

RECREATIONAL SOCCER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How are we placed on a team? Our playing rules (and those of North Texas State Soccer) mandate that recreational players are placed on teams according to age, gender, school, or zip code. In placing players, we utilize a strict sorting of new or transferring (“pool”) players by these criteria. All players from the Spring 2004 season will be placed on the same team (unless it disbands) if their registration is received by the deadline for returning players (July 10, 2004). After the deadline for returning players, all players are put in their respective “pool” for team assignment according to school or zip code. The final registration deadline is July 24, 2004. Registrations received after July 24 (2pm—in our office) will be charged a \$25 late fee and will be placed on a space-available basis only. Coaches may not select or approve any new players. Requests for transfers will be placed in the pool for assignment according to school or zip code (including possible reassignment to original team).

Parents need to be prepared to be flexible in terms of practice location and times.

2. How is Playing Age defined? Playing Age is determined as a child’s age on July 31, 2004. All of our divisions are “Under” 5 and so on. Thus, a child who is 4 on July 31, 2004 will play in the Under 5 division. All teams through U12 are “age-pure” (U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U14, U16, and U19). No one may play down without SSA and NTSSA approval, which requires a doctor’s recommendation. The process could take over a month and is not guaranteed. The age division of a team is determined by the playing age of its oldest player.

3. Where do I purchase a uniform? We sell a “standard” uniform in the office for all teams. For U5-6 teams, this is a reversible red/white jersey with white socks for \$20 (subject to vendor prices) and for U7 and above it is a red jersey, white jersey, blue shorts, and white socks for \$35 (subject to vendor prices). Please confirm your jersey number with your coach before purchasing your uniform. U5-6s do not have numbers on their jerseys. Plan to purchase your uniform as early as possible to avoid the rush. Some teams may purchase their own uniforms. These uniforms should be appropriate soccer attire and must include alternative jerseys. New players can be added to all teams, and those teams with specific uniforms must have a reliable source for new uniforms at a price comparable to those for the “standard” uniform. You need to wait to see what your team does, before you purchase a uniform. If you do purchase a standard uniform from SSA, you need to verify from your coach the numeral for your jersey. We do not offer refunds for uniforms.

4. When will I hear from someone? We begin finalizing teams immediately after the registration deadline. Coaches will receive their rosters at their Coaches’ Meetings (Aug. 18 and 19 for the Fall 2004 Season). Coaches should call you within a week to inform you of practice times, etc.

5. When and where will my team practice? Each team and coach determines their own practice times and place.