

# South Lakes Soccer Club

## Frequently Asked Questions

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Welcome to soccer. For many of you this will be your first experience with the world's "most popular game." Soccer (known throughout the world as Futbol) has been growing at a rapid pace in the United States for many years. The reason is simple, kids have fun playing. As with any sport it can be ruined by overzealous parents and coaches who take things a little too seriously. Your child can play with our club starting at age 4 (they have to reach the age of 4 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> or wait until the next Spring) and play for the rest of his/her life. Our message to the parents is to focus on the journey not the destination. If every day is a fun experience then who knows what the future will hold.....State Champions, High School, College, Professional, Etc.

### **What Does It Cost To Play?**

The cost for recreational players is \$65 per season. We play two seasons per year, Fall begins in September and Spring begins in March. Make checks payable to SLSC.

### **Where Does The Money Go?**

South Lakes Soccer Club is a non-profit organization. Your registration fee covers the following:

- Secondary Insurance Coverage
- Referee Fees
- Field Maintenance
- Coaching Education

### **What Do I Need To Know About Uniforms and Equipment?**

Uniforms and equipment are not provided by the club. Uniforms are a decision made by the coach and or team and will vary in cost. Each player is required to practice and play in shin guards. Cleats and a ball are optional but help the player with skill development. It is recommended that you look at Academy Sports and Outdoors Stores to purchase a ball, shin guards, and cleats for under \$25.

Ball sizes:

- Under 5 through under 8 use a size 3 ball
- Under 9 through under 12 use a size 4 ball
- Under 13 and older use a size 5 ball

\*Please ask someone to verify the age group your child will play in.

### **Who Will Be My Child's Coach?**

Option 1

As with many your sports the coaches are primarily parent volunteers. As a parent you can volunteer to coach when you register your child. You will be required to fill out several documents, one of which is a background check. If now one volunteers up front, the age commissioner will be calling parents to solicit one of you to coach.

Option 2

For the first time parents will have an option (in some age groups) to choose a "Academy Team." If you choose this path your child will train with a trainer/coach twice a week. If you choose this direction the parent will be required to pay the trainer \$35 per month in addition to the registration fees. This will be talked about in more detail in another note.

### **When and Where Will Practices Be Held?**

This coach determines practice times and locations. SLSC limits the number of practices to two per week along with the game.

### **When Does The Season Begin?**

Fall 2009 will begin play on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting the season will end November 14<sup>th</sup>. The coach your child is assigned to will call you. If you haven't heard from them contact the appropriate age commissioner listed at [www.southlakesoccer.com](http://www.southlakesoccer.com).

### **When do we play games?**

Most games are scheduled for Saturdays, anytime between 8:30 am and 5 pm or occasionally Sunday afternoons between 1pm-5pm. We try to limit play on Sundays.

### **How Long Are Games?**

Under 5 & 6 play four 8 minute quarters

Under 7 & 8 play 20 minute halves

Under 9 & 10 play 25 minute halves

Under 11 & 12 play 30 minute halves

Under 13 & 14 play 35 minute halves

Under 15 & 16 play 40 minute halves

Under 17 & Older play 45 minute halves

### **How Are Teams Formed?**

#### **Age**

Example a player who is 5 years old on July 31<sup>st</sup> is an under 6 player; if that same player's birthday is August 1<sup>st</sup> they are an under 5 player and remain in that age group until the next fall.

#### **Gender**

By request girls may be placed on a boy's team, however, there are no co-ed leagues.

#### **School District**

Returning teams are kept together

### **Can I Request A Specific Team?**

Yes there is a form that can be filled out to request a team or coach, but it is not a guarantee and the decision will not be made until the night of team build. The board will deny any request that is considered to be an effort to build a "Super Star" Team.

### **Can My Son / Daughter Play In A Different Age Group?**

No player is allowed to play in a younger age group – There are no exceptions.

A Parent may request that a player play up one age group, however it is not recommended. There are exceptions when a player is physically able to play up.

No player will be allowed to play up more than one year.

### **My Son / Daughter Has Never Played, Will They Be OK?**

Every child starts sometime, this is the perfect time. Every effort is made to place players with a team from a common school so they know others right away. **Every Player gets to play at least half of every game.**

### **I Would Like To Coach, How Do I Start?**

Start by indicating to someone at sign up that you are interested. The appropriate forms are filled out then someone will help point you in the right direction. There are many videos available for rental and many other coaches who will help out.

### **Where Will My Child Play?**

South Lakes Soccer Complex located at Southwest 119<sup>th</sup> and Meridian. The parking lot entrance is off of Meridian.

### **How Will I Know If Games Have Been Cancelled?**

Your coach will be emailed, they should contact you. You can also call the hot-line at 794-PLAY. We will not make the decision until the last possible moment.

### **Does The Club Have a Web Site?**

Yes and your team are welcome to join in or post accomplishments, please contact the website administrator.

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