

## FALL 2011



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The goal of the Tri-Cities Soccer Association is to teach the basic skills involved in and the actual game of soccer in a positive atmosphere of good sportsmanship and allow the participants to have fun and learn teamwork while doing so. Competition is a natural part of any sport, but it is not the primary object of Tri-Cities Soccer. The Association is meant to be a low-key, low-pressure recreational soccer organization.

Your participation as a volunteer is critical to the success of the program. Our volunteers consist of board members, commissioners, coaches and office help. We strongly encourage those willing to help to step up so that this success continues.

**Regular Registration: May 2, 2011 – June 17, 2011**

**Late Registration: June 20, 2011 – July 15, 2011**

**Late Fee Applies: June 20, 2011 (\$15/family)**

**Wait List Begins: July 18, 2011**

**The Fall 2011 season will run from Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Coaches will contact players after Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### FEES

**FALL ONLY FEE – The fee for fall only players is \$80.00.**

**FALL/SPRING FEE – The fee for a full year (Fall 2011/Spring 2012) is \$150.00.**

These fees are for players residing in the Park Districts of St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, South Elgin Campton Township and in Burlington Dist. 301. Any player residing outside of these boundaries must pay an additional fee of \$50.00 per player per season.

### LATE REGISTRATION

**A \$15.00 per family late fee will take effect beginning Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. REGISTRATIONS BY MAIL OR IN PERSON WILL CONCLUDE ON FRIDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Any registrations received after the cutoff date (new or returning players) will be placed on our “wait list” for placement on any team where players are needed.**

### REFUNDS

**Fall Registration:** Refund requests must be in writing and will be granted only for injury and/or illness (accompanied by a physician's report) or moving from the TCSA area. Requests should be mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office by July 18, 2011.

**Spring Registration:** Refund requests must be in writing and will be granted only for injury and/or illness (accompanied by a physician's report) or moving from the TCSA area. Requests should be mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office by January 6, 2012.

**Annual Registrations:** Requests should be mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office by February 3, 2012 for those players who do not wish to continue play in the spring.

### GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT

**Fall Team Placement** – The Tri-Cities Soccer “year” begins in the fall of each year and carries through the spring. New teams are organized every fall and TCSA does not place players on teams based on any prior year's placement. Players are assigned to teams on a first come, first served basis and as much as possible on proximity to a public elementary school. Because of uneven numbers of players in certain areas, it may be necessary to combine elementary school areas.

**Spring Team Placement** – Players returning in the spring will be placed on the same teams whenever possible. However, player participation may decrease in the spring which can dramatically affect team make up. Coaches not returning can also affect placement. Further, if your child has not registered for the entire year and does not register on time for the spring season, he/she may be placed on teams where needed.

If a coach cannot be found for your child's team, the team will be dropped. If you are an active volunteer (officer, director, assistant director, commissioner, coach, scheduled referee), your child will be placed on another team. If you are not an active volunteer, there may be no place for your child and the registration fee will be returned within 10 days after the start of the season.

Requests for specific team placements or to keep groups of children together when new teams are formed for our fall season are not honored. However, Tri-Cities Soccer will honor the following placement requests:

1. A parent coaching or sponsoring a team will have his or her child on the team coached or sponsored unless otherwise requested or unless the child is in a different age division. A sponsor should indicate on his or her child's registration form whether the child should be placed on the sponsored team.
2. Brothers or sisters in the same division will be placed on the same team unless otherwise requested.

3. A coach may request two parents to be assistants. These requests must be written on the registration forms of the children of both head and assistant coaches and both must have registered their children on time.
4. A request not to be placed with a certain coach will be honored. PLEASE WRITE this type of request on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your child's registration form. For Annual participants, this request can be submitted by mailing a separate letter for Spring Season prior to LATE REGISTRATION. Please be advised that your child will be placed on a team based upon location and need.
5. Requests because of specific requirements of players with disabilities. Documentation of the medical condition is required.

Players will be assigned to divisions (U6 co-ed, U7 and above by gender) according to age only. No "playing up" or "playing down" will be permitted. No requests will be honored for specific coaches, players, area, car pools, etc.

### AGE DIVISIONS

Players are assigned to a division based upon birth date. A division range runs from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> (see table below). High school graduates may not play regardless of age.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Birth Date Range</u>
U05 Hand-in-Hand	9/2/06 to 9/1/07
U06 (co-ed)	9/2/05 to 9/1/06
U07	9/2/04 to 9/1/05
U08	9/2/03 to 9/1/04
U09	9/2/02 to 9/1/03
U10	9/2/01 to 9/1/02
U12	9/2/99 to 9/1/01
U14	9/2/97 to 9/1/99
U15/19 Senior (co-ed)	9/2/93 to 9/1/97

If you are registering your child for the first time, please provide a copy of a birth certificate or passport verifying his/her birth date. The copy will not be returned.

### U19 SENIOR DIVISION REGISTRATION AND REFUND POLICY

Because of the very different nature of this division, a separate registration and refund policy has been established. There is no late fee, but players in this division must have registered and paid in order to be considered for team placement. Written requests for refunds will be honored prior to the second week of the current season in the event that the senior player will be playing for his/her high school team.

### UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

#### SUPPLIED BY TRI-CITIES SOCCER:

**Shirt/Socks:** Each season, your child will receive a t-shirt and one pair of soccer socks. No child will be permitted to play without a team shirt and soccer socks. In cool weather, the shirt must be worn outside any other clothing.

**Team Picture:** One picture per player will be provided. Coach will advise parents of time and date of team pictures.

#### TO BE SUPPLIED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

**Shorts:** Soccer shorts provide the most flexibility. However, in cooler weather, your child may wish to wear clothing that covers the legs. Sweatpants or something similar are recommended.

**Shoes:** Tennis-type shoes may be worn, but soccer shoes with molded cleats provide better traction.

**Shin Guards:** It is mandatory that players wear shin guards at practices and games. These shin guards must either be of the sock-type or be covered by proper socks. There are several types available and each child should select a pair that feels comfortable.

**Goalies:** Each team receives one goalie shirt for team use during the season. Children who play goalie may wish to use knee and/or elbow pads and gloves.

**Ball:** A soccer ball is important. It is not required for your child to have one to participate, but it is strongly recommended that players have their own ball, clearly marked with name, address and phone number. Ball sizes are as follows: Size 3 ball is for U06 and U07, Size 4 ball for U08, U09, U10 and U12, and Size 5 ball for U14 and older divisions.

### PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT - ABSOLUTELY NO PIERCED EARRINGS

No player may wear equipment dangerous to themselves or to others. This includes all jewelry (especially pierced earrings and barrettes), CASTS (no matter how well padded), metal tipped cleats, caps with hard bills and any other equipment the referee determines to be dangerous. Baseball cleats are also prohibited.

### FIELDS

We have specific locations for games and practices. Teams are prohibited from practicing on game fields. We have received permission to use roughly 60 practice sites throughout the Tri-Cities area and the list of these areas is updated and handed out each season.

### PRACTICES AND GAMES

We recommend that practices be held once or twice a week – the day and location determined by the coach. An optional third practice session per week is permitted during the two weeks preceding the first scheduled game. A practice or scrimmage is considered a practice session. Soccer is played in most any kind of weather. Normally, games are not cancelled because of rain unless lightning or other dangerous conditions are present. Referees are instructed to halt games under these conditions. Schedules for games will be distributed before the first game. All games will be played on Saturdays with starting times of 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm. Your child's team might play at any or all of these times during the season. Hand-in-Hand time is Noon and 1:00 pm.