

# SPRING 2012 SEASON



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**Regular Registration: October 24, 2011 – January 3, 2012**

**Late Registration: January 4, 2012 – February 10, 2012**

**Wait List Begins February 13, 2012**

**\*Late Fee Applies : January 4, 2012**

**Register online at [www.tcsa.net](http://www.tcsa.net) (About TCSA Tab, Join TCSA)**

**The Spring 2012 season will run from Saturday, April 7th through Saturday, June 9th.**

**No games Memorial Day Weekend – May 26th**

**Coaches will contact players after Thursday, March 22nd.**

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, office help and sponsors. We strongly encourage those willing to help to step up so that this success continues.

## FEES AND REFUNDS

**The fee for the Spring 2012 season is \$80.00 per player. These fees are for players residing in the Park Districts of St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, South Elgin and in Campton Township. Any player residing outside of these boundaries must pay an additional fee of \$50.00 per player per season.**

Refund requests must be in writing prior to the beginning of each season, and will be granted ONLY for injury and/or illness (accompanied by a physician's report) or moving away from the TCSA area. Requests should be e-mailed, mailed or hand delivered to the TCSA office.

## LATE REGISTRATION

A \$15.00 per family late fee will take effect beginning Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. **REGISTRATIONS BY MAIL OR IN PERSON WILL CONCLUDE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.** 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.

## GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT

Players returning for the spring season either as an annual registration or a spring only registration will be placed on the same team as the fall season except under the following conditions, (1) a change (reduction) in player participation which would necessitate combining teams, or (2) coaches not returning for the spring season.

Those players new to our program for the spring will be placed using the following guidelines: (1) placement on existing teams within proximity to their public elementary school where vacancies exist; (2) on a team which has combined elementary school boundaries, again based on proximity; (3) nearest vacancy within the Tri-Cities community.

Players who register after the open registration period (LATE REGISTRATION), whether they participated in the fall season or not, he/she will be placed on teams where needed.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS will not be honored, except under the following conditions:**

1. A parent coaching or sponsoring a team will have his or her child on the team, unless otherwise requested.
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 the Head and Assistant coaches.
4. A request not to be placed with a specific coach or assistant coach. PLEASE WRITE this type of a request on a separate sheet of paper and attach to the registration form.
5. Requests for players/children with special needs. Supporting documentation of the special need is required.

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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 certificate 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. For older children who are serious about playing goalie, padded shirts and pants are commercially available.

**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, especially for practices. Balls should clearly be marked with their name. 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.

## 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 metal 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.

## FIELD

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 in the Coaches Packet.

## PRACTICES AND GAMES

We recommend that practices be held once or twice a week – the day and location determined by the coach. 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. Hand-in-Hand time is 10:00 am each Saturday. Your child's team might play at any or all of these times during the season.