

Evansville Soccer Club Policy and Procedures

Recreational Players

A recreational player is one who is assigned to a team, and the team plays in a recreational league. The Evansville Soccer Club runs only a recreational league.

Team Size

U-6: Maximum number on a team is recommended to be 6 players with 3 players on the field during play.

U-8: Maximum number on a team is recommended to be 10 players with 5 or 6 players on the field (including a goalie). The minimum number to play a scheduled game is 5.

U-10: Maximum number of a team is recommended to be 12 players with 7 players on the field (including the goalie). The minimum number to play a scheduled game is 6.

Team Selection Process

Teams will be selected for the next playing season after spring registration. Team rosters will be filled completely for each interested coach. Late registrants will be put on a waiting list until another complete roster can be obtained. The number of members on a team varies according to the age level of play. Players are allowed to register for half of the season but will be charged the full fee and put on a waiting list to be assigned to a team. If no openings occur, the money will be refunded. Also, the movement “up” an age division between seasons can occur at the parents’ request and subject to council approval. The selection procedures outlined below are followed in order to maintain the recreational philosophy of the Evansville Soccer club in an attempt to equalize the abilities of each team.

Rules of the Game

All games shall be played according to the MAYSA Rules of the Game with the following exceptions:

1. Goal Keepers will be used at the U-8 level
2. Team sizes will be as noted above

U-6, U-8 and U-10: The teams will be formed by random selection. Each coach will retain only their “significant” child. Equity of the teams will be controlled in three ways:

1. Rating: Each coach will give all of their players a rating of 1, 2, or 3 as compared to ALL of the players in the league (including their “significant” child).

Rating guidelines are attached to this document.

2. Sex: Each team should have at least two girls.
3. Age: First year players and second year players for each age level. The players will be separated into 12 piles for each age level of play. For example: for U-10 league, the piles will be: Boy 8, 2; Boy, 8, 3. Boy 9, 1; Boy 9, 2, and Boy, 9, 3. Girl, 8, 1; Girl, 8, 2; Girl, 9, 1; Girl, 9, 2; and Girl, 9, 3. The code for each player will be written on the back of the registration form. Names will be selected anonymously.

U-11 through U-19

All teams U-11 through U-19 will travel to play area teams but will still be considered part of the Evansville Soccer Club. Recreational teams, when appropriate will be selected through the same random selection process outlined above. Exceptions will occur for:

1. Forming an all-girls team.
2. Forming a select team. The select team will play in the Classic Division of MAYSA. Each interested player will need to participate in a skill evaluation process during the first week of June. Players must qualify in order to be invited to play on a select team.

Maximum number of players on a team will be 18.

As stated in our by-laws, the teams will be formed by a committee (of at least two people). One of these people will be the Age Level Commissioner. The commissioners will establish a minimum and maximum number of players on each team depending on the number of coaches available and the number of registered players.

No child will be put on a team without a registration form and payment.

Player Rating Guidelines

1. View your player as s/he compares to *all of the players in that age level league—not just on your team*. When you consider your roster of players, you know who your strong players are, who your weak players are, and who your average players are. Rate them accordingly.
2. Rate your players at the end of the spring season as they are playing at that time—NOT how they have improved.
3. Skill levels:
 - #3 Strong, fast, agile, knows the rules, good sense of game strategy, excellent ball control.
 - #2 Average skills, enjoys the game, tries hard
 - #1 Weaker player, inexperienced, not sure of the rules, slow runner, weak ball control skills.
 - #0 New player to the league, no opportunity to know the ability level.
4. Hand in rating to the Age Level Commission within three days of your last game.

Coaches Responsibilities and Behavior Guidelines

Coaching is a privilege granted by the clubs and parents and with this privilege come responsibilities. Coaches should keep in mind their position as role models for their players. The coaches set the tone of sportsmanship for the players and fans. Coaches should remember that soccer is more than “winning at all costs.” Remember that the game is for the players. The objective of sports for youth should be:

1. Enjoyment
2. Skill development
3. Participation in a team sport
4. The development of good sportsmanship

The coach, the primary influence on the players, determines if these objectives of the youth soccer players are met.

Coaches should be present for pre-game warm-up.

Coaches should participate in the post game handshake. Coaches who fail to shake hands and exhibit good sportsmanship in defeat as well as victory should be reported to the president and the age-level commissioner.

Coaches should attend coaching clinics, and must become licensed in accordance with WYSA policy.

It is beneficial for coaches to attend referee clinics and to referee at some level for the experience.

Coaches will assist in controlling the behavior of the fans.

No spectator, coach or player may be behind the goal. Coaches' assistants (maximum of 3) and non-participating players are to remain in the coaching area, which extend 20 yards on either side of the mid-field line on the same side of the field.

Referees

Referees will be two years older than the age level that they ref.

Referees will have completed and passed the USSF Referee Training Course.

Referees are responsible for having the game report card signed by each coach and turning in a copy to the treasurer for payment. Each referee should provide his/her own whistle and stop watch.

Field Size

U-6: Field should not exceed 20 yards long and 12 yards wide.

U-8: Field size should not exceed 60 yards long and 50 yards wide.

U-10: Field size should not exceed 80 yards long and 50 yards wide.

League Schedule Commissioner Duties

In addition to the duties of the age-level commissioners that are outlined in the Evansville Soccer Club By-Laws, it is the recommendation of the Soccer Club Council that each commissioner create the schedule for their respective league. Games should be scheduled within the six weeks before Memorial Day and six weeks after Labor Day if possible.

Miscellaneous Guidelines

- The home team is responsible for setting up the fields, placing corner flags, and putting up the nets, and placing cones at the sidelines center field.
- The home team also must provide a ball which is acceptable for play.
- Well in advance of a match, it is advisable for the coaches to contact each other to be sure time and directions are clear.
- Home teams are responsible to make sure that similarities in uniform identifications do not result in difficulty for officials carrying out their assignments.
- It is advised that home team coaches anticipate such problems by coordinating with visiting coaches prior to the day of the match. Teams should carry an alternate color with them.

- The Evansville Soccer Club will reimburse officers for expenses incurred for travel to attend state and regional meeting.

Fee Schedule

U-6 The fees for U-6 players include a shirt and a #3 size ball.

U-8 – U-10: The fees for include a team shirt.

MAYSA: The team fees do not include a team uniform.

Scholarships

In an effort to make it possible for all youth to play soccer, the Evansville Soccer Club will offer ONE HALF of the registration fee as a scholarship upon family request of the Club President. To ensure commitment to the team, the player's family is expected to pay the other half of the fee. The Club President will approve scholarship requests.

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