

Old Bridge Soccer Club

League Info – Rec FAQ



Q. Is it too late to register my child for soccer?

A. Spring Registration is open from December 1st through the second week of the season. Fall Registration is open from June 15th through the second week of the season.

Q. When does the season start?

A. Spring Season starts in early April, the Fall Seasons starts the second Saturday in September.

Q. How long does the season last?

A. The Spring Season is 8 games plus the Rec Tournament; the Fall Season is 10 games.

Q. When are the games played?

A. Most games are played on Saturdays, either at Higgins or Ticetown Fields. Makeup games may be played on weeknights.

Q. What time are the games played?

A. Any time from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Team schedules will be posted on our website prior to the start of the season.

Q. When will I hear from my coach?

A. Your coach will receive the team roster approximately two weeks prior to the start of the season. They will then reach out to all the players on their team.

Q. How are teams selected?

A. We draft new teams every season. This gives everyone a chance to meet new players and play for different coaches. This also helps to broaden the players experiences on the soccer field.

Q. Can I request a coach?

A. No, we do not allow for coach requests. We do honor one special request per player (friend or carpool). Our goal is to balance teams as much as possible. We will always keep same -age-group siblings together (unless parents want them separated). We will not honor any "chain" requests (Blake requests Morgan, Morgan request Jesse, Jesse requests Blake).

Q. When are practices?

A. The practice schedule is determined by the team coach. There is usually one practice per week, anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes (MiniMites and PeeWees - not mandatory).

Q. Where are practices?

A. Again, this is determined by the coach. Coaches may practice at any public-school field. You may not practice at Higgins, Ticetown, Lombardi, Geick Park, Veterans Park or Phillips Park.

Q. I do not feel my child is ready to move up, can they play down this season?

A. We're sorry, but your child must play in their age group. We get this question a lot. Your child will adapt quickly. Offer plenty of support and encouragement, and they will do well.

Q. What fees are involved?

A. For Rec Soccer there is a registration fee of \$100 for one child, and \$50 for each additional sibling. For our 3M-Masters program (High School Rec/Travel Soccer) there is a registration fee of \$150. Each family must also include:

- \$100 work bond check (to be returned upon fulfillment of a work bond position)
- \$50 fundraiser fee

Q. What are the fees if I have a carded travel player in your league?

A. Your fee will be \$50 for each player registered in Rec Soccer. Your work bond and fundraiser fees are per family, and are paid through your travel team.

Q. What is a work bond check?

A. At registration, each family is required to send a \$100 check as bond for work. The league is asking for 2 hours of volunteer work. At the completion of work the check is returned to the family. If volunteer work is not completed, the check will be cashed.

- Non-Volunteer Fee: A parent may choose to opt out of volunteering. This means the parent does not want to volunteer and forfeits their bond. If the registration is paid by credit card, the card is automatically charged the extra \$100.

Q. How do I volunteer for my work bond?

A. Approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the season, an email with further details about work bond positions will be sent out. You will be able to volunteer either before, during or after your child's game. You will sign up for a duty on a specific day of your choice (first come, first serve). A reminder email will go out to you a few days prior to the actual workday. If you are interested in being a team parent, let your coach know when he/she makes his initial call.

Q. What is the fundraiser fee?

A. Each season the league collects a fundraiser fee and distributes raffle books to each family. The family may sell the chances or fill in their own name. The league holds a drawing during the final weekend of each season.

Q. How is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place decided if teams finish with the same amount of points?

A. In the event of a tie within the division, the following will be used to determine standings:

- Tiebreakers: wins → head-to-head → goals against → coin flip

Q. What if it is raining, or rained last night?

A. Soccer is played in the rain, so plan on playing, but always check our website before leaving for a game. We will close the fields if they are unsafe for play (field conditions, lightning, etc).

- Don't get left out in the rain! Stay on top of soccer field closures by signing up for text message alerts. You don't have to worry about being near a computer to check your email, or web site.
- There is a "Receive Text Alerts" button when you register. You will need to select "YES" To receive info on field closings, etc.
- NOTE: If you do not receive a confirmation txt, then please send a text message to 84483 with "AllUsersleagues9351" in the subject. Once sent, you should receive a Welcome txt message from RainOut. Now you will receive txt messages when the fields are closed.