

YMCA SPRING SOCCER 2017

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

Registration Dates: February 13th through March 13th

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: Online Registration begins February 13th and concludes March 11th, 2017. Participants may also be registered here at the Greene County YMCA and that deadline is March 13th, 2017. Participants ages 3 (**must be 3 by the registration deadline of March 13th**) through 8th Grade are eligible to participate.

COST: YMCA Members (\$35.00) and non-YMCA Members (\$64.00). Each participant will receive a numbered, team t-shirt. 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. Financial assistance is 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! All head coaches must fill out a Volunteer Application and are required to submit to a Criminal Background Check.

TEAM ORGANIZATION: There are no tryouts. Everyone paying the registration fee and meeting the March 13th registration deadline are eligible to be placed on a team. Coaches will pick teams through a Player Selection Draft. COED leagues may be a possibility depending on the number of participants who register. The number of participants who register in each age / grade group will determine divisions. Once divisions are set, a waiting list will be taken in the event a space becomes available. Coaches will notify their players of practice days and times. **Special requests are discouraged and NOT guaranteed.** This policy helps us to maintain transparency and insure that no teams are "stacked" unfairly. Team balance and fairness is the ultimate goal regarding player selection.

PRACTICES: Practices are tentatively set to begin in mid-April. 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 be held at the YMCA's Terry Bellamy Soccer Park.

GAMES: The season is tentatively scheduled to begin (weather permitting) in mid or late April and will conclude (weather permitting) by mid-June 2016. Most games are played on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Friday games could be a possibility depending on the amount of participation and/or the need for rescheduling due to bad weather or poor field conditions. Games begin after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and as early as 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Games are 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.

INSURANCE: The Greene County YMCA does not carry accident insurance since practically all family policies provide adequate coverage and our fees would have to be increased substantially in order to cover the cost. Each parent or guardian must sign the release when registering.

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS AND DRAFT: All persons wishing to volunteer will be contacted (via email) by the YMCA regarding any Volunteer Meetings.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Any participant must be at least 3 years old.
- Participants must wear shin guards (covered by socks) at all times during practices and games.
- All-purpose athletic shoes and soccer cleats are fine but cleats with screws, posts, or a toe cleat are not acceptable.
- Every participant will play at least half of every game.
- There are no tryouts; everyone who signs up will play.
- Teams are chosen by coaches through a fair and equal draft method.
- Special requests are discouraged and **NEVER** guaranteed.
- The style of play is generally 7 v. 7 (6 field players and a goal keeper). **Sides could change depending on the number of participants per team.**
- Teams will consist of 10-12 players depending on the number of participants in each division.
- Registration is on an individual basis.
- All players receive a numbered team t-shirt.
- Awards are presented to Season & Tournament Champions as well as Tournament Runner-Ups. 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.