



Spring registration is open!

----- SPRING 2023 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 www.ayso571.org today to register. The price for the Spring season is \$95 plus a \$2.75 service fee assessed by the registration site we use. An **early bird discount** (save \$15) applies if you register by January 16th. For families with multiple players, the second player will get an additional discount of \$10 and the third player will get \$15 off. Note that players who did not play in the Fall will be assessed a once-per-schoolyear \$20 fee by our National office to cover insurance, etc. Scholarships are available for families in need of financial assistance – please [let us know](#) 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	10U	12U	14U
Birthyear	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2013-2014	2011-2012	2009-2010
Divisions	Coed	Boys and Girls						
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
# of players on team	n/a	5-6		6-7	8-9	10-12	12-14	14-16
Players on the Field	n/a	3v3	4v4		5v5	7v7	9v9	11v11
Goalie	n/a	No				Yes		
Practice(s)	1 hr of activity once per week; weeknight & Saturday AM options	30 mins before each game		1 per week			2 per week	
Games	Occasional scrimmages only (informal)	30 mins (directly following practice) Saturday AM		40 mins Saturday AM		48 mins Saturday AM	60 mins Saturday Half travel	60+ 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 4/10. Our first games of the season will be on 4/15. We will play a 7-week season. No games on Memorial Day weekend. Last game will be on 6/3. 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 3/20 and teams will be built at that time based on the parent volunteers who have signed up to

coach. Coaches will receive their rosters that following week.

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

You should get a system notification by 3/26 and within a couple days you should hear directly from your Coach, typically via email. This should happen between 3/27 and 3/29 (before Spring Break). 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 3/30, please let us know.**

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

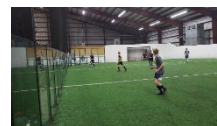
We get it – life happens and plans can change. We want to take the stress out of worrying about losing \$\$\$ if that happens. Players withdrawing prior to 3/20 will be issued a full refund less the \$20 AYSO National fee and the \$2.75 processing fee.

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 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. Games are



played at MSA Sports Spot. These are not AYSO games and the rules are a little different. It's definitely fast-paced and fun! From a skill perspective, it's really helpful for kids looking to improve ball handling and control.

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. There are 6 game "sessions" that run throughout November, December, January, February and March. Read more about it [here](#).

More questions?

Contact us at ayso571registrar@gmail.com with additional questions or feedback. Also, check our Region website at ayso571.org

Please remember...

AYSO is a parent-based volunteer organization established to provide a positive experience for our children. [Read up](#) 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 [becoming a volunteer](#) and formally register at ayso571.org

