

### REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

**My kid has never played soccer before. Can they play in this league?**

Yes! This is a recreational level league. All players of all skill levels are welcome! We follow national recreational rules which mean all players play at least half of each game. We want all those that want to try soccer to be able to have a positive experience.

**How do I know who to sign up for?**

You can choose any club that's closest to your address/school. If you need help picking which club to play with, contact AYSA.

**The team is full at my age group in my neighborhood. Can I still register somewhere else?**

Yes! Players are welcome to register for any club that has openings available or for the club that works best for your family situation. You do not have to play in your neighborhood.

**We decided not to play this year. Can I get a refund?**

Every neighborhood/community club is different when it comes to refunds. It can depend on when you ask for your refund as well. Contact the club you registered for directly to find out what their refund policy is.

**How can I sign up to coach/help with my club?**

You can register your player first and then send an email to your club coordinator. They are ALWAYS looking for volunteer coaches or help to line fields, organize uniforms, etc.

### SEASON QUESTIONS

**When is the season?**

The season runs August 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of September. The U12 and U14 age groups may go into early October for playoffs.

**How many games/practices will we have?**

For the U6 and U8 age groups, we try and schedule only one game a week. For U10, U12, and U14 age groups, we try to schedule 1-2 games a week. Practices can vary because they are usually scheduled by the individual club coach. Most teams practice once a week.

**Why is the birth year chart so weird? Why does my 7 year old really have to play on a U10 team?**

AYSA follows US Youth Soccer birth year calendar which follows the calendar year instead of school year calendar. That means your child is placed in the age group based on how old they will turn by the end of the current year. So, if your player is 7 on August 1<sup>st</sup> but turns 8 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, that means they will play in the "Under-10" age group. This age group consists of players turning 8 or 9 years old in 2024. Every age group is set up with only two years of players.

**My friends are registered for U10, but I fall in the U12 age group, can I play down with them?**

No. We do not allow players to play down an age level. However, most clubs do allow players to play up an age level so your friends/family could register to play at the U12 level with you. Contact your club coordinator when you register to make sure this is an option. Do not wait until teams are already formed.

There are small exceptions to this rule depending on physical and/or mental disabilities. Please contact AYSA if you have more questions – [info@arrowheadsoccer.com](mailto:info@arrowheadsoccer.com).