 580 W. Arapaho Rd. #154. Richardson, TX 972-235-8223. The Y logo can be purchased for \$1.00 if uniform is purchased elsewhere.

-Soccer City: 2141 E. Arapaho Rd. Richardson, TX 972-907-1700

--Future Stars Photography- 972-898-8293

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