

MSC SOCCER FAQ'S

- **Age Group Determination:** The birth year your child was born is the age group your child will be registered. Your players birth year must be 2015 or older to register.
- **How to register:** Registration begins December 15, 2019 through January 4, 2020. A waiting list will begin January 6, 2020. You are encouraged to register online at www.msosoccer.org. You may also register by mail or at the office. There is also a night drop box located in the window at the office (forms and envelopes are made available). **Faxed registration forms will not be accepted.** Remember, all new youth players **who have never played for MSC** must provide a copy of a birth certificate before registration can be processed. Registration fees are budgeted and voted on by the MSC Board of Directors at the May board meeting. The fiscal year begins July 1st of each year.
- **Academy League vs. Recreational League for 2010 and 2011 birth years:** Families may choose either to sign up for recreational soccer or join the Recreational Academy program. The Academy is geared for the more serious, focused and committed soccer player. There are no tryouts for this league. Any 2010 or 2011 player can register for Academy or Recreational. If you are interested in finding more information on the Recreational Academy program visit the MSC website at www.msosoccer.org.
- **Birth Certificates:** Any youth player that has never played for MSC must provide a copy of a birth certificate.
- **Uniforms:** Recreational and Competitive uniforms are purchased separately at Third Coast Soccer. Adult and TOPSoccer uniforms are included in the registration fee. Third Coast Soccer phone: 985-237-6100. The 2019-2020 soccer year continues with last year's uniforms for all players. For replacement uniforms: recreational cost for 2 jerseys is about \$40. Black shorts and socks can be purchased with the uniform. The cost for the competitive uniform is about \$135 and will include 1 black, 1 white, and 1 blue jersey, 1 black short, and 1 white and 1 black pair of socks.
- **Practices:** 5U-6U practice 30 minutes before their game on Saturdays; 7U thru 10U Recreational practice one weeknight per week, and Academies and older teams' practice 2 weeknights per week. Recreational practices begin the week of January 27, 2020. Lakers practices begin the week of January 20, 2020.
- **Season:** Recreational games begin February 1, 2020 through April 5, 2020. Games are played on weekends. Games must begin at this time so recreational soccer can end before recreational baseball begins in April.
- **Recreational Evaluations:** All recreational players with birth years 2006 – 2011 who did not play the previous season for MSC must register by January 4, 2020 and attend new player evaluations on Monday, January 6, 2020. Academy players do not need to evaluate. See New Player evaluation article in the newsletter or in the Dates to Remember. Evaluations are not tryouts and are used only for balancing teams.
- **Competitive Tryouts:** Laker tryouts are held in April and June prior to the fall season. These leagues are a **1-year commitment**. There will be NO refunds after games begin in the fall.
- **Referees:** 5U thru 8U games are officiated by coaches. 9U through 10U rec games are provided with one center referee only. Competitive, Academy and 11U – 19U recreational games are provided with one center referee and 2 assistant referees. All Competitive referee fees are the responsibility of each team and are not budgeted in the club dues. Please remember, the state of Louisiana has a drastic shortage of referees which means your game

may be short a referee at times. Please see course information in the newsletter on becoming a referee.

- **Affiliation:** All youth age groups are affiliated through the Louisiana Soccer Association in Baton Rouge and USYSA.
- **Adult Leagues:** The JFK league plays short sided, co-ed on Friday nights and some Sunday nights. There are no referees provided. This league is affiliated through Louisiana Soccer Association.
- **Refunds:** Recreational families will receive a full refund minus a \$10 processing fee if you withdraw before the draft. Withdrawal after the draft but before the first game will be penalized \$20 and there will be no refund once games begin. Competitive families may be refunded due to a roster removing injury or family relocation, with the exception of the required initial down payment, during the fall season only. The amount of refund will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- **Late fees:** You will be charged a \$15 late fee for registration after the registration deadline. Players who register after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list.
- **When am I contacted with team information?** Recreational teams are formed at the draft the week of January 13, 2020. Each player should receive a call or email from his or her coach within a few days.
- **Equipment:** All players must provide and wear properly sized shin guards. Soccer cleats are optional but recommended; baseball cleats are not allowed. All players should bring a ball and water to games and practices. Ball Sizes: 5U-8U use a #3 ball, 9U-12U use a #4 ball and 13U and above use a #5 ball.
- **Location:** The office is located at 790 Florida Street just 1 mile west of Pelican Park. If you travel from Mandeville to the park, you will pass directly in front of our office complex.
- **Trophies:** 5U and 6U Rookies receive participation trophies in the fall and the spring, 7U through 10U recreational receive participation trophies after the conclusion of the soccer year in the spring.
- **Pictures:** Photos are taken for 5U and 6U Rookies in the fall and spring. 7U and older photos are taken during the spring season only.
- **T-shirts:** 5U through 19U recreational players will receive Crawfish Cup t-shirts at the end of the soccer year in the spring. There are no t-shirts distributed in the fall season.
- **State Tournaments:** Laker teams participate in the LSA State sanctioned tournament at the end of the spring season. MSC pays the entry fees for these tournaments, which were budgeted into the appropriate age groups registration fees.