



## Youth Soccer League –Spring 2025 Frequently Asked Questions

### What ages can play YMCA Soccer?

- Pee Wee Soccer is for ages 2–4yrs and parent participation is required.
- Preschool Soccer is for ages 4–5yrs.
- League teams are Kindergarten through 6th grade.

### When does it start?

- Pee Wee Soccer will play on Saturdays from 9–9:45am, May 3–31
- Preschool Soccer will play on Saturdays April 19– May 31  
From 9a–10a OR 10a–11a
  - First 30 minutes will be practice time with their team/coach. Second 30 minutes will be a game played against another preschool team or a scrimmage with your team.
- Kindergarten through 6th grade practices start the week of April 7
  - Teams practice twice a week for an hour each practice
  - Practice days/times are to be determined by the coach
  - 1<sup>st</sup> game is Saturday April 19
  - Saturday games: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

### Who will be our coach?

- YMCA coaches are volunteers.
- Head coaching a team can be intimidating and we offer many resources to those who choose to volunteer.
- The benefits of volunteering to be a head coach:
  - Your child/participant plays without any cost to you and you get to experience coaching kids in our community and have that personal experience with your child/participant.
- Please email or call Naiya Budler if you are interested in coaching or would like to start a conversation about coaching! 541–482–9622 ext 309 or [sports@ashlandymca.org](mailto:sports@ashlandymca.org)

### What team will my child be on?

- Teams are formed by grade level and will be placed as followed:
  - Pee Wee, Preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5th/6th Grade

\*as participation allows\*

### What equipment or gear will we need?

- Pee Wee: comfortable athletic clothing, no open toed shoes & no uniform required. Practice balls will be provided.
- Preschool: athletic attire, YMCA jersey or plain red or white shirt, cleats encouraged, sneakers allowed.
- Kindergarten–6th grade:
  - Practice: Cleats, shin guards, and athletic wear will be required. Soccer balls and other practice equipment will be provided.
  - Games: either a reversible YMCA jersey OR a red shirt and a separate white shirt is required. You can purchase a YMCA jersey at our front desk for \$25 .
  - YMCA jerseys can be used in all other YMCA sports excluding NFL Flag Football.



Where are games and practices?

- All Practices and games will be at the YMCA soccer fields.
- Drop-Off and Pick-Up will take place at the soccer fields located behind the facility.
- Spectators are always welcome to both practices and games. Make sure you bring seating if wanted as we will not provide seating.

What will the game schedule look like?

- Games will take place on Saturdays between 9a-1p.
- The first league game (K-6<sup>th</sup>) is Saturday, April 19

How will I know if practice is canceled?

- Practice may be canceled due to different conflicts occurring. Coaches will be in communication as early as possible and participants will be contacted via email and/or phone from Naiya. For any additional questions, please contact Naiya Budler at (541) 482-9622 Ext 309 or at [sports@ashlandymca.org](mailto:sports@ashlandymca.org).