

BCYA SPRING 2017 Frequently Asked Questions

1. When do practices and games begin and what days of the week are they held?

- Practices can start as soon as teams are formed which will be by first or second week of March. Practices can be held any day of the week; it is up to the coach of the team with the exception of U6. U6 practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays as these are the days they play games. Games will start around the 1st week in April. U6 will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30PM at Roller Field and U8 and above will play on Saturday mornings/afternoons at Cruiser Park in Groveport (they will provide scheduling).

2. Why is the U6 division playing at Roller Field and all other age groups playing at Groveport?

- U6 has enough participants that the division is self-sustaining. In order for the U8 and above participants to experience playing against a variety of other teams, we have partnered with Groveport and joined their recreational soccer program. Canal Winchester and Liberty Union are also participants.

3. What is the cost?

- The cost for U6 is \$45 for the season and U8+ is \$65 for the season. Uniforms costs are as follows: Jersey \$26, shorts \$16 and socks \$6. Uniforms are the same each year and are reversible so are two separate jerseys, they can be worn for several seasons.

4. How are the teams formed?

- Every effort is made to ensure the teams are balanced as far as talent. We do not employ the "draft" method nor does the BCYA have a mandatory evaluation assessment. The commissioner will try to equally divide the teams by player's age, number of seasons played, skill assessments verbalized by coaches and then by special requests. All guidelines provided by Groveport Recreational Soccer Program will be followed for those teams participating.

5. Are special requests honored?

- Yes and No. When possible, special requests will be honored. Siblings will be placed on the same team if requested. Parents can request their child to remain with their coach from the previous season; however the request won't be honored if it "stacks" one coaches' team. Fair play and team equality are top priorities in the BCYA.

6. Can my child play outside their age group?

- Yes, a child can play up 1 level from their current age group, (i.e. a 7 year old can play in U10 but not U12). However, under no circumstances can children play down a level. The parents are the only ones that can make the request, coaches

cannot. The commissioner will review all requests to have a child play out of their age group.

7. When are pictures?

- Pictures times will be communicated once all of the teams and players have been finalized and when the uniform orders are placed, verifying delivery date.

8. If we ordered uniforms, when will we receive them?

- Uniforms will be ordered once all players have been finalized, around the first week of March. All uniforms will be distributed before the first game of the season. All uniform orders are final and cannot be returned or exchanged. Therefore, please make sure you order the correct size.

9. How do I size my child for uniform?

- The manufacturer of our uniforms provides sizes from YXS to AXXL. Available sizes and the breakdowns are provided under the registration area for the proper selection.

10. How do we know about game/practice cancellations due to weather?

- In the event thunder is heard or lightning observed, all games or practices should be suspended immediately and all participants should leave the field and go to their cars. 30 minutes must lapse with no observed thunder or lightning before returning to the fields. All coaches will be responsible for communicating with the parents in regards to cancellations due to weather. The BCYA soccer commissioner may cancel all practices even in clear weather if practicing will tear up the fields due to flooding. With that being said though, coaches will make the determination whether to cancel their practices. The BCYA soccer commissioner will make the determination if U6 games should be canceled and will contact all of the U6 coaches. Groveport makes the determination about U8+ game cancellations and will communicate with the BCYA soccer commissioner which will relay that information to all of the coaches. Any make up games will be communicated to the coaches.

11. With the new law in Ohio in regards to concussions, how does that affect my child?

- Safety is our number one concern for the kids. Ohio passed State Law HB143 that mandated all coaches and referees complete a course on concussions. The law strictly prohibits players from participating in sporting events if a coach, parent or referee feels the child may have suffered a concussion or is showing symptoms of a concussion until properly cleared by a licensed medical professional. All coaches must pass the required course at least once every three years. Please see the "Concussion Information" section on the BCYA soccer website for more details and course information.

12. Do I have to use Sports Manager to register and pay for my child to play soccer in the spring?

- Yes. Sports Manager is the board approved method to register all BCYA soccer participants. If you absolutely cannot use Sports Manager, please contact the soccer commissioner.

13. Are coaches compensated?

- No. The coaches sacrifice a lot of time and effort to ensure the kids have a great season. Many of them use their own money on training equipment, parties or anything else that is spent on the team. The BCYA has a lot of talented coaches and they all do it because they enjoy it.

14. Are coaches required to pass background checks?

- Yes. All coaches and assistant coaches must pass background checks and then get approved by the BCYA board before they are allowed to coach in the league.

15. Will my child receive an award at the end of the season?

- Depends on their age group. Only the players in the U6 and U8 divisions will all receive medals at the end of the season. Participants in the U10 and U12 divisions will play in a tournament at the end of the season at Groveport, in which the winner receives medals. This policy is consistent across the other sports within the BCYA.