

YMCA-FALL SOCCER 2017

(Boys, girls, young men and young women ages 3 through 8th Grade)

Registration Dates: July 3rd through July 28th

The YMCA is a Christian organization. Good sportsmanship and positive character values are expected by all participants including: players, coaches, parents, siblings, and fans. We emphasize our mission, goals, core values, and methods as a basis for all decisions about this program – from how it is led, whom it serves, what is taught, and how it is managed. Y sports are about children and giving boys and girls the chance to succeed and reach their highest potential.

REGISTRATION and COST: Registration begins July 3rd and concludes July 28th, 2017. Participants ages 3 (**must be 3 by the Registration Deadline- July 28th**) through 8th Grade (**based on 2017-18 Academic School Year**) are eligible to participate. You may register from your home computer or stop by the YMCA to register. Fees are \$35.00 for YMCA Members. The fee for non-members is \$64.00. Should any openings remain after the registration deadline players may still sign up, however there will be a \$10.00 late registration charge in addition to the regular fee. Scholarships are available to all those who are unable to pay the full fee and who qualify. Contact Member Service Desk Personnel for arrangements and more information.

COACHES / VOLUNTEER'S: Volunteers are **NEEDED!** Please think about helping! Coaching soccer at this level is not difficult. The rules may take some getting used to, but attacking, playing defense, and goal keeping is not that different from basketball. This is a great way to spend quality time with your child. Parents are encouraged to serve as coaches, team parents, as well as linesmen and referees. Please indicate your preference on the application. If you select the head coaching option, this will not mean that you are committed to coach. Hopefully, we can pair up parents to lead a team or assign a high school or college player to help. Coaches will be contacted by the YMCA and will be notified about meetings, schedules, etc. If you are willing to serve as a volunteer, please indicate so on the registration form. For the participant's safety, all new coaches will be required to fill out a volunteer application, provide a copy of their license, and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct if they have not done so already. A criminal background check will be conducted on all Head Coaches.

TEAM ORGANIZATION: There are no tryouts. Everyone paying the registration fee and meeting the July 28th registration deadline will be placed on a team. Coaches will pick teams through a draft. COED leagues are a possibility depending on the number of participants who register. Divisions will be determined by the number of participants who register in each age group. When teams are full, a waiting list will be taken in the event a space becomes available. Coaches will notify their players of practice days and times. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS (ex: please allow Danny to be on Steve's team for travel purposes, I am going to be Mike's Asst. Coach, etc)!** This policy helps to insure that no teams are "stacked" unfairly. Team balance and fairness are the ultimate goals regarding player selection.

PRACTICES: Practices are tentatively set to begin in mid / late August. A maximum of two practice sessions (M-F) and one on Saturday are held each week until the season starts. Once the season begins, teams usually practice no more than once per week depending on the number of games they have during the week. Practices will begin no earlier than 5:30 p.m. The practice location will be at the YMCA's Terry Bellamy Soccer Park.

GAMES: The season is tentatively scheduled to begin (weather permitting) by early /mid-September and will conclude (weather permitting) by late-October or early-November, 2017. Most games will be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Friday games could be a possibility depending on the amount of participation and make-up games. Games will begin no earlier than 5:30 p.m. on week days and as early as 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Games will be played at the YMCA's Terry Bellamy Soccer Park. There is no admission fee to the games. A concession stand will be open during each game.

PLAYING TIME: EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL PLAY AT LEAST HALF OF EVERY GAME AND IN BOTH HALVES.

INSURANCE: The Greene County YMCA does not carry accident insurance since practically all family policies provide adequate coverage and fees would have to be increased substantially. Each parent or guardian is asked to sign the release found on the registration form.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Any participant must be at least 3 years old by July 28, 2017 and no older than 8th Grade (based on 2017-18 Academic School Year).
- Shin guards (covered by socks) must be worn at all times (practices and games) by participants.
- All-purpose athletic shoes are fine but cleats with screws or posts or a toe cleat are not acceptable. Soccer cleats are encouraged.
- There are no tryouts; everyone who signs up will play.
- Teams will be chosen by the selected coaches through a fair and equal draft method.
- Special requests are discouraged and **NEVER** guaranteed.
- Registration is on an individual basis.
- All players will receive a numbered, team t-shirt.
- Awards presented to Season & Tournament Champions. The YMCA does not provide individual participation awards.

INFORMATION: Call the Greene County YMCA at 423- 639-6107 or email at dannys@greencounty-ymca.org. The YMCA is located at 404 Y Street in Greeneville, Tennessee 37745. Our website is: www.greencounty-ymca.org. You can also find us on Facebook.