

## Recreation FAQ

### **When do sign ups begin?**

Registration opens January 16<sup>th</sup> and closes February 29<sup>th</sup>. After that registration will be on a space availability basis only. Some age categories may close early as teams fill.

### **How much does it cost to play?**

Registration is \$45, if they played Fall 2011 the cost \$35.

### **Can I get a refund?**

There is NO refunds, unless we are unable to place your child on a team.

### **Why do I need to provide a Birth Certificate?**

Washington Youth Soccer requires that all players submit either a State Issued Birth Certificate or a Passport to verify legal name and birth date in order to be assigned to a team.

### **When do games start?**

Games start the Saturday after Spring Break and will continue for 6-7 weeks depending on the age group.

### **When do practices start?**

Practice times, dates and fields will vary depending on your coach. Practices are usually in the evening, after school and work. Most practices will start around mid August and will continue until the end of the season.

### **How often and where will my child practice?**

Each coach will determine the practice schedule and locations.

### **When will I hear from a coach?**

Coaches should have notified players by March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have not heard from a coach by then please contact the registrar at [cowlitzregistrars@yahoo.com](mailto:cowlitzregistrars@yahoo.com)

### **Can my child keep the same coach as last year?**

All returning players are guaranteed a spot on their last year's team if they complete registration by February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that registration is not considered complete unless fees have been paid and a birth certificate or passport is on file. After February 29<sup>th</sup> players are assigned to a team according to completed registration.

### **Can my child be on a team with his or her friends?**

Maybe. First the friend needs to be the same age. Teams are formed by the players age as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, not by school grade level. Second there has to be room on the team. If your child would like to be with a friend indicate that on the registration form and every effort will be made to accommodate that.

### **What size ball does my child use?**

Size 3 U6-U8

Size 4 U9-U12

Size 5 U13-U19

### **What equipment does my child need to participate?**

All players must wear shin guards with socks completely covering shin guards. Soccer cleats should be worn as they play on grass fields so it helps to have the appropriate kind of cleats. A water bottle also needs to be brought to all practices and games.

### **How soon should I expect a response to my question?**

Please understand that the club is run by volunteers. The registration period is an especially busy time and responses may take a little longer. Also consider the person you are trying to contact may be out of town of business, vacation, etc.