

## Edgewood Soccer FAQ

### 1. When are signups?

Registrations begin on July 6 each year and end the third week of August. Typically, no late registrations are allowed because a lot of people sign up and each age group fills up. We try not to turn people away, but we do stick to hard deadlines for this reason.

### 2. When does the season begin? When are practices?

Practices and games begin the first week of September. Practices may begin the week prior due to the Labor Day holiday and/or the coaches' schedules. The first game is usually the first weekend of September, unless the first is a Saturday. The season runs until the very end of October.

Each team will have a one-hour practice one weekday evening each week. All games are held Saturdays, according to age group. See below for a typical game schedule (this may be subject to change).

Ages 4-5: Games at 9-10am

Ages 6-7: Games at 10:15-11:15am

Ages 8-9: Games at 11:30-12:30pm

Ages 10+: Games at 1-2pm

### 3. What will my child need to bring with them?

Your child's coach will contact you with information prior to the start of practices. Edgewood provides numbered shirts for game days and matching soccer socks. Most on-field equipment is also provided. You may want to provide your own soccer cleats and practice ball. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE ANYTHING NEW TO PLAY.** You can talk with your coach to find other parents to swap cleats or practice balls with. The most important thing to bring is a good attitude and a readiness to play!

### 4. Can my child play on a team with their friend?

There is a spot on the registration form for special requests for teams. Please keep in mind that we do try to honor everyone's request, but it is not always possible. Especially at the end of the registration period, when teams are filling up, special requests are difficult to fill. You can certainly request a team, and we will try to make that happen – but it is not always possible.

### 5. What is the end of season party like?

The end of season party is up to the parents and coaches of each team to decide. Edgewood Soccer does not hold a league-wide banquet because there are so many players, family and friends. So each team can decide what kind, if any, end of season party they would like to have.

### 6. Do you need volunteers?

Edgewood Soccer **ALWAYS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!** Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Field Crew are ALL necessary members of the team, and we struggle each year to fill all the spots we need. Even if

you have never played before, please consider volunteering in some capacity as many hands make light work! Your help as a parent volunteer is vital to the strength of Edgewood Soccer.

### **7. Who can be a Soccer Coach?**

Coaches should be proud representatives of the Borough of Edgewood, and be aware of their status as mentors to their teams. Coaches should act with respect and dignity while on the field. Coaches are leaders in the community, and help young people to grow and push themselves to do better. It's far more important for our Coaches to be leaders than it is for them to be great at soccer!

As for soccer knowledge - we are very lucky to have approved use of Pittsburgh Dynamo's Coach Training materials. We have a wealth of printed materials, lesson plans and concepts for each age group. You can easily be a person with very little soccer knowledge and still be of great assistance on the field.

Soccer Coaches will need a recent state police background and Childline clearance (both are free of charge), to sign a Code of Conduct form, and attend the Coach's meeting in late August in order to finalize their preferred practice time and date. Coaches get first pick of their child's practice day and time.

### **8. How much is registration?**

Edgewood Soccer Registration is \$65 plus the nominal online processing fee.

### **9. Is there travel involved for games?**

Edgewood Soccer is primarily an in-house league, which means our teams only play each other. However, for the 10+ age group, there have been some games coordinated with Pittsburgh Dynamo, which have gone very well, so it is likely that these matches may continue for the older kids.