

## **Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Soccer League FAQ 2023**

**Q:** How can residents and non-residents register for Parks and Recreation sport leagues?

**A:** Currently registrations are accepted online via RecDesk. You will need to set up an account and then can browse our programs to register. Payment must be made at the time of registration in order for the registration to be complete. For specific questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-836-7600, Monday through Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**Q:** What is included with the price of registration?

**A:** Through a partnership with Jump Start Sports, the Springfield Township Fall Soccer League will include eight weeks of soccer with professional instruction from Jump Start staff. Each child will receive a team shirt on the first meeting date and award at the conclusion of the season.

**Q:** When will practice and games be held?

**A:** The first two meeting dates will be practices. The remaining six weeks will be games. Meeting times will alternate throughout the season beginning by 9:00 am and concluding by 1:30 pm.

**Q:** Where will practice and games be held?

**A:** Players registered for the U5 division will play on Sundays at Laurel Beech Park. Players registered for 8U will play at Cisco Park: Upper Field (Corner of Montgomery and Paper Mill).

**Q:** Can my child request to play with a friend or specific coach?

**A:** Players may indicate the name of one friend. All friend requests must be reciprocated. Players will be assigned to coaches at random. Coaches may not build an elite team as this is a recreational league designed for players to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun!

**Q:** What should my child bring to practice and games?

**A:** Players are instructed to bring shin guards, sneakers, and water to every practice and game. Cleats are not required for this program; however, they are permitted (no metal spikes). Balls and team shirts will be provided.

**Q:** When will I know what team my child is on?

**A:** Parents and guardians will receive an email with team assignments no later than one week prior to the first meeting date.

**Q:** How do I sign up as a volunteer coach? Do I need clearances?

**A:** All head coaches and assistant coaches can indicate their interest in volunteering during the registration process. All volunteers are required by the state of Pennsylvania to acquire a Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal History Clearance. These clearances are free and valid for 5 years:

PA Child Abuse Clearance: [www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS)

This clearance is free for volunteers to complete and will be valid for 5 years. Allow ½ hour to complete. The PA Child Abuse Clearance will ask for a Keystone ID. This is a username YOU make up.

PA State Criminal History Clearance: [www.epatch.state.pa.us](http://www.epatch.state.pa.us)

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