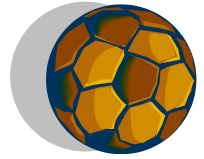




Fort Carson Child, Youth & School Services Youth Sports Program



Dear Parents:

The Child & Youth Services (CYSS) Sports & Fitness staff welcomes you to the 2012 Youth Spring Soccer Program. This letter will answer some general questions you may have about our program.

CYSS Youth Sports hosts a recreation league that is inclusive of all youth who want to learn the fundamentals of the game and to have fun. For the player with advanced sports skills and greater ambition, parents may wish to check out programs in the surrounding communities.

Any further questions may be addressed to the Sports & Fitness Director, Sports Specialist, or the Assistant Sports Director. We encourage parents to become involved in our recreational sports program by being a coach, team parent, or offering assistance to staff on game days.

Ages & eligibility: A child must be 3 years old and no older than 15 years of age on 14 April 2012 in order to play. The team ages may be divided as follows: 3-4 yrs, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13 years and up. Age breakouts may be modified depending on the number of youth enrolled.

Current sports physical: Sports physicals with the doctor's medical stamp are good for 12 months and must be current through the end of the sport season on 26 May 2012. Children without a valid sport physical may register but must have the sports physical turned into the office before he/she can practice or play in games.

Placement requests & practice time request: Practices take place on either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Parents may request a certain practice schedule however although every effort will be made to accommodate your request, the Sports office cannot guarantee that your request will be approved. After your registration and before team placement takes place requests will be submitted to the CYSS Sports office. All requests submitted to the CYSS Sports office will NOT BE approved or disapproved until teams are formed. Again, we will do our best to accommodate but cannot make guarantees.

Mandatory Parent Meeting/ Meeting the Coach March 29, 2012 and March 30, 2012

Location: Fort Carson Youth Center – 5950 Ware Street

Ages 3-4, 5-6, & 7-8 Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Ages 9-10, 11-12, & 13-15 Friday, March 30, 2012 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

The parent/coach meeting is the time you will meet your coach and discuss administrative issues such as practice times, date etc...

Practices: Your COACH will determine the practice times. The days and times are usually 2 times per week between 1700 and 2000. **If the practice time does not fit into your schedule, you will need to work it out within your team.** CYSS Sports limits participation to three hours per week including practices and games.

During practice and games, the parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of the siblings that are not participating in the sport activity.

Games: Games will be played Saturdays beginning 14 April 2012 and will continue through 26 May 2012. Developmental soccer will begin 7 April and end on 19 May 2012. Your child's coach will furnish schedules.

Fees: Your registration fee is regulated by Department of the Army (DA). This fee covers uniforms, medals, certificates and also helps offset costs for court maintenance, labor, and officials fees. **REFUNDS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED!**

Volunteers: In order to coach or assist a team, a background check and a coach's certification (NAYS) training is mandatory. Discounts for volunteer head coaches and one assistant coach's child participation in any CYSS sport in any given season are authorized as follows:

Head Coach:

Assistant Coach:

First/second child - free

First Child - free

Second Child – 15% Discount

Please contact the CYSS Sports office, 526-2680 if you are interested in coaching.

Uniforms: Uniforms are yours to keep!

Appropriate Conduct: Parents and coaches are reminded that comments and conversations should be positive and uplifting to the players. Encourage the players on both teams and be a positive role models for all the participants. Negative comments about opposing players, coaches or officials is unacceptable and foul language will NOT be tolerated at the games.

Adherence to the Parents Code of Ethics will be enforced. Incidents of inappropriate behavior will be reviewed and corrective action will be taken which may include suspension from practices and games. Remember to role model Pursuing Victory with Honor – Character Counts both on and off the court.

The CYSS Sports & Fitness team thank you in advance for your support.

CYSS Sports & Fitness Staff