

SURF CITY YOUTH SOCCER SPRING '20

SUMMARY

Surf City Parks & Recreation welcomes all youth players from 3 to 15 years old with games played on Saturdays and practices during the week for all divisions except U-5. U-5 will practice and PLAY on Saturdays. To register a participant, they must be the age of their division by March 14th, 2020.

U-5 - 3- and 4-year old's and will play 3v3

U-6 - 4 and 5 year old's and will play 4v4

U-8 - 6- and 7-year old's and will play 6v6

10-U - 8, 9, and 10-year old's and will play 7v7

12-U - 11 and 12-year old's and will play 9v9

15-U – 13,14, and 15-year old's and will play 8v8 small-sided field but could play 11v11 full field depending on the size of team rosters.

Some variations in age groups may take place and participants may play "up" if space is available on teams and with permission of the Program Supervisor. We reserve the right to evaluate a player before permitting them to play up. Players may not play in a younger division than their age.

We strive to provide a high-quality program, stressing participation and sportsmanship over the extreme competition.

The acceptance of players at all skill levels and experiences, at an affordable price, is our goal. Our Spring Season Opening Day will be Saturday, March 14th, 2020. Games and practices are at the Surf City Community Center Athletic Complex at 201 Community Center Drive, Surf City. Practices at other sites must be cleared through the Program Supervisor. Athletics Supervisor can be contacted at 910-328-4887 or via e-mail at athletics@surfcitync.gov. While we attempt to meet requests for teammates, coaches, practice days, etc., we cannot guarantee that all requests will or can be met.

PRACTICES

Practices for teams that are organized may start the week of March 9th. Teams may practice one time per week at the Surf City Community Center. Rosters will also be posted as soon as they are solidified.

HOW LONG ARE PRACTICES?

30 minutes for U-5 + 20-minute scrimmage game, 45 minutes for U-6, not to exceed one hour for U-8, not to exceed one hour 10-U & 12-U, not to exceed 1:15 for 15-U.

COACHES

Coaches will be notified by email as soon as we assign them a team. They will be able to view the team roster on RecDesk after Registration is closed. If you are interested in coaching, please email us and register at www.surfcityparksandrec.com

CHANGING TEAMS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE TEAMS (after assignment) or provide more info to us, send us an e-mail at athletics@surfcitync.gov. After the season has started and games have begun, players are not normally allowed to change teams.

FIELD DAY-TBD

Field day is when we share and sort out rosters while players get in a short non-specific practice. Attendance is NOT required but is helpful. Times and Dates will be sent out shortly.

LATE REGISTRATION

Players will not be assigned to a team until paid. As age divisions close down, a waiting list will be kept for teams and divisions. Please also tell us if you can coach. The ability to form new teams also depends on finding coaches for them.

DO PLAYERS NEED CLEATS?

No, sneakers or tennis shoes are fine, especially through U-6. But we recommend them for U-8 and above. We have a cleat exchange box that will be available at the start of the season. Bring your old shoes and shin-guards in and pick up whatever fits your child.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Age-appropriate shin guards and long socks to go over them. Players should have water bottles and access to sunscreen, insect repellent, appropriate clothing if it gets chilly and long sleeve shirt if playing or practicing as a goalkeeper. We do suggest that players have their own ball -- we will not supply enough for all practices, but we do supply game balls.

WHAT ABOUT JEWELRY?

No jewelry is allowed at games or practices except Medic-Alert necklace/bracelet. Participants may NOT wear earrings, even taped over. Nothing hard allowed -- however padded casts ARE allowed after being approved by Surf City Athletic Staff or Game Officials.

SHOULD PARENTS BE AT PRACTICE?

Required for U-5 and U-6. Parents need to be INVOLVED at practice to help maintain child participation. Parent, guardian or responsible adult should attend practices at U-8 & 10-U.

WHAT BALL DO I USE?

U-5, U-6, U-8 Size 3

10-U, 12-U Size 4

15-U & above Size 5

(for practices, the size of the ball used is not critical)

HOW LONG ARE GAMES?

U-5: practice and play for 45 minutes, U-6: will play a game that lasts 45 minutes, U-8: plays 8 minute quarters; 4 quarters, 10-U: 10-minute quarters; 4 quarters, 12-U: 25-minute halves, 15-U: 30-minute halves

Water breaks may be given for 10-U and above on a hot day and/or halves may be shortened by mutual consent. If a game starts late due to a team not being ready, quarters/halves may also be shortened.

HOW MUCH PLAY IS GUARANTEED?

All players are entitled to a minimum of at least half a game -- every game. We try to complete an 8 game regular season schedule.

WHAT ABOUT SUBS?

Teams play with an equal number of players (unless a player is sent off/red carded) but teams do not need to have an equal number of subs (if any).

WHAT IF A TEAM IS SHORT?

They may borrow registered players from another registered team in the same age division. Borrowed players must be the right age to play and the team borrowing players may not have more players than the team they are playing. Teams may not borrow players to have subs.

REFEREES?

Coaches call games at U-5 & U-6 (no score kept). One ref at U-8, no standings kept. Two referees at 10-U, no standings kept. Two to three referees at 12-U and 15-U.

RULES

We play FIFA Laws of the game with youth and other local modifications. No slide tackling at any division and no heading at 10-U and below. Other specific modifications will be posted and distributed to the coaches and a summary will be posted online. If you have a question about the rules, please ask. Goalkeeper violations will be enforced at 12-U and up. Cards may be issued for misconduct at 10-U and above. If a player or coach is sent off, there is a minimum of one-game suspension. Coaches are allowed on the field at U-5, U-6 and the first two U-8 games. Parents allowed on the field at U-5 only as needed by the coach.

HANDICAP ACCESS?

Let us know in advance and we can provide vehicle access to fields.

ROSTERS

Rosters will become available to the coaches on the closing day of registration through RecDesk. When divisions are closed due to being full (a waitlist will be available at this point). Requests to be on a team are reviewed and when possible honored based on team limits, but not guaranteed. If a player is registered but has not yet paid, they will not be placed on a team. We cannot hold roster spots for unregistered and not-paid-for players.

CONCESSIONS

We will have food vendors in the fields during the games. Please bring water and other items as a team.

FIRST AID?

Ice and first aid kit are available in the field during games. Parks & Recreation staff will be at all games and the first week of practice. After the first week of practice, all first aid needs can be brought to the community center.

SWITCHING TEAMS

Please let us know about the need for switching teams as soon as possible. We do our best to match carpooling and families trying to have practiced for multiple kids on the same day. All teams have a maximum number of players and we cannot add more than that. Please make requests in writing via e-mail.

WHAT IF I CANNOT MAKE MY TEAM'S PRACTICE?

A player may practice with another team if they cannot make their own team's practices, but you cannot "invite" your child onto another team's playing roster.

PARKING?

Parking is available at either at the entrance to Community Center in the dirt lot, the paved lot by the field bathrooms, or at the Community Center. A porta-potty are located on the fields.

WHO IS MY COACH, WHEN DO WE PRACTICE AND WHAT IS MY TEAM?

Coaches are advised to contact all their players by phone first, then text or e-mail. If you do not hear from your coach, you may go onto your RecDesk account for info or call our office at 910-328-4887. We will have coach info and practice times. If your team does not yet have a coach, please volunteer. Game schedules will be published online a week before the game is to start. Please take the initiative to find out what is going on if you do not hear from your coach.

WHO CAN COACH?

You must be registered in our program to coach as either a head coach or assistant coach. However, ALL U-5 and U-6 parents are all expected to assist. We will be running background checks yearly. Only coaches are allowed in the bench areas (does not apply to U-6 & U-5). If no coach is available for a game (or practice) a parent or parents must fill in. A minor can coach but a supervising adult must be on site.

PETS

Except for service animals, No dogs or other pets allowed. We will ask you to remove your pet from the playing fields.

TOBACCO

No tobacco use of any kind is allowed anywhere on Surf City Parks & Recreation property. This includes vaping.

EXPLANATION OF AGE DIVISIONS AND POTENTIAL GAME TIMES

Age division placements are based on a player's age as of the start of the program. Participants MUST be at least 3 years old by the Start of the program to register.

Projected game times: (these are not established yet and are approximate times based on last season and the number of teams per division)

U-5 at 9:00 am, U-6 at 10:00 am, U-8 and U-10 will play games that start anywhere from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm., 12-U should start at 9:30 am but games could start as early as 8:30 am. 15-U could start as early as 1 pm and finish by 4 pm.

We hope this is helpful and provides you with enough information to enjoy the 2019 Spring Soccer season with Surf City Parks and Recreation. We look forward to seeing all of you on the pitch and to a successful season.