

Summerville Family YMCA

Youth Soccer

PARENT ORIENTATION

The YMCA Mission...

The YMCA mission is to be a community cornerstone that puts Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for ALL.



“...a community cornerstone...”

- We provide some of what the community needs and wants in the way of...
 - Recreation
 - Health
 - Wellness
 - Faith
 - Leisure
 - Personal growth

“...Christian principles...”

- FIVE Core Values...
 - Caring
 - Honesty
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Faith
 - Who doesn't want to be caring, honest, respectful, responsible, and faithful?

“...through programs...”

- Youth Sports
- Adult Sports
- Summer Camp
- Swim Team
- Swim Lessons
- Lifeguarding
- Soccer Camps
- Basketball Camps
- Gymnastics Classes
- Gymnastics Team
- Mother’s Morning Out
- After School Care
- Fishing Camps
- Hiking Camps
- Lock-ins
- Holiday Camps

“...for ALL.”

While the “C” stands for “Christian”, the organization stands for ALL people.

Christianity teaches us that we are ALL God’s children. The YMCA holds true to this belief. Everyone, of every race, gender, color, ethnicity, status, education, and religion is a welcome member of the YMCA.

General Information for parents

What does my child need to be ready for soccer?

Cleats (optional for Micro and U6)

Shin-guards (mandatory)

Shorts

When will we hear from our child's coach?

Micro: by the week of February 18

U6 – U16: by the week of February 6

General information continued...

When do practices start?

Micro: February 18

U6 – U16: the week of February 6

When does the season start and end?

February 18 – April 14

General information continued...

How can I help my child's team?

Assistant Coach

Team Parent

Volunteer

When will pictures be taken?

March 3 (U6 and above) and 10 (MICRO ONLY)

You must come one full hour before your game.

“Bad Call!”

The 7 Most Commonly Misunderstood Rules of Soccer

Handballs- when the player “handles” the ball.

Two-touch Rule- player cannot touch the ball twice in a row

Fouls- soccer is a *contact* sport. Bumping and going shoulder-to-shoulder is permitted.

Offside- An offensive player cannot be ahead of the ball and involved in a play unless there is a defender between them and the keeper.

Goals- A player can score directly from a kick off.

Direct/Indirect Kicks- Indirect kicks apply mainly to offside and dangerous play situations.

Substitutions- can be done on a team’s throw-in possession, during either team’s goal kick, during center kick-offs, or if a player is injured.

League Structure

- Micro: 3years
- U6: 4-5 years
- U8: 6-7 years
- U10: 8-9 years
- U12: 10-11 years
- U14: 12-13 years
- **U16: 14-15 years**

Prayer and Character Development

- Prayer- Before and after each game the two teams will meet at mid-field to pray together. A coach or ref will conduct the prayer.
- Character Wrist Bands- Caring, Respect, Responsibility, and Honesty.
- Each coach will receive character wrist bands to give out to a child that shows one of the Y's characteristics in a practice or game.

Oakbrook Property Rules

- No smoking
- No pets
- No alcohol
- No weapons
- No soliciting
- No Speeding
- Adhere to all traffic signs
- Dispose of trash in cans
- Park only in designated parking areas
- Report any problems/concerns

Rules for Parents

- Please note that the Y has a *Zero Tolerance Policy*. If you are found breaking any of the rules below, you will be asked to leave the property immediately. If you are found to be overly aggressive at any point during your child's game, you will be asked to leave the property. If at any point you aggressively address a coach, ref, another parents, or any other Y employee, you will be asked to leave the property.
- Do not talk to or yell at referees
- Do not stand or congregate behind goal lines
- Do not enter the field of play
- No foul or inappropriate language
- Be supportive
- No physical or verbal confrontations
- Act professionally, and respectfully at all times

Rule Enforcement

- **First Offense** – Warning. Possible ejection from YMCA property.
- **Second Offense** – Ejection from YMCA property. Possible ban from YMCA property.
- **Third Offense** – Ban from YMCA property.

The role of the Parent

Be a constant pillar of

SUPPORT

for your child, teammates,
opponents, coaches, and
referees.

The role of the Coach

COACH = ROLE MODEL

THIS is how you play.

THIS is how you show sportsmanship.

THIS is how you conduct yourself on the field of play.

THIS is how you handle success AND defeat.

The role of the Referee

Ensure a

SAFE

and

FAIR

playing environment.

The role of the YMCA

To make sure PARENTS, COACHES,
REFEREES, and PLAYERS fulfill
their ROLES.

How to approach a referee

DON'T



The #1 Goal

Be SAFE

LEARN

Have FUN!!!

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