



Welcome to Elgin Youth Soccer Association (EYSA). EYSA is a not-for-profit organization. It provides a safe, fun, friendly and affordable recreational opportunities for the youth of Elgin. Today, EYSA serves over 300 youth in the fall season. Providing positive and safe sports for all children is one of the greatest tools that exist in today's society to help children develop positive character traits and life values. Early adolescence is a time when children are looking for basic values that they can count on in their lives, we know how important the youth sports experience is for the children and that is the reason we teach the importance of teamwork, cooperation and hard work, among many other qualities. EYSA offers every child the opportunity to participate regardless of ability, disability, skill level, talent.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the games take place? The U4-U10 age groups play all their games on Fridays and/or Saturdays at the Shenandoah Soccer Complex directly behind Shenandoah Subdivision. Age groups U11 and above travel to other area associations and play against opposing teams. Some games for traveling teams may be Sunday games. The "home" games for U11-U19 age groups are played at the Shenandoah Soccer Complex or Old Elgin High School Football Field.

When will I hear from a coach? Team practice may begin any time after the coach draft (Fall: early to mid-August /Spring: Early-mid February). **All children must be born in the years 1998 through 2012.** No player may play in an age group that is younger than his/her age group. If approved by a player's previous coach, parents, and EYSA, a player may request to play "UP" an age group with the exception of some "play up" restrictions in the U11 select team.

When and where are the practices? Coaches normally use practice locations at the Shenandoah Soccer Complex or parks around town. Practices for U6 and above are USUALLY 2 nights per week, USUALLY not earlier than 5:00 PM. The coaches choose the days and times. There is no way to know this information before teams are formed. All coaches volunteer their time to coach, therefore, practice times revolve around the coach's schedule.

What do I need to purchase for my child? Soccer cleats and shin guards are required for ALL age groups. Your child will also need a soccer ball to take to practices. So you will need to **buy your child soccer cleats, shin guards, a soccer ball, and a water bottle.**

U4-U8 size 3 ball

U10-U12 size 4 ball

U14-U18 size 5 ball

How are teams formed? EYSA has a base/core team format. This means that once a child is on a team and he/she chooses to stay on that team he/she may do so from SEASON to SEASON. Once a child requests not to return to that team he/she loses his/her place on that team and will be placed on a team according to coach draft. New players in Under 4 to Under 18 age groups are placed on teams according to coach draft.

REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED. If a player does not register by the registration deadline date they may not return to his/her base team and, he/she will be placed onto a team by draft selection.

Who are the coaches? Volunteers run EYSA. Parent and community volunteers are the board members and coaches. We do however require that after a coach has coached for 1 or 2 seasons that he/she take a coaching module or licensing course given by STYSA. EYSA is always in need of good volunteers! All coaches are required to pass a kid-safe background check.

Spring Season Begins - February 25th 2017 (U14 and younger) - March 25th 2017 (U15 and older) Spring Season Ends -End of April/First part of May

REFUND POLICY:

A refund of registration fees will be given as follows: **A 100% refund will be given if requested in writing before the teams are formed (before a player is drafted to a team). A 50% refund will be given if requested in writing before the first game of the season. There will be no refunds granted after the first game of the season.**

Recreational U4 -U18 players will receive a full uniform to keep, (socks, jersey and shorts), a participation trophy or medal (only U4-U10 age groups). An insurance fee payable to STYSA (South Texas Youth Soccer Association) is also included in the registration fee, players are insured during practice and games, this is a requirement and no child will be allowed to play without being covered through this insurance. Other items covered by the registration fee are field maintenance, utilities, administrative costs, equipment upkeep, referee fees and improvements needed for the complex.