

Micro Family Youth Soccer League

Welcome to the Micro Family Youth Soccer League (MFYSL.) We are a Christian-based soccer league for homeschooled students. Our mission is to provide a recreational form of soccer for students ages four to 16. We stress safety, developing soccer skills, and good sportsmanship during our practices and games. We are strictly a volunteer league. All dues pay for insurance, equipment and supplies. We have a core group of board members that handle most of the administrative responsibilities but we count on parental participation from every family. We are affiliated with and insured by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.

We are limited by the amount of space available for fields, therefore we operate on a first come first serve basis. **Limit of 24 students per field.**

Registration...

Registration materials are available on our website. Paper forms are mailed out as an exception. No registration will be considered complete until payment is received.

Dues...

We operate on a two-season year. The dues you pay in the fall cover both fall and the following spring season. The dues are the same whether you play one or both seasons. *NOTE: You must fill out the registration forms in the spring, even though you may have paid in the fall!*

Fall Dues: \$27 for the first child, \$24 for the second child, \$22 for the third child and \$17 for every child after the third. **Deadline:** Registrations must arrive by Friday, April 3, 2009. **No registrations accepted after April 3 (Matt 5:37.) Refunds:** Full refund if requested before April 3. After April 3, \$14.00 per child fee. **Age Limitations:** For insurance reasons, students past the age range for U16 are no longer eligible, but are welcome to coach. (See the registration form for age ranges.)

Tee-shirts: \$8 each, **Sweatshirts:** are \$16.00 each. *Each child must have one or the other.* They are reusable each season since the color remains the same. Consider ordering a size larger! Let me know if you have hand-me-downs you wish to donate to another family (include the size.)

Time & Place...

Our games are played on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 9:30 am. All games and practices last approximately one hour except for the first two practices, which usually last one and a half to two hours. The spring season begins Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. and ends Saturday, June 6. We have two practices and eleven games scheduled. A full schedule and team assignments will be posted every time we meet. We will be playing this spring at **[Christ The King Church in Oxford](#)**. A map to Christ the King is available on their website at <http://www.ctkc-oxford.org/location>

☞ ***You will not be contacted by the league or your child's coach prior to the first practice.***

What to bring...

Bring shin-guards to every practice and game!

The students **will not be allowed to play** without shin-guards.

Bring water bottles, with their names on them, to every game.

Take off the jewelry before playing (earrings, necklaces, watches, bracelets, etc)

Regular running **shoes** are fine, soccer shoes are acceptable but not required. No cleats.

Each child needs a **soccer ball** with the child's name on it. Sizes are as follows:

U-4 and U-6: size #3

U-8, U-10 and U-12: size #4

U-14 and U-16: size #5

Organization...

All families are required to volunteer, except mothers with children U4 or below - whether the tykes play soccer or not (but maybe dad could sign up?) If you have a special circumstance, please talk to us; we can usually work things out.

We make every attempt to assign coaches to their choice of teams. Rules are provided for new coaches and we try to place them opposite experienced coaches. Our Head Coach is also available to answer questions. Co-coaching with another parent works well if you cannot make both Tuesdays & Saturdays, but please coach both days if you can. We are usually short of Tuesday coaches, so we need moms to coach as well as dads! Teams with no assigned coaches will not play.

We start each game with announcements and prayer. Please arrive promptly and gather quickly at the signal so we can begin on time. We will, for our part, try to cover what needs to be covered quickly. Please do not consider this part optional.

Parents are expected to remain on the church property with their students. Occasionally, when a parent must leave, we need two things: 1) Please designate an adult to supervise your students and let your students know who that is. 2) We **MUST** have a valid medical release. Forms are available at the front and are good for 2 seasons. Frequent absence is considered an abuse, including if your student can drive themselves to games. Students will be removed from play if parents are absent without a signed medical release form.

Schedule irregularities for Spring 2009 ...

No soccer Saturday, May 23 – the Saturday before Memorial day

Things to talk about ...

- The board agreed to scale the dues back to the very minimum due to current conditions. (We had been collecting a little extra to replace nets.)
- Please let me know if you have soccer balls or T-shirts you want to hand down (with sizes)
- I suggest parents who are interested in carpooling gather at the first meeting to find others from your area. (Parents still need to come! ☺ Students need supervision and sometimes we all need to cover a coach or other volunteer's absence.)

Please keep this letter handy to avoid last minute phone calls.

MFYSL Board of Directors

Craig's Phone Number: 248-322-2660 Please call 6 – 8:30 PM M-F, or 8-8:30 Saturday. No calls on The Lord's day, please. ☺
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