



George I. Theisen YMCA 2023 Spring Soccer FAQ's

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Registration: January 1st- January 30th

Late Registration: January 31st-February 6th (\$20 late fee will apply)

Practices begin week of February 27th

Games are scheduled from March 9th- April 29th

All information is subject to change

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	PRACTICE LOCATION	GAME LOCATION	CLEATS	SHIN GUARDS	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	Soccer Ball
3 Coed	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
4-5 Coed	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
6-7 Coed	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 4
8-9	George I. Theisen Y fields	GIT Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 4
10-11	George I. Theisen Y fields	GIT Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 4
12-14	George I. Theisen Y fields	GIT Y 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 NON MEMBERS- \$120

The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff are provided to oversee all operations of the practices and games. Fields are kept in safe and presentable conditions as possible. Additionally, your child will be provided with a team jersey and every participant will receive an end of the year trophy or medal. Eight games are scheduled during the spring season.

- Please come by our front desk to try on replica jersey's if you are unsure of your child's jersey size. There will be a \$20 fee if you wish to order another jersey for your child once all jersey's have been handed out.

DOES THE YMCA GUARANTEE MY REQUESTS?

The YMCA cannot guarantee any requests that are made for practice days, times, coaches, etc.

WHAT AGE GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

Your child should be in an age group based on their age on the first day of practices. Example: If the child is 5 at the time of registration, but turns 6 before the first day of practices, the child would need to play in the 6-7 age group.

WILL THE YMCA COMMUNICATE INFORMATION WITH ME?

Yes, but the primary form of communication will be through email and an online program called Playerspace, @ www.playerspace.com. Playerspace will have your schedule, practice time/day, plus team and coach information. Please be sure to make an account if you do not already have one. You can also download the Playerspace App to your mobile device. The YMCA will communicate practice schedules, game schedules, and other important information through the App throughout the season.

WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players by the week of February 20th. Please contact Russell Webb or Lindsey Hardin at gitsports@ymcagreenville.org if you have not heard from your coach by February 22nd.

Who are the coaches for the soccer teams?

The YMCA relies on parents and volunteers to serve as coaches for all soccer teams within the organization. If you or anyone you know may be interested in coaching a soccer team during the upcoming season. Please contact Russell Webb @ rwebb@ymcagreenville.org and he will provide you with the information you need to complete to become a volunteer coach during the 2023 spring soccer season.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practices begin the week of February 27th

- Practices for 3 year olds will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30 or 6:30 pm during the first two weeks of the season. After the two weeks of practice the 3 year olds will begin playing their games on Tuesdays for the remainder of the season. Start times will be 5:30 or 6:30 pm.
- All practices for 4-5yr old teams will be on Mondays or Tuesdays at 5:30 or 6:30 pm.
- All practices for ages 6-14 will begin at 5:30 or 6:30 pm during weeknights (**this includes Wednesday nights**).
- Ages 6-7 will practice once during the week.
- Ages 8-14 will **most likely** have two practices during weeknights. Coaches will choose the practice day/time for the team based on field availability.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

- **There will be eight games scheduled during the 2023 spring season.**
- 3 year olds will have games after completing two weeks of practice. Games will be played at 5:30 or 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. **Games may also be played on Thursdays or Saturdays for picture day, or for a make up game.**
- Ages 4-5 will have games on Thursdays at either 5:30 or 6:30. **Games may also be played on Saturdays for picture day or for make up games.**
- Ages 6-7 will have games on Saturdays from March 11th-April 29th beginning anywhere from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. One or two week night games will be scheduled during the season as well.
- Ages 8-14 will have games on Saturdays from March 11th-April 29th, beginning anywhere from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. One or two week night games will be scheduled during the season as well. Games will be played at the George I. Theisen Y and/or any of the other YMCA of Greenville branches.
- **No games or practices will be scheduled March 20th-March 25th during Greenville country school spring break. Games will however be scheduled Saturday March 18th.**

WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?

- Practices-**The Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunder storms, 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 contact the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or team parent to see if practice is called off.** If the YMCA does call off practices, the decision will be made by 4:45pm and a notification will be sent out through playerspace. Always check with your coach to see if it's 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 4:45pm 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's cancelled.

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

After the game schedule has been created, we will send it to the photographer and he will develop a picture schedule. As soon as we get the picture schedule, we will pass it along to coaches and parents through email. PortraitEFX is the photography company. After your pictures have been taken, they will process all orders and mail them out. 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.

IS THERE AN END OF SEASON PARTY?

Trophies or medals 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, get with your coach and/or team parent to help set one up.

IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Yes, please ask the front desk for the paperwork needed to apply for financial assistance. For questions on this process, please call the front desk at (864) 834-2400.

HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?

Refund Policy-

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
January 1 st - February 6 th	A full credit or refund will be issued.
February 7 th - February 26 th	Credit or refund minus \$20
February 27 th and after	No refund. (Unless emergency and/or doctor's note)

HAVE A QUESTION NOT LISTED HERE?

Please direct all questions and concerns to:

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