

# 2023 Spring Soccer FAQs

**REGISTRATION:** Jan 1– Jan 30<sup>th</sup>      **PRACTICE STARTS:** Week of February 27<sup>th</sup>      **GAMES:** March 11 – April 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Late Registration:** Jan 31 – Feb 6<sup>th</sup> (\$20 late fee will apply)

## WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	PRACTICE LOCATION	GAME LOCATION	CLEATS	SHIN GUARDS	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	Soccer Ball
3 Coed	Eastside YMCA /Suber Rd. Baptist	Eastside Y Fields/Suber Rd. Baptist	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
4-5 Coed	Eastside YMCA/Suber Rd. Baptist	Eastside Y Fields/Suber Rd. Baptist	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
6-7	Eastside YMCA	Eastside Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
8-9	Eastside YMCA	Eastside and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 4
10-11	Eastside YMCA/Wellington Green	Eastside/Wellington Green and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 5
12-14	Eastside YMCA/Wellington Green	Eastside/Wellington Green and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 5

## WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE? MEMBERS - \$85, COMMUNITY - \$120

The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff is provided to oversee all operations of practices and games. Referees are trained in rules and regulations of soccer. Fields are maintained and kept in safe and presentable conditions. Additionally, your child will be provided with a team jersey. Every child will receive an end of the season trophy. Eight games are scheduled, with a guarantee of seven games.

## DOES THE YMCA GUARANTEE MY REQUESTS?

The YMCA cannot guarantee any requests that are made for days, times, coaches, etc. We try our hardest to accommodate all requests.

## WHAT AGE GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

Your child should be in an age group based on their date of birth. The first day of practice, February 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for an age (e.g., you must be 7 before the deadline to be in the 6/7-year-old age division).

## WILL THE YMCA COMMUNICATE INFORMATION WITH ME?

The YMCA will communicate practice schedules, game schedules, and other important information throughout the season via Playespace. Please add the @ymcagreenville.org & @playerspace.com domains to your safe sender list so emails do not go to your junk folder.

## WHAT IS PLAYERSPACE?

Playespace is a tool that the Y uses to keep parents and coaches informed. This program will enhance your experience and keep you informed throughout the season. You can message your coach & fellow parents, sync your game schedule to your phone, post pictures, etc.

## WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>, after the coaches meeting. Please contact Ian Bailey at [ian.bailey@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:ian.bailey@ymcagreenville.org) or Aleiah Winchester at [Aleiah.winchester@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:Aleiah.winchester@ymcagreenville.org) if you have not heard from your coach by one week before practices start.

## **PRACTICE INFORMATION**

Practices begin the week of February 27

- Age 3 and 4-5 will have one week of practice, followed by games. Age 3 will have practices begin at 6:00pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Ages 4-5 will have practices begin at 6:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday.
- All practices for ages 6-14 will begin at 5:30 or 6:30 one day out of the week, Monday-Friday. Coaches will choose the practice time for the team they coach.

## **WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?**

- Ages 3 and 4-5 will have games on the same day and time of their scheduled practices, after completing one week of practice. Age 3 will have practice/games begin at 6:00pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Ages 4-5 will have practice/games begin at 6:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.
- Ages 6-7 will have games on Saturdays from March 11- April 29, from 8:30am-2:00pm at Eastside.
- Ages 8-14 will have games on Saturdays from March 11- April 29, from 8:30am-5:00pm. Games will be at Eastside and/or any of the other YMCA of Greenville branches.
  - We will have one weeknight game during the season.

## **WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?**

- Practices- the Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunderstorms, tornado watch), ongoing hard rain, snow/ice, fields unplayable, and/or any possible weather threats. **Otherwise, any other weather conditions such as small rain showers will be at the discretion of the coach.** This is for all ages. **Please get a contact list of the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Team parent to see if practice is called off.** If the YMCA does call practices, the decision will be made by 4:30pm. Always check with your coach to see if it is cancelled.
- Games- the **Sports 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 4:30pm for weekdays and 8:00am 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. Always check with your coach to see if it is cancelled.
- **If any information needs to be communicated it will come through Playerspace, and your email address that is linked to the registration.**

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES?**

During the season, you will be notified regarding picture day. Any inquiries regarding problems with picture orders or not receiving your pictures should be sent to Todd Rogers at (864) 616-7999 or [trogers@portraitefx.com](mailto:trogers@portraitefx.com).

## **IS THERE AN END OF SEASON PARTY?**

Trophies will be given to coaches before the end of the season. It is up to coaches to pass them out after the last game or at a party. If you would like your team to have a party to pass out trophies, make arrangements with your coach and/or team parent to help set one up.

## **IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?**

Yes. You may apply for Financial Assistance online! Please refer to the website for the FA information as well as the Financial Assistance applications.

## **HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?**

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
January 1 – February 6	A full refund will be issued.
February 7 – February 27	Credit or refund minus \$20
February 28 and after	No refund. (Unless emergency and/or doctor's note)

## **HAVE A QUESTION NOT LISTED HERE?**

Please direct all questions and concerns to

Ian Bailey, Sports Director: [ian.bailey@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:ian.bailey@ymcagreenville.org)

Aleiah Winchester, Assistant Sports Director: [Aleiah.winchester@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:Aleiah.winchester@ymcagreenville.org)

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