

Developmental League Fall Season Questions and Answers

Developmental League registration is now open. **On time** registration will close on August 15th. Players wishing to sign up after August 15th can do so but there is a \$25.00 late fee. We can not waive late fees. Late registration will close on August 29th. Registration is not complete until payment for a participant is received. Players will not be assigned to a team until registration is complete.

Q: How long is the Developmental League Program and what is involved?

A: The Developmental League is an 8 week program. Most often, practices, clinics, and games are at Reeceville Elementary School. The season consists of 8 games, 8 practice sessions with a volunteer coach, and 5 clinics under the guidance of professional coaches. The first game of the season will be played on the first Saturday after Labor Day; September 12th.

Game schedule: - **Saturday, September 12th, 19th, and 26th**

- **Sunday afternoon, October 4th** (no practices Friday, Oct. 2nd, no games Saturday, Oct. 3rd due to Reeceville Elementary School Book Fair)

- No games October 10th (Columbus Day weekend)

- **Saturday, October 17th, 24th, and 31st**

- **Saturday, November 7th**

- Rain date/make up: Saturday, November 14th if weather permits

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Registration is \$95 for the first child in a family, \$80 for the second child in a family, \$65 for the third child in a family, and \$50 for the fourth child in a family. The registration fee for the child of a parent who volunteers and serves as their child's head coach is \$50. Siblings fall under the standard registration fee schedule: \$95 for the first sibling, \$80 for the second sibling, \$65 for the third sibling, \$50 for the fourth sibling.

Q: How are teams separated?

A: Teams are separated by gender after the age of 6 based on the age group chart below. Players are evaluated by their coach and Spirit staff in an effort to form balanced teams that are as equal in ability as possible.

Division	Age Group	Date of Birth
Pee Wee Co-Ed	4-6 year olds	08/01/03 - 07/31/05
Apprentice	6-8 year olds	08/01/01 - 07/31/03
Junior	8-10 year olds	08/01/99 - 07/31/01
Major	10-12 year olds	08/01/96 - 07/31/99

Q: How long are the games and how many players are on a team?

A: Spirit United believes that players develop much quicker in small sided games. Our entire Developmental Program is based on small sided games so players get more touches on the ball. Please refer to the age group chart above for exact age group break down.

Division	Age Group	Game Time	Players on the field	Size Soccer Ball
Pee Wee Co-Ed	4-6 year olds	Four 10 minute quarters	4 v 4 (no GK)	3
Apprentice	6-8 year olds	Four 10 minute quarters	5 v 5 (no GK)	4
Junior	8-10 year olds	Two 25 minute halves	6 v 6 (w GK)	4
Major	10-12 year olds	Two 25 minute halves	6 v 6 (w GK)	4

Q: What does my child need to bring?

A: Shin guards are a must (participants will not be allowed to play without them), cleats (or if it's a dry day, sneakers), plenty of drinks to keep hydrated, and a soccer ball for practice sessions. See chart above for correct size soccer ball.

Q: What happens in case of cancellation?

A: Spirit United will close fields and cancel games, clinics, and training sessions when weather and field conditions aren't safe for participants. Parents of all participants should check the Developmental League Message Box (located on the upper right hand corner of the website home page) prior to leaving for all games, clinics and training sessions. Appointed volunteer coaches who need to cancel individual team training sessions, will notify the team of cancellations via email or phone. **Only cancellations due to weather and field conditions are posted in the Developmental League Message Box.**