What ages can play YMCA soccer?

- Pee Wee soccer class is for ages 2.5 – 3.5 yrs, parent participation required.
- Preschool through 1st grade teams participate in the YMCA league.
- U8 – U12 (2nd–7th grades) YMCA Soccer Academy (YSA) teams participate in the Developmental League of Southern Oregon (DLSO). YSA teams have an additional annual USA Soccer Club fee ($10) for new comers.

When does it start?

- Pee Wee soccer class runs April 4–May 2 (Saturdays 9am–9:45am)
- Preschool through 1st grade practices start the week of April 27, 1st game is May 2.
- YSA practices T.B.D. 1st game is April 11. There will be a coaches meeting with Tony on March 12 at the Ashland Family YMCA 5:30p–6:30p.

Who will be our coach?

- YMCA coaches are volunteers who receive training and support from our sports director. The coach’s child plays free. Please notify Tony Akpan right away if you would like to coach.

What team is my child on?

- Teams are formed by like ages and we strive to create balanced teams while honoring special requests when possible.
- Your child’s team coach will notify you via email or phone by March 20. YMCA Sports Director will notify parents whose child is on a team without a coach.
- Please understand that team formation depends upon sufficient volunteer coaches and may not be solidified until the first week of practices.
When is practice?

- Pee Wee soccer does not have practice, just class on Saturday from 9am–9:45am.
- Volunteer coaches set their own practice day and time. Preschool & Kindergarten teams practice one afternoon per week. 1st grade teams have two afternoon practices as recommended by the YMCA.
- YSA teams practice 1.5 hrs. twice a week in the afternoons. Your child’s team coach will notify you via email or phone by March 9. YMCA Sports Director will notify parents whose child is on a team without a coach.

What equipment do we need?

- Pee Wee: comfortable athletic clothing – no uniform.
- Preschool-1st grade: soccer cleats, shin guards and a reversible YMCA jersey are required. Purchase a YMCA jersey at our front desk or try local second hand stores.
- YSA teams: cleats, shin guards and a special uniform are required. Team uniforms include special jersey, matching black shorts and socks.

Where are games and practices?

- Pee Wee do not play games, only Saturday Classes 9am-9:45am.
- Pre-School -1st grade practices and games are at the YMCA soccer fields.
- YSA teams only practice at the YMCA. Games are against other DLSO teams throughout the Rogue Valley.

What is the game schedule?

- Games are on Saturdays between 8:00am-12:00pm. For YMCA leagues, a detailed game schedule will be on our website www.ashlandymca.org/soccer by April 7, 2020.
- YSA teams, you will receive your game schedule from your coach by April 6th.

How will I know if practice is cancelled?

- Practice may be cancelled due to inclement weather or if the coach is not available on a particular day. We ask coaches to notify their team parents and the YMCA.

For additional questions, please contact Tony Akpan at 541-482-9622 or sports@ashlandymca.org.