

FAQ's and General Information

What size ball should my team use?

U5, U6, U7 & U8 – Size 3

U9, U10, U11 & U12 – Size 4

U13 & up – Size 5

Which fields will my team play/practice on?

Your team may practice on the BYSC fields as listed below for your team's age group. Please do not practice on the fields located directly to your right when you come in the complex as these are for Liverpool use only.

U4/U5/U6 – Instructional fields

U7/U8 – Fields 11A – 14B

U9/U10 – Fields, 15, 16, 17, 26A, 26B & 27

U11/U12 – Fields 18, 28, 29 & 30

U13 & up – Fields 1 – 10 & 19 – 25

(See map of fields included in this packet)

How many players are on the field and how long is the game? (subject to change in spring)

U4/U5/U6 – 3v3 (4 – 8 minute quarters)

U7/U8 – 4v4 (4 – 10 minute quarters)

U9/U10 – 7v7 (25 minute halves)

U11/U12 – 9v9 (30 minute halves)

U13/U14 – 11v11 (35 minute halves)

U15/U16 – 11v11 (40 minute halves)

U17/U18/U19 – 11v11 (45 minute halves)

Will we have goalies?

U4 – U8 will NOT have goalies. U9 and up will have goalies. ***Additional rules for U7/U8:*** Players must stay out of the Goal Area. During a game, if a child enters the goal area and makes contact with the ball the referee will call a foul and the ball will be awarded to the opposing team with either a goal kick or corner kick. If the ball rolls into the goal area, but stops before crossing the goal line the ball will be awarded to the defending team as a goal kick. On a goal kick defending team must retreat to midfield, which is the buildout line for U7 and U8, until ball is kicked.

Will we have a referee?

U4, U5 & U6 will not have a referee. The coaches will control the game. There will be no penalties or fouls. Simply remind the player of the rule if one is broken and play on. U7 and up should have a referee at each game. (Remember, if you have not provided a referee representative then you are not *guaranteed* to have a referee at your games.)

Will score/standings be kept?

Score will not be kept for U4 – U8. Score/standings will be kept for U9 and up.
(NO STANDINGS WILL BE KEPT AT ALL IN THE SPRING)

Will the offside rule be enforced?

Offside will be enforced for U9 and up games.

Will my team receive a trophy/award at the end of the season?

BYSC does not provide participation awards at the end of the season. Parents may get together to buy trophies, medals, or other awards for their team if they choose, however this is not required. (U9 and up may receive an award from Spindletop if they are 1st or 2nd place. If your team will receive an award you will be contacted at the end of the season.) **(NO TROPHIES/AWARDS WILL BE AWARDED IN THE SPRING SEASON UNLESS PROVIDED BY PARENTS/COACHES.)**

Will we get uniforms and have pictures taken?

BYSC does provide uniforms and pictures for the fall season only. You will be contacted when your team's uniforms are ready to be picked up. You or a representative from your team must pick up uniforms for the entire team. We will not hand them out to individual players. You will also be contacted with the date and time your team is scheduled to have pictures taken.

When will we receive our schedule?

Schedules should be available no later than the Wednesday before the first scheduled game. There are 10 games in the fall season and 6 games in the spring season. When schedules are ready you will receive an e-mail and they'll be posted on our website (www.bysc.net). Also, please re-check the posted schedule each Friday in case any changes have been made.

When can my team practice and for how long?

Teams may practice twice per week. Your team may begin practicing no earlier than August 1st in the fall season or March 1st in the spring season. Instructional (U4, U5, U6) may practice no more than 2 hours per week before games begin and no more than 1 hour during weeks you play games.

What if it's raining on game day?

Games will still be played as long as water isn't rising on the field and there's no lightning. Please do not automatically assume rain-outs! You may contact your director or call the soccer hotline @ 409-866-0036 to find out if games have been canceled.

What if two teams show up on game day wearing the same color uniform?

You may borrow pennies (scrimmage vests) from the concession stand. The coach will simply leave their driver's license in exchange until the game is over and the pennies are returned to the concession stand.

Can I use the BYSC pennies/scrimmage vests for practices?

Pennies/scrimmage vests are available for coaches to “lease” with a deposit of \$2.50 each. At the end of the season you will have the choice of returning them in good, clean condition for a full refund – or – you may keep them. These are being offered to you at our cost. Retail is \$3.50 and up.

What if no one on my team can make it on game day?

If your team is unable to attend a game please contact your Director ASAP. The other team will need to be contacted and we may be able to make other arrangements. Please do not cause another team to show up with no one to play.

What are the rules of play?

We generally follow FIFA rules, however slightly modified for small-sided play with the younger age groups. You can find these rules as well as modifications for small-sided games at www.stxsoccer.org. Click on “Publications” at the top of the page then on “Administrative Handbook” on the left side of the screen. Next, click on the file for “General Rules of Play.”

Can I borrow or lend players during the fall season?

No. Since standings are kept throughout the fall season players cannot be borrowed or lent. This can only be done for a team going to play in a tournament or during the spring season.

Each child on your team must play in each game and they're **guaranteed 50% playing time at each game.**

Also, each child **MUST wear shin guards at ALL practices and ALL games.** Also, only **REGISTERED** players may play and/or practice! We pay fees to state for insurance to cover all our players, but they must wear shin guards to be covered. The shin guards must be completely covered with socks.

Each team (U7 & up) is required to provide at least 1 referee representative to referee no less than 7 games for BYSC during the fall season (or 4 games in the spring season). Competitive teams must provide 3 referee reps. The referee should be certified for the current year, if not they must attend either a refresher clinic or a new referee clinic.

All teams are encouraged to be represented at the monthly meeting of BYSC. If you, as the coach, cannot attend please see that a representative from your team attends in your place. Meetings are currently held the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Administration Building at the Cris Quinn Complex.

For Questions Email: questions@bysc.net

If you do not receive response you may contact the BYSC Secretary/Administrator, Robyn Long, at 409-673-6473 or robynslong@yahoo.com

