



F.A.Y.S.A.

Fort Atkinson Youth Soccer Association



Policies, Rules of Conduct & General League Information

Dear Parents and Players: Another *Soccer Season* is about to begin. I want to provide you with some information to help all of us get through the season with fewer problems and *more fun!*

POLICIES:

The F.A.Y.S.A. board determines any and all policies regarding its programs and their operation. The board is comprised of adult volunteers interested in providing soccer to the children of Fort Atkinson. Policies are discussed at monthly board meetings and are open to the public. Meeting dates and times can be obtained by contacting any board member or Jerome A. Bump (phone: 563-2423).

RULES OF CONDUCT:

The goal of F.A.Y.S.A. is to provide the children of Fort Atkinson with an opportunity to play soccer in an enjoyable, safe, and constructive manner. Our programs place emphasis on skill building, rules of the game, sportsmanship, and having fun! In order to do this, we expect all coaches, players, and parents to **always** set a good example by *showing good sportsmanship* at practices and games. Players, coaches, assistants, or bench personnel engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct (such as swearing, harassing referees, intentionally committing serious fouls, etc...) will be cautioned and/or ejected from games. ***So in general, play according to the rules and behave properly!***

All **Recreational** games are played by WIAA High School soccer rules. All **Traveling** games are played by FIFA International soccer rules. Rules may be modified for youth soccer. All coaches have copies of these rules and should use them as a reference to instruct the players.

GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION:

We have several types of soccer programs:

- 1: **SPRING & FALL U10 Coed Recreational Soccer**
The "Coed Recreational Soccer Program" is for U10 (3rd & 4th graders) children. Teams normally have 1 or 2 practices during the week. All players participate in at least 50% of the game.
- 2: **SPRING & FALL Coed Recreational Soccer K, 1 & 2nd Grade**
This soccer program is for children in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. It is a program where on-field instruction is provided during the games by instructor/referees. Teams may have one practice during the week, but players are not required to attend. All players participate in at least 50% of the game.
- 3: **SPRING & FALL Coed Competitive Traveling Soccer**
The "Coed Competitive Traveling Soccer Program" is for children in 5th through 8th grade. The competitive traveling program is an intra-community league. Each game consist of two(2), 30 or 35 minute halves. Substitutions can be made according to modified FIFA rules. Teams normally have two practices during the week. Coaches **are not required** to have players in the game for a minimum of 50%.
- 4: **WINTER Indoor Soccer**
The "Indoor Soccer Program" is for children in 3rd through 8th grade. It is an instructional program with skill building drills and team scrimmages. All players participate in at least 50% of the game. *Offered when field location are available.*

EQUIPMENT:

Shirts: Each player will receive a team shirt (*shirts are not provided in the Winter Indoor Soccer Program*) which needs to be worn during the game. Warm clothes can be worn under the shirt if needed. Goalies are required to wear shirts that **do not match** either team on the field.

Shoes: Players **SHOULD** wear "outdoor soccer" shoes. Tennis shoes are acceptable, but are very slippery on grass and can lead to injuries. Turf shoes and sports shoes are acceptable with plastic cleats, but there cannot be a center toe cleat.



Shinguards: Everyone **MUST** wear shin guards. It will help us to prevent injuries! Be certain that the guards are large enough to cover the entire shin area. (NEW Equipment can be purchased at Moore Sports, Sassy Shirts in Whitewater, Shopko, K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Rogan' s in Janesville, or other sports stores. Used equipment is available at Play It Again Sports in Watertown & Janesville.)

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

When will the shirts be delivered?

Shirts will be delivered to the coaches for distribution as soon as possible. Probably only a few days prior to the first game. Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade players may receive their shirts on the first game day of the program. *Winter Indoor players do not receive shirts.*

What if my shirt is too small?

If it is the size you ordered, it **will not** be replaced free-of-charge. Another shirt can be ordered if you are willing to pay for another shirt. Occasionally, if a shirt manufacturer cannot provide a specific shirt size, they substitute the next larger size. Unfortunately, we have no control over these situations.

What if the weather is bad?

Plan to play unless: 1-It is Snowing, 2-There is lightning, or 3-The referees consider the field conditions dangerous because of excessive rain. All cancellations will be broadcast over WFAW AM 940 as soon as possible. Coaches should also notify each of their own players.

This should be an excellent year for soccer in Fort! Let's do our best to make it happen! If you have any questions or comments, please contact myself, any board member, coach or referee. We want your soccer experience to as positive as possible! I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the games!

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