

Welcome to Youth Soccer, Little Kickers, and/or 3 Year Old Soccer Skills!

Things you need to know before your child begins soccer:

- **The YMCA will be building it's new gymnasium during most, if not all of soccer season. Please watch your children carefully and obey all signage posted around and near the fields.**
- When you sign your registration form you are also signing off that you have read and understand our concussion protocol.
- Your child will receive a shirt at their first game. Please have your child wear this shirt each week.
- We play in almost any kind of weather, so please make sure you and your child are dressed for whatever Mother Nature may throw our way.
- Your child can wear rubber cleats, but tennis shoes are fine. No metal cleats.
- We strongly encourage each child wear shin guards.
- Teams will be formed in youth soccer and little kickers, but not 3 year old soccer. Your child will remain on this team for the entire season. I do not take requests for certain coaches or for placing your child on the same team as another child. I will put siblings that are in the same age group on the same team.
- **You may only park vehicles on the YMCA side of the street (if you park on the opposite side of the street you may be ticketed by the Dillon Police Department). With our new gymnasium construction set to begin in early April, there will be no parking available at the rear of the building. You may park in the Y parking lot, the parking lot to the south of the building, or the Beaverhead Development Corporation has offered to allow some overflow parking in the area by the Kid's Fishing Pond (watch for signs to this area as you drive on Swenson Way).**
- The through road between the Y and field will be blocked to traffic to ensure the safety of the soccer players and their families. Please do not drive around the blockades and through this area.
- No animals are allowed on or near the field. Please leave all pets at home as they will not be allowed near or on the field at any time. Service animals are permitted when with the person for which they provide service with proper documentation.
- Please be respectful to the players, coaches, and officials at all times. Anyone causing a disruption or showing disrespect will be asked to leave.
- Coaching: All of our coaches are volunteers and do a great job. Some coaches have time outside of game day to hold practices (in the leagues that is permissible) and some do not. Please be understanding of how busy the coaches are and appreciate that they are spending their time voluntarily to help the kids.
- Games: We will try to get all of the games played by 1pm on Saturdays, it depends on the number of teams we have though. Games will take place each Saturday and you will receive a schedule. The K-6th grade leagues will end the season with a tournament so you may play more than one game on the final Saturday.
- Snacks: Your coach will be asking you to provide a snack one time throughout the season for the entire team.
- We play short sided soccer in most of our leagues so the rules may not be exactly like true soccer rules. We do this to provide the best opportunity for success for every child and to keep the games flowing smoothly.
- Officials: In some leagues the coaches serve as the officials and in some leagues we hire officials. Most of our officials are young and somewhat inexperienced so please keep that in mind and show them the utmost respect for the time they are spending with your kids.
- Children will be placed on a team, given a coach, and the coach will contact the players with pertinent information. If you have not received a call by Wednesday, March 25, please call the Y and we can help you find your coach. No information will be available prior to this date as teams will not be finalized until Monday, March 23.
- The league is overseen by Barb Nordahl, Programs Director, SWMF YMCA. If you need any further information please call 683-9622 and ask for Barb or email at barb@swmtf-ymca.org.
- THANKS!! We're looking forward to another great season of soccer.



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