



Fall Soccer 2017

Register @ www.raprd.org

Registration Closes: Monday, July 17th

In an effort to address questions that we have had from previous seasons, and feedback from our surveys, we have put together a Question and Answer form that we hope will help in educating our parents, and answer any questions regarding RAPRD Soccer. Please take a moment to review our form, and as always, if you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Sports Department.

When does Soccer Start?

Practices will start the week of September 4th, (you should receive a call from your child's coach the week of August 28th). Games will be played on Saturday's, starting September 9th and run through October 28th (8 weeks). Each team is guaranteed one week of practice, however there is a possibility for an optional second week of practice. This optional second week solely depends on the Volunteer Coaches schedule

How are teams formed?

RAPRD makes every effort to create evenly balanced rosters by looking at age, years played, and the previous season's skill's assessment's. We also try to keep players from the same school together, or have at least 2 – 3 players on a team from the same school.

Can I request a coach or to be placed on the same team as a friend?

Yes, but there is **NO** guarantee that your request will be honored. We have roster size limitations AND we want to make our teams as evenly balanced as possible, for those reasons it is not always possible to honor every request. (We will, however, always honor a request not to be placed on a team with a particular coach).

When and where will my child practice?

Depending on the age and the VOLUNTEER Coaches schedule, teams practice 1 – 2 times per week. The coaches will sign up for practice times and field during our coaches meeting, usually one week prior to the start of season. The time slots are between 5 pm and 7 pm Monday – Friday.

Can I request to be placed on a team that practices certain days/times?

It is very difficult to honor practice days/times request as teams are formed prior to when the Volunteer Coaches request their days/times for practicing. Therefore, when signing up for RAPRD Soccer, you are committing to being open to practice 1 – 2 times a week according to what the Volunteer Coach can do. There will be NO refunds for practice times that don't work. Please know this ahead of time.

When and where will my child play games?

Games will be played on Saturdays, beginning September 9th and running through October 28th, 2017. All Pre-K thru 6th grade games will be played at the High Desert Sports Complex.

Are uniforms provided?

Yes, each child will receive a jersey they need to wear for the games on Saturday. Jersey's are usually handed out at the last practice before the first game of the season. If your child is taken off the wait list to play, they will be given a general size jersey. We also do not special order for extra or lost jerseys due to set up screening fees.

What special equipment does my child need?

Shin guards are REQUIRED for all practices and games. Cleats are optional for Pre-K, Kinder and 1st/2nd grade, BUT recommended. Cleats ARE required for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade. Cleats must meet the league standards (no toe cleat). **No earrings and/or other jewelry are allowed. Your child will not be able to participate in games wearing earrings, watches, bracelets, metal hair barrettes, etc.**

Will my child need a soccer ball? What size?

Your child should bring a ball to practice. Coaches have found that it makes for a more enjoyable practice for the kids if they all have a ball and aren't waiting in lines for drills.

Pre-K & Kinder use a size 3

1st through 6th grade use a size 4

Is there ever a game called due to inclement weather?

This is soccer, and soccer is an outdoor sport. If there is standing water making the field unplayable, or there is lightning striking in the area, we will make that call. Otherwise, we PLAY BALL!!!! If you question games that day-please go to www.raprd.org, click on the recreation tab, drop down to youth leagues and it will take you to our team sideline webpage. We post a banner on this page letting all parents know if games are cancelled. You should also hear from your coach if the game is cancelled as well. If inclement weather happens during your practice times, decision to cancel practice will be made by the coach.

Why do we register so far in advance?

To give the Sports Staff time to divide teams, organize practice schedules, schedule games, order uniforms, recruit/hire/train new coaches and recruit/hire/train officials.

How many soccer divisions/leagues does RAPRD Have?

RAPRD has a Pre-K league with 10 – 16 teams; a Kinder league with 10 – 16 teams, 1st/2nd grade boys league with 8 – 12 teams, 1st/2nd grade girls league with 8 – 12 teams, 3rd/4th grade boys league with 4 – 8 teams, 3rd/4th grade girls league with 4 – 8 teams, 5th/6th grade boys league with 4 – 8 teams and 5th/6th grade girls league with 4 – 8 teams.

Why does it take so long after registration closes to hear from our coach and post the game schedule?

The day after registration closes, the Sports Staff begins placing up to 800 players onto teams, this process usually will take 2 weeks or more. While creating teams, RAPRD is also looking for volunteer coaches if we do not have enough coaches who offer to volunteer their time. After

teams are formed, the Sports staff then begins the process of double checking registrations and coaches request. After all teams have been double checked for accuracy and we have enough coaches for each team, we are then able to create our game schedule for up to 60 teams. Many of our coaches coach multiple teams, so after the game schedule is complete, we will need to go through and adjust any conflicts with coaches scheduled to coach different teams at the same time. This process takes at least 1 to 2 weeks. We make every effort to have the game schedule posted and up by our coaches meeting, two weeks prior to the start of season.

Where can I find the practice and game schedules once they have been posted?

We encourage our parents to become familiar with our website. Both practice and game schedules can be found at www.teamsideline.com/redmond, 1-2 weeks prior to the start of the season.

Why is the registration fee for Fall Soccer more than Spring Soccer?

Fall Soccer is an 8 week season, where Spring Soccer is only 6 weeks.

Why is the Spring Soccer season shorter than the Fall Soccer season?

Spring Soccer is 2 weeks shorter due to RAPRD supporting field usage for other organizations and sporting events.

Why did the registration fee for some of our leagues increase for soccer in 2016?

After reviewing our older programs, we felt the need to add another referee on or older fields (bringing it to 2). With the additional referee, we needed to slightly increase the price to offset the cost of the added referee.

What is included in the registration fee?

The registration fee is used for uniforms, team organization, field maintenance, insurance, facility supervisors, and referees.

I am out of district, why is my registration fee more?

Redmond Area Park and Recreation District residents have an added fee on their property taxes which go towards support of the Park and Rec. programs. Residents that live outside the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District do not have this added fee on their taxes, therefore they have an added out of district fee on their registration.

Can I drop off and leave my child at practice with his or her coach?

We asked that parents stay at the practice field during your child's entire practice. Your child's coach is volunteering their time to coach. We have had several instances where the child's parent did not return on time to pick their child up. It is also important to stay at the field in case of any emergency that may happen with your child.

Can my child play in a higher or lower age division based on his or her skill?

We break our age groups by year in school and do not let players play down a division, however, we may let players play up if approved by the Youth Sports Director.

Why do the facility supervisors use blow-horns at High Desert Sports Complex?

In the past, we have let coaches track their own times at High Desert Sports Complex. This became extremely difficult as coaches were trying to coach, ref and keep time. Often times games were starting late or going long which resulted in teams later in the day either losing their warm-up time or starting their games late which ended up setting the whole day back. In an effort to keep fields on time, we started using the blow horn to initiate the start of each game, and indicate the end of each game.

Why are parents not allowed to sit behind team benches at the 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade level/?

We ask that team benches at the 3rd/4th and 5th//6th grade level be on the opposite side of the field as the parents/spectators. This protects our coaches and allows them to focus on their team without parent interference.

Can I find the rules for RAPRD Soccer anywhere on the website?

Yes, all rules can be found on teamsideline.org/Redmond, click on Youth Sports, scroll down to Soccer and click on the Soccer Coaches information tab.

Can I move my child to a different team after they have been formed?

No, due to the fact that we have already balanced teams, and jerseys have been ordered we are unable to move players to different teams.

I have heard of the Shoe Exchange, how does that work?

We do a shoe exchange prior to the start of each soccer season. Just come into the RAPRD Activity Center, bring in your old, usable cleats and exchange them for a new (used) pair that fit.