



CHIPPEWA VALLEY SOCCER LEAGUE
AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO) – REGION 803
PARENT INFORMATION – Fall 2023 AND Spring 2024
<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 REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE up to 16 games during the **Fall 2023 thru Spring 2024 Season**. Fees also pay for equipment (goals, nets, balls, first aid kits, etc.), rental fees for Soccer Park use, a non-refundable \$20.00 AYSO National fee, \$25.00 fee for volunteer background checks, \$40 for a home and away jersey and socks, referee fees, field maintenance fees and other expenses, as well.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION DATES. Registration for the Fall 2023 AND Spring 2024 Season is online at www.ayso803.org. Select “Register Here” at the top right of the home page. For Fall, registration after July 15th is late and \$5.00 extra. Registrations after July 31st are not guaranteed a spot on a team. For Spring, registration after February 15th is late and \$5.00 extra. Registrations after February 28th are not guaranteed a spot on a team.

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 are to wear weather appropriate bottoms (shorts, sweatpants, etc.). The appropriate color uniform jersey must be worn over any sweatshirt or coat. Players may not wear jewelry (ex: 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). Players are required to bring a marked water bottle and soccer ball to every practice and game.

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. The older divisions, we use a random citywide lottery to form teams. Please keep in mind that we are dealing with over a thousand children and have many factors such as age, gender, and skill level. This helps to ensure balanced teams in which all skill levels are represented to prevent “dream teams”. We are a recreational instructional league, so we have no tryouts, and do not keep team statistics. Playground and Schoolyard are Coed Divisions that are training-based with scrimmages. At the U6 level and up, we have an all-boys league and all girls leagues. U14-U19 divisions are Coed, as well.

FALL SEASON GAMES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9 AND ENDS OCTOBER 21. Practice may begin 1-2 weeks prior to the first game. Please contact your coach regarding practices. Your coach will contact you with this information, as well. Rosters and game schedules should be posted online at www.ayso803.org by August 26th. If you have not heard from your child’s coach by September 6th you may contact us via e-mail at info@ayso803.org. GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY EVENINGS AND ON SATURDAYS ONLY. There will be approximately 8 games during Fall session.

SPRING GAMES BEGIN APRIL 20 AND END JUNE 8. Practice begins 1-2 weeks prior to the first game. Please contact your coach only regarding practices. Your coach will contact you with this information, as well. Rosters and game schedules should be posted online at www.ayso803.org by April 5th. If you have not heard from your child's coach by April 10th, you may contact us via e-mail at info@ayso803.org. **GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY EVENINGS AND ON SATURDAYS ONLY.** There will be approximately 8 games during the Spring session.

FOUL WEATHER POLICY. 1) Only the referee or the coaches (if ref is not present) may cancel games 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 our facebook page www.facebook.com/chippewavalleysoccer or www.ayso803.org. Any game cancellations will be posted on Facebook or the website. Coaches may 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. Please take into consideration that we will need coaches, assistant coaches, referees, line judges, and board members along with 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 by reading materials on the website under the "Parents", "Coaches", and "Register" tabs!