

Albany Area YMCA Spring Soccer 2018

Soccer Parent FAQ's:

- **What do I need to purchase?**
 - Shin guards & cleats (for U8 to U14)
 - Soccer ball: The size of the ball varies with the age group: **U6-U8 (4 to 7 years old) Size 3; U10-U12 (8 to 11 years old) Size 4; U14-Co-Ed (12 and older) Size 5**
- **How do I become a volunteer soccer coach?**
 - Submit a criminal background check
 - Fill out Volunteer Application at either Central Facility or Lee County YMCA
 - Do online training at training.ymca.net
 - Attend soccer coach's meeting March 1st at 6:00p.m. held at the Albany YMCA
- **When should I hear from a coach? What should I expect from a coach?**
 - Soccer coach's meeting is Thursday, March 1st, 6:00pm
 - Soccer coach's should contact parents between March 1st and March 5th
 - Practice/Game Changes or Cancellation one hour prior to scheduled practice/game
 - Be punctual for practices and games
 - Display of YMCA Character Values (Honesty, Caring, Respect, Responsibility)
- **When do practices start? What days are practices? Where are practices?**
 - March 6th – Practice begins
 - Practices are on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays (5:30-6:30 & 6:30-7:30pm)
 - Albany participants at the YMCA Sports Park; Lee County participants at the Lee County YMCA
- **When is Opening Day? When and where are soccer games?**
 - Opening day is Saturday, March 24th (Could possibly change) **All games (including U6) will be held at the Albany YMCA Sports Park, 4508 Gillionville Road, Albany GA.**
 - After Opening Day all games are on Saturdays either at Albany YMCA Sports Park **OR** Lee County YMCA
 - U6 teams may have games on Tuesday & Thursday in addition to Saturday
- **As a parent what is expected of/from me?**
 - Ensure we have correct emails and phone contacts on registration form
 - Be respectful and helpful to staff, volunteer coaches, other spectators and participants
 - Demonstrate good sportsmanship like conduct at all times
 - Sit opposite of players and coaches during soccer games
 - Place your trash in garbage cans
- **What is permitted on YMCA premises? What is not permitted on YMCA premises?**
 - **Food and Drink are permitted**
 - **Lawn chairs and Umbrellas are permitted**
 - **Animals (dogs, cats, etc.) are not permitted**
 - **Any tobacco product or alcoholic beverage is not permitted**
 - **Cars/Golf Carts are not permitted on playing fields or beyond yellow gates at the Sports Park**
- **What happens if there is "bad" weather?**
 - When thunder and lightning sirens sounds exit the field until further directed by staff
- **When do I call the Directors?**
 - **If you have not heard from a coach by March 6th**
 - **All volunteer/staff related questions or concerns**



YMCA Mission Statement

"To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all."