

# 2011-12 Claire Chapin Epps Family YMCA



## Commonly Asked Soccer Questions

### WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	CLEATS	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	SHIN GUARDS	BALL
U6	Recommended, but not required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	Recommended	Required	Size 3
U8	Highly Recommended	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	Recommended	Required	Size 3
U10+	Required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt),	Recommended	Required	Size 4 for 8-11 Size 5 for ages 12 and up

No jewelry of any kind is allowed during practices and games.

### COST?

- Member \$88.00
- Non-Member \$98.00

### WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE?

- Your child will be provided with a team jersey and an end of year trophy. Additionally, a Kick-off party will accompany the opening of the season. This event is a blast for the whole family! The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff is provided to oversee all operations of the practices and games. Referees are trained in rules and regulations of soccer. Fields are maintained and kept in safe, presentable conditions.

### HOW OR WHERE DO YOU FIND COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS?

#### **Coaches/Assistant Coaches**

The YMCA is always looking for volunteers to help coach our teams. Our primary source of coaches is found in the parents of child's team. This helps build a stronger community

within the team. Coaches are provided with support from YMCA staff and are given resources including supplies, training, and sports clinics.

### **Team Parents**

Team Parents are always helpful. In the YMCA, a team parent helps:

- a. Establish and maintain communication with the sports director to help pass along information to the rest of the parents and coach.
- b. Schedule a drink/snack schedule for each practice and game. Ask each parent to choose a day to help with this. Most parents are willing but you may encounter some that are financially unable.

### **WHAT KIND OF TRAINING/SCREENING DOES THE YMCA CONDUCT?**

All volunteers and employees are subject to a criminal background check. Employees are trained on First Aid, CPR and AED, Child Abuse Prevention, Blood Borne Pathogens and the YMCA Code of Conduct (enclosed for your review). Coaches also review drills, skill development and character development, including the four core values of: honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring.

### **WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?**

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players by Thursday August 25. Please contact the YMCA if you have not heard from your coach by this date.

### **WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?**

#### **A. Practices**

The Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunder storms, tornado watch), ongoing hard rain, snow/ice, fields unplayable, and/or any possible weather threats. **Otherwise**, any other weather conditions such as small rain showers will be at the discretion of the coach. This is for all ages.

#### **B. Games**

The **Sports Director will call games** at the earliest time possible. The Sports Director will call or email all coaches as soon as a decision is made. **This decision will be made by 4:00pm for weekdays and 8 am on Saturdays.** After this time all decisions will be made on the field and information will be given to the Member Services desk at the YMCA.

### **WHEN WILL PRACTICES BEGIN?**

**Practices will begin the week of August 25.** The U6 and U8 age groups will practice at the NEW YMCA on 62. Ave. The U10+ teams will practice at the old YMCA fields on 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. Practice will be at either 5 or 6pm during the week. The older age groups may possibly conduct practice at 7pm.

### **WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?**

**All age divisions** will play a 7 game schedule. Games will begin on Saturday, September 10 and the last games will be October 29. Most of the games will be played on Saturdays, but depending on participation/weather cancellations games may be played during the week. A minimum of 6 games will be played, **and make up games will be made up during the week.**

**Play-Offs:**

Play-offs will be conducted for the U10 through U14 age divisions the week following the last game of the season. Games will be during the week, with the Championship games the following Saturday. This season’s fall playoffs will be Nov. 1-5.

**WHEN IS THE KICK-OFF PARTY?**

**A. Kick-Off Party- .**

*All Ages* - Saturday, September 10 from 10:00-2:00. Food and activities will be provided. Teams are encouraged to bring a banner and run through it on the field before their first game. Games will be played on this day.

**HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REFUND/CREDIT</b>
Any time from May 2 until August 4	A full refund will be issued.
August 4-September 10	Refunds will not be issued. A credit for another YMCA program will be issued minus the cost of jersey and trophy cost. Player is still entitled to these items.
After September 10	Refunds or Credits will not be issued.

**WHEN WILL WE GET SCHEDULES?**

The schedules for the fall season will be ready the second week practice or sooner. They will be issued to your coach. Please contact your coach to get your schedules.

**WHEN WILL GAMES BEGIN?**

Games will begin on Saturday, September 10.

**Where will the games be held?**

For the U6 and U8 age groups, games will be at the NEW YMCA on 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Age groups U10+ will play at the old YMCA fields on 67<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**WHO DO WE CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?**

Please direct all questions and concerns to the sports director, William Coates. He can be reached at 843-449-9622 or email [williamc@coastalcarolinaymca.org](mailto:williamc@coastalcarolinaymca.org). Additionally, all YMCA staff working games will be wearing bright orange shirts for easy identification.

**Check out what’s happening at the Claire Chapin Epps YMCA:**

<http://www.coastalcarolinaymca.org>

## **Field Policies**

Please make sure everyone in your family or any other friends attending the games are aware of the below field policies.

### **Do's:**

- Have fun!
- Always be positive.
- Always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- Support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with your child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Respect all YMCA staff, volunteers, and officials.
- Sit behind the red lines and in the designated areas for spectators.
- Throw away all trash and respect the playing field.
- Applaud and enjoy good play on the field from your team and the opposition.
- Give attention to all of the children involved in the game and not just the most talented or your own.
- Contact the field director or sports director if any problem arises.

### **Don'ts:**

- No pets or smoking on YMCA premises at any time.
- Do not criticize game officials.
- Do not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- Do not leave your other children unattended while enjoying the game.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game/practice or at any other time at the field and/or facility.

