

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

Things you need to know before your child begins soccer:

- 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 to 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). You may also park in the Y parking lot, the lot next to the Y across from the motel, and the back parking lot behind the Y.
- 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, April 5, 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, April 3.
- 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.
- THANKS!! We're looking forward to another great season of soccer.

