

When will I hear from a coach?

Usually within 1 to 2 weeks before the start of the season; the Spring season usually starts early April and the Fall season early September after labor day.

I made a request for Coach Joe and for my son to be on a team with his friend, why did you not honor that request?

We do our best, but a request is not a guarantee. Teams need to have a minimum number of players, so if 17 players request Coach Joe, some kids will play on another team. And by demanding to be moved to a certain team after rosters are out, you may leave a team with too few players and that is not fair to them. Plus, you are creating additional work for our Division Managers, who are volunteers.

The practice areas I selected during registration are not what I was given for a practice location, why not?

See answer to previous question. In addition, your age group may not have a coach that practices in the areas you selected. The best way to get the days and location you want for practice is to volunteer to coach (we provide training).

I filled out a registration form when I went to a RecPlus tryout, is that all I have to do?

No, you must register with St. Mary's Youth Soccer online or by attending a walk-in registration and pay the registration fee.

Where do you practice and play games?

Practice areas are located in multiple locations throughout the southern part of St. Mary's County from Hollywood/Leonardtown to Park Hall/Ridge. When and where you practice is up to your volunteer coach.

Games are played at the Hollywood Soccer Complex and Chancellors Run Regional Park, Typically, U6 through U9 play in Hollywood and U10 through U18 play at Chancellors Run. Most games are played on Saturdays, however, Friday and Sunday games are possible. RecPlus will play home games at the Hollywood Soccer Complex and Chancellors Run Regional Park, and away games in Calvert and Charles County Fields.

The U5 Kiddie Kick Division typically meets only once a week at Chancellors Run. More information about Kiddie Kick can be found at <http://www.playsmys.com/rec/204083.html>

I got picked up by a St. Mary's United team or made my High School team, can I be refunded my registration fee for the recreational league?

Yes, we will refund your money, provided the recreational season has not already started. The only money we cannot refund is the credit card processing fee.

What soccer supplies do I need for my child to play?

Players must have athletic shorts, shin guards covered by socks, soccer cleats or sneakers, and an appropriated size ball, we supply the game jersey.

What is an appropriate size ball?

U5 to U8 Rec, Size 3
U8 RecPlus and U9 to U12, Size 4
U14, U15, and U18, Size 5

My child is wearing a cast, can they still play?

Yes, but the cast must be wrapped in something soft, typically bubble wrap, and have a doctor's note stating they are allowed to play. Regardless, the referee has the final say.

Where does the money from my registration fee go?

Your registration fee pays for your team jersey, coaches shirts, goalie vests, referee pay, training costs, paint to line fields, game balls, corner flags, goal nets, new goals when needed, field maintenance.

How old do you have to be to become a referee?

Twelve-check out the Maryland Soccer Referee site: <http://marylandreferees.com/msr2/>. New referee classes are periodically offered at Chancellor's Run Regional Park.

How do you determine your age groups?

We are based on USYSA year which runs from August 1st to July 31st.

We don't live in St. Mary's County, can we still sign up for your program?

Yes, we have people from Calvert that participate in our program.

My child is very talented and I want to provide a higher level of competition, what can I do?

SMYS offers Recreation Plus and Travel/Select Programs. For more information about these programs, see the links on our website main page.

My child has never played soccer before, should I be concerned?

Our recreational program welcomes everyone; we always have new players at all levels.