

UPWARD SOCCER 2018 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is Upward Soccer as fun as I hear it is?

Answer: Yes! The league has grown every season, which is an indication that people enjoy the program. Based on our surveys, there is a tremendously high satisfaction rate.

2. Is it possible for my child to have a buddy on the same team?

Answer: Yes! Buddies are allowed in every division. Although we cannot guarantee your buddy, we do our absolute best to put friends together. However, our top priority in forming teams is to make them even and there is a LOT that goes into it. Because of this we can only accommodate ONE buddy request. **Tips to help making the pairing easier:** be sure the name is spelled correctly (the computer won't pick it up if they don't match) and be sure your buddy puts you on his/her buddy form as well.

3. There is more than one night my child cannot practice. Which night should I mark on the registration form?

Answer: You should choose the night that is the worst for your child to practice. If you indicate more than one night, we will have to guess which is the worst night. Please help us take away the guesswork by indicating only ONE night on your form (whether online or on the paper form). We ask that you be flexible with your schedule as we are working with coaches that work and sometimes coach other sports at the same time. If any practice night is fine, you don't have to mark anything.

4. Can my child wear earrings during practices and games?

Answer: Earrings are **NOT** allowed during games. If you plan to get your child's ears pierced, please do so before practices start at the end of November. The refs will **NOT** let your child play with bandages.

5. What type of shoes does my child need?

Answer: Good running shoes or indoor cleats are recommended. Converse and Vans are not allowed during games.

6. Do you need coaches and referees?

Answer: Yes. In order to form the teams, we need head coaches and assistant coaches. If we do not have enough volunteer coaches, we cannot form as many teams as we would like and, therefore, cannot accommodate as many kids. We use the youth from our church for the referees. They are trained and most have played the sports.

7. If I sign up to coach, will I be coaching my child? If I have more than one child, can I coach more than one team?

Answer: Yes! That is part of the fun in this league. If you have more than one child, you can either coach both teams or just one of them. It's up to you. Just register online for each team you wish to coach and indicate whether you want to be assistant coach or head coach.

8. When are practices?

Answer: Practice are once a week and run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at either 5-6pm, 6-7pm, or 7-8pm (this time frame is for the older kids). The practice schedule comes out mid-May.

9. What is Evaluation Day?

Answer: Evaluation Day **IS NOT A TRYOUT**. We do not cut players. Everyone who registers and is not on a wait list will be placed on a team. Evaluation Day is the day we evaluate skill level of your player and verify uniform sizes. It is very important that your child come on this day, as it is a pertinent part of being able to balance the teams and getting the sizes right for the uniform.

10. Should I come to Evaluation Day if my child is on the waitlist?

Answer: Yes. We have people drop every season, which opens the slot for another player.

11. When and where is Evaluation Day and when will my child be evaluated?

Answer: Evaluation Day is Saturday, April 14th. Evaluations will take place at the Oak Park Christian Center Gym, 2073 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill as follows:

Basketball Evaluations Saturday, April 14, 2018:

K3-K5 come between 9am and 10:00am

All other age groups come between 10am and 1pm

(Same Day Make-Up – if you can't come at your scheduled time)

Come between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

12. After teams are formed, can my child switch to a different team?

Answer: Because of the tremendous amount of work that goes into forming the teams, no changes can be made to player/team assignments once the teams have been formed. Please be flexible. Players have a way of making new friends and adapting. We appreciate your understanding.

13. What is your cancelation policy?

Answer: You would receive a full refund until the teams have been created. Once the teams have been created then there is a \$50 processing fee for cancelation. Once practices start and or the uniforms are ordered, it's 50%. If you drop out once games start, then there is no refund unless there are extenuating circumstances, i.e., broken bones, moving, etc.

14. I hear that you have an Awards Night that is an unbelievably big, exciting and fun event. Is that true?

Answer: Yes! We're fairly certain that you won't come across an Awards Night that's as fun and awesome as ours!

15. Will the players receive trophies at the Awards Night?

Answer: Only two trophies per show are awarded on Awards Night, but every child receives a fabulous gift for their participation.

16. SOUNDS GREAT! How much does it cost?

Answer: The early registration cost per child for basketball is \$140. After April 15, 2017, the cost is \$165.

17. What are the dates for this season?

Answer: Practices start the week of June 11, 2018. Games start July 14, 2018. The season runs through September 8, 2019, with Awards Night taking place on Sunday, September 9th.

Deadline for registration is May 1, 2017 (subject to change). Registration fee includes 11 weeks of practice, 8 soccer games, uniform (jersey, shorts and soccer socks), a box/bag of goodies from Upward Sports, Award Night entertainment and a fabulous gift at the end of the season.