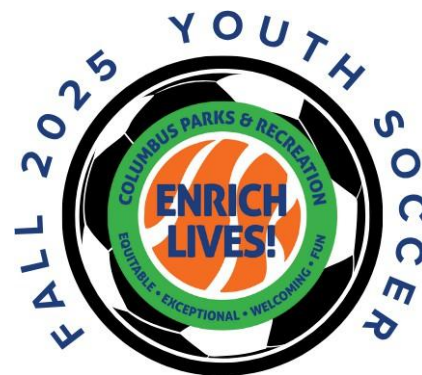


Columbus Parks and Recreation

SOCCER SCRIBBLES



Frequently Asked Questions

What Division will my child be in?

The aging date that we will use is 7/31/2025. **Your child's age on that day will determine their division.**

Example: If your child's birthday is 8/15/2015 they will play in the U10 (under 10) age group. Although they are 10 when the league starts, they were not 10 on the cut-off date. All children must be 4 by 7/31/2025.

When are the games played and how long is the season?

Games are played on Saturday mornings at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 at Blackwell Park, behind Parkside School. There are six games beginning on August 9 and ending on September 13.

When will I hear from my child's coach?

The coaches will receive their rosters prior to July 18. You should receive a call or email from your child's coach by July 18. If you do not hear from them by this time, call Columbus Parks and Recreation at 812-376-2680.

What about practice?

Teams will be scheduled for 1-2 practices weekly. The coach will determine the day/time and contact you with the information.

What happens if games are cancelled?

If the weather is questionable, check the Remind app and the Columbus Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Make up games will be played the next day (Sunday) starting at 1pm. Make sure to check the Remind app for game times.

Please sign up for Remind updates by using code 87f9hb6

My child has a schedule conflict; can they change

teams? Due to the size of our soccer program, we cannot accommodate team change requests. We instead require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because they are unable to attend practice.

Dates to Remember

June 6	\$10 Discount Ends
June 13	Registration Ends (Refund Deadline)
July 14	Coaches Meeting
July 18	You should hear from coach
August 5	Referee orientation (subject to change)
August 9	Games Begin /Team Photos
September 13	Season Games End

Does Parks provide uniforms?

Parks and Recreation will give each player a uniform. All players must provide their own shin guards and long socks (required). Cleats are optional and are the player's responsibility.

Is there anything my child cannot wear?

Yes! For the safety of all players, players cannot have beads or hard objects in their hair and jewelry (including earrings) is not permitted. New piercings cannot be covered with tape.

Referee Orientation

If you are 14 years of age or older and would like to referee Parks & Recreation soccer you must attend an orientation. The upcoming orientation date is August 5 from 5-7pm (subject to change). Email clollar@columbus.in.gov by August 1, 5pm if you are interested.

Volunteer Coaching

Each soccer season over 1,100 Columbus youth participate in the Parks and Recreation soccer program. That is over 100 individual teams that need coaches. **Although our program has grown, the number of volunteers has not always kept up, so we ask you to please consider coaching a team (training available)!**

If you express interest in coaching when registering your child, a division manager may contact you via the email or phone number you have on file with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Background Check & Code of Conduct

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Recreation Department will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require background checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website: www.columbusparksandrec.com.

Columbus Youth Soccer Association

Don't hesitate to call your division manager if a problem arises or if you have any soccer or program related questions.

Parks and Rec Sports Coordinator

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Parks and Rec Sports Programs Manager

Seth Rice | 812-376-2658 | srice@columbus.in.gov

Division	Division Manager	Phone
U4 Co-Ed	Bill Starkman	812-343-3597
U5 Co-Ed	Bryce Mitchell	812-344-3133
U6 Co-Ed	Dave VanValkenburg	812-343-2642
U8 Boys	Steve Krebs	812-447-1086
U8 Girls	Tim Larken	812-371-7796
U10 Boys	Evan Adams	812-603-2691
U10 Girls	Aaron Bunch	812-447-8980
U14 Boys	Joe Sawin	812-374-2148
U14 Girls	Matthew Neiswinger	812-430-9814
U18 (HS) Co-Ed	Bill Starkman	812-343-3597

Referee Director

Rob Heathcote

812-344-8437