



# Spring registration is open!

----- SPRING 2026 EDITION -----

#### How do I register?

We're opening registration now so you can take care of it before Michigan winter sets in. Don't wait...go to <a href="https://www.ayso571.org">www.ayso571.org</a> today to register.

Prices for our Spring 2026 season are as follows: \$95 for Playground, \$110 for soccer in our 5U through 10U divisions and \$125 for 12U and 14U divisions.

An **early bird discount** (save \$15) applies if you **register by January 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight**. Even more ways to save: Register two players and the 2<sup>nd</sup> player gets an additional discount of \$10 (3<sup>rd</sup> gets \$15 off and additional players after that get \$20 off).



Note that players who did not play in the Fall will be assessed a once-per-schoolyear \$25 fee by our National office to cover insurance, etc. Scholarships are available for families in need of financial assistance – please <u>let us know</u> if you would like to learn more about scholarships.

#### Which division do I sign up for?

Our registration system will automatically assign players to divisions based on age (birth year). Here is a helpful guide to understand which age group your child will be assigned to:

	Playground	05U	06U	07U	08U	09U	10U	12U	14U	19U
Birthyear	2022-2023	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2014-2015	2012-2013	2007-2011
Divisions	Coed	Boys and Girls		Boys and Girls		Boys and Girls		Boys and Girls		Coed
Developmental / Skills Focus	Motor skills through activities; limited focus on soccer skills	Motor skills plus dribbling, striking, fun/engagement		Improved ball control, player spacing, positioning, defensive technique, relationship building		Technical focus, passing techniques, situational attacking and defending, goalkeeping		Combination play, transition and finishing, possession, zonal defending	Refined technical skills, tactical development, fitness training, improved discipline	Strategic awareness, tactical development, fitness training, improved decision-making skills
# of players on team	n/a	5-7		7-8		10-12		12-14	14-16	14-16
Players on the Field	n/a	4v4		4v4		7v7		9v9	11v11	11v11
Goalie	n/a	No		No		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice(s)	1 hour once per week; weeknight & Saturday AM options	30 mins before each game		1 per week for 60 mi weekday evening		ns,		2 per week, 60-90 mins each, weekday evenings		
Games	Occasional scrimmages only (informal)	scrimmages only following practice)		40 mins Saturday AM		48 mins Saturday	AM	60 mins Saturday Half travel	70 mins Saturday Half travel	80 mins Saturday Half travel
Playing Time	Activities	Everyone Plays® at least 50% of every game, guaranteed								

# Can we request specific coaches and/or teammates?

We try to balance teams as best we can. Many times we can do this while still honoring requests for specific coaches and/or teammates. These requests can be entered during registration or after registration by editing your child's player profile. They are never guaranteed, but we will do the best we can. Note: we do generally try to keep Fall teams together in the Spring, provided most players (and coaches) return.

### Can my child play in a different division?

Some kids just "get it" sooner than others and end up dominating other players their own age. We don't want to hold them back, so we will typically support a child playing "up" one division where skill warrants the move and there are no concerns about player safety. Contact us if you feel this is the right move for your child. It is important that we know this before teams are created. Please note that our liability insurance prevents us from playing children "down" an age division.

#### When does the season begin?

Practices will begin after Spring Break, the week of 4/13. Our first games of the season will be on 4/18. We will play a 6-week season. No games on Memorial Day weekend. Last game will be on 5/30, just before the end of the schoolyear. Note: game schedules will be published at least a week in advance of the first game.

# When do coaches get their teams assigned?

Registration will close on Monday 3/9 and teams will be built at that time based on the parent

volunteers who have signed up to coach. Coaches will receive their rosters in the two weeks following.

# When will I find out which team my child is on?

You should get a system notification by 3/28 and within a couple days you should hear directly from your Coach, typically via email. Coach will give you all the information you will need re: practice times and location. Each coach sets his/her own practice days, time and location. The practice and game fields are located throughout the Ada/Cascade area. If you have not heard from your Coach by 4/1, please let us know.

# What if my plans change? Can I get a refund?

We get it – life happens and plans can change. We want to take the stress out of worrying about losing \$\$\$ if that happens. Players withdrawing prior to the end of registration on 3/9 will be issued a full refund less the \$25 AYSO National fee and the \$3.50 processing fee.

# How often are practices and games?

Players in our Playground division will have the option to meet during a weeknight or on Saturday mornings. Teams in our 5U and 6U divisions practice AND play a game in 1 hour on Saturday mornings. Teams in our 7U, 8U, 9U and 10U divisions practice for an hour once each week and play their games on Saturday mornings. 12U and 14U teams typically practice twice weekly then play games on Saturdays with half of their games requiring some travel, usually to a neighboring region <1 hr away.

### How can I stay active during the winter?

Our region typically sponsors several indoor soccer teams during the winter season.



Ask your coach if they are coaching an indoor team or if they know of another coach in your division that is planning on coaching a team.

Read more about it here.

#### More questions?

Contact us at <a href="mailto:registrar@ayso571.org">registrar@ayso571.org</a> with additional questions or feedback. Also, check our Region website at ayso571.org

#### Please remember...

AYSO is a <u>parent-based</u> volunteer organization established to provide a positive experience for our children. <u>Read up</u> on AYSO's six philosophies and the responsibilities that coaches, parents and players have to ensure our season is a success. We can't do this without parents like you.

#### How can I help?

We'd love to have you involved! It only takes a few hours to become qualified as an introductory-level



coach or referee. There are other roles like Team Parent available, too. Find out more info

about <u>becoming a volunteer</u> and formally register at <u>ayso571.org</u>