



CHIPPEWA VALLEY SOCCER LEAGUE
AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO) – REGION 803
PARENT INFORMATION – Fall 2021 thru Spring 2022

<http://ayso803.org>

WELCOME TO AYSO Region 803, a youth soccer league for girls and boys, ages 2 through 18. We are a non-profit group affiliated with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and governed by a local Board of Directors. WE ARE AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

YOUR FEES INCLUDE A JERSEY AND SOCKS. Your \$92.50 registration fee is for up to 16 games during the **Fall 2021 thru Spring 2022 Season**. Fees also pay for equipment (goals, nets, balls, first aid kits, etc.), covers a \$30.00 maintenance fee for Soccer Park use, a non-refundable \$20.00 AYSO National fee, a \$25.00 fee for volunteer background checks, a \$20 fee for soccer jersey and socks for participants, referee fees, field maintenance fees and other expenses, as well.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION DATES. Registration for the 2021 – 2022 Season is online at www.ayso803.org. Select “Register Here” at the top right of the home page. Registration after July 15th is late and \$5.00 extra.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT. In addition to the league jersey and socks, players are required to wear shin guards at all practices and games. Shin guards must be fully covered by socks. Regulation soccer cleats (NO TOE CLEATS ALLOWED), gym shoes, or sneakers are required for footwear. Soccer cleats are helpful, but not required. Metal or football cleats are not allowed. Players may also wear shorts, although long pants are encouraged in cold weather. The uniform shirt must be worn over any sweatshirt or coat. Players may not wear jewelry (e.g. bracelets, watches, earrings, barrettes or beads braided in hair), or any object that could cause injury to themselves or another player. (Casts or splints are not allowed – even if covered). It is recommended that players bring a water bottle and are required to bring a soccer ball to practices and games. Please mark water bottles and soccer balls with their name.

EVERYONE PLAYS. Children play in our league at least half of each game, regardless of skill level. We try to form teams with at least 2-3 children from a neighborhood or school for 6 year olds and younger. For 7 year olds and older levels, a random citywide lottery is used to form teams. Please keep in mind that we are dealing with over a thousand children and have to enter in many factors such as age, gender, and skill level. This helps to ensure balanced teams in which all skill levels are represented, so that there are no “dream teams”. We are a recreational instructional league so we have no tryouts, and do not keep team statistics. At the U6 level and up, we have an all-boys league and all girls league. Playground, Schoolyard, U5 level and U14-U19 levels, boys and girls play coed.

FALL SEASON GAMES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11 AND ENDS OCTOBER 23. Practice begins 1-2 weeks prior to the first game. Dates, locations, and times of practices are at the discretion of the individual coach. Your coach will contact you with this information. Rosters and schedules should be posted online at www.ayso803.org by August 21st. If you have not heard from your child’s coach by September 1st you may contact us via e-mail at info@ayso803.org to inquire as to what team he/she is on. **Spring games will be played April 16th – June 4th.**

IN PAST SEASONS, GAMES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, and THURSDAY EVENINGS, AND ON SATURDAY MORNINGS. There will be approximately 8 games during fall season and approximately 8 games during the spring season.

FOUL WEATHER POLICY. 1) Only the referee or the coaches (if ref is not present) may cancel game at the field at game time and not before game time. If at game time, conditions are poor but there's a possibility the weather could improve, we ask that teams wait 15 minutes and then the ref and/or coaches re-evaluate if the game could be held. Games must be canceled if spectators, coaches, or players see lightning or if the sirens go off. 2) In case of extensive rain resulting in poor field conditions, the Regional Commissioner may cancel games. Under questionable field conditions, check the website www.ayso803.org. Any game cancelations will be posted on the website. Coaches will be also be emailed by the Regional Commissioner.

PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS ARE SIMPLE – SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OUR YOUTH BY:

- 1) Ensuring that the player gets to and from all practices and games safely and on time.
- 2) Attending parent meetings, if your coach calls them, to discuss practice schedules, AYSO philosophy, and parent guidelines and questions. Attend games and encourage your players.
- 3) **Volunteering.** It is asked that each parent who has a player in the league will volunteer his or her service in some way. We are extremely short on volunteers. Our coaches last season did AMAZING work maneuvering through the ever-changing times. Please take into consideration that we will need coaches, assistant coaches, referees, line judges, and board members and many other volunteers if our children are going to play soccer. If you have any questions, please reach out to info@ayso803.org.
- 4) Being a good spectator. Our sideline behavior and comments must be only POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING. Because play is fast, spirited and continuous, spectators can easily become very involved in the game. As parents, spectators and coaches, we must keep the league philosophy of fair play, fun and good sportsmanship always in mind. Please do NOT question the referee calls. We always have newly trained adult & teen referees. Just one bad experience for any ref, beginning or experienced, can cause that referee to quit. Parents and spectators are asked to sit opposite of the players and coaches for U8 and older. CHEER – Please DO NOT DIRECT your child from the sidelines.
- 5) Remembering that AYSO is a program for the youth. The organization's objectives are good sportsmanship, fairness, self-control and having a good time. Parents, coaches, and officials are role models for our children. Overzealous behavior is not inappropriate. Do not "Joystick" your child during games.

SAFETY ISSUES:

- 1) NO HANGING OR SWINGING ON GOALS. Even if they are anchored, they can tip over and cause serious injuries.
- 2) Please stop any player from kicking, digging or scraping the ground with their feet on any soccer field. Grass is being destroyed and holes are being formed on the new fields especially with the younger age divisions. Any hole is hazardous to the players on the field.
- 3) NAMES on uniforms are PROHIBITED by AYSO for child protection reasons. Strangers can deceive children by knowing their name.
- 4) NO PARKING in apartment lots across from Soccer Park.
- 5) Please **DO NOT BRING YOUR PETS** (Dogs, Cats, etc.) on any soccer fields or grass. Not only are your sweet, loving pets a liability, we have been progressively finding more and more animal waste not cleaned up on the fields.

USE OUR WEB SITE. ALL League information, schedules, and documents are posted on our web site. Nearly all questions will find an answer on our web site. Help us volunteers out by reading materials and our web site!