

# Spring 2018 REC Season: Frequently Asked Questions

## Registration

Question	Answer
When is the last day to register?	The last day to register on time is Saturday, January 27. Starting Sunday, January 28, there will be a \$25 late fee. Kids that are registered late will only be accepted if there is an opening on a team.
My child has not played for VYSO before. What all do you need for him/her to be registered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration form (paper or online)</li><li>• Registration fee</li><li>• Verification of date of birth</li></ul>
What documents are acceptable for verification of date of birth?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certified, government issued birth certificate (<b>hospital birth certificates are NOT acceptable</b>)</li><li>• Passport</li><li>• Alien registration card</li><li>• Driver's license/State ID card</li></ul>
Does VYSO offer any kind of financial assistance for registration fees?	Yes. We offer a scholarship program and payment plans. The scholarship program requires three (3) hours of volunteer work in the concession stand or fields in exchange for a \$30 discount. A payment plan can be set up to break the registration fee into two equal monthly payments. Email Michelle at <a href="mailto:vysoadmin@gmail.com">vysoadmin@gmail.com</a> for more information.
My child will not be able to play this season. May I request a refund?	Yes, if the request is received prior to the deadline. <a href="#">Click here</a> to read the Refund Policy. <a href="#">Click here to request a refund.</a>
Will I receive a full refund if I decide to not let my child play this season?	Starting on Sunday, January 28, fees will be deducted from the refund as they are incurred. <a href="#">Click here to read the Refund Policy for more information.</a>

## Registration: Special Requests

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If my child does not want to play on the same team as last season, may I request to have him/her placed on a different team?	Yes, if your child is registered on time.
May I request for my child to play on the same team as his/her brother or sister?	Yes, if your child is registered on time. All other team formation rules must be followed. Please email Michelle at <a href="mailto:vysoadmin@gmail.com">vysoadmin@gmail.com</a> prior to registration so that she can tell you if it is possible.
May I request to have my daughter play on a boys' team?	Yes, if your child is registered on time.
May I request that my child NOT be assigned to a team with a specific coach?	Yes, as long your child is registered on time. You may submit one request to not have your child play for one specific coach.
May I request to have my child placed on the same team as a friend?	If your child is registered on time, and has not played for VYSO for at least two seasons, he/she can submit a buddy request. Please read "Buddy Requests" in the <a href="#">Standing Rules section 2.7.g</a> for more information or email Michelle at <a href="mailto:vysoadmin@gmail.com">vysoadmin@gmail.com</a> .
May I submit a carpool request?	Yes, if your child is registered on time. All requests will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval/denial.
May I request a specific coach?	No. We do not accept such requests.

May I request a coach that speaks Spanish or another language?	No. We do not accept such requests.
May I request to have my son play on a girls' team?	No. Boys are not allowed to play on a girls' team.

## Registration: Multiple Children Playing

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Can my children be placed on the same team?	Possibly. They must be similar in age. Please email Michelle at <a href="mailto:vysoadmin@gmail.com">vysoadmin@gmail.com</a> to find out for sure if they qualify to be on the same team. You can also submit a request during registration.
Can my children be placed on teams that practice on the same day or at the same location?	No. There is no way for us to know when/where teams will practice.
Can my children be placed on teams that wear the same color jersey?	No. Colors are assigned to teams after players have been placed on the teams.

## Practices and Hearing from the Coach

Question	Answer
When will I hear from my child's coach?	<p>It all depends on how soon a coach is found for your child's team. Most teams will have a coach in place by Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The coach will receive the team roster that day and will begin to contact players.</p> <p>For teams that do not have a coach by February 10<sup>th</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Director of Coaching, and other board members, will continue to look for coaches and ask parents to volunteer as the coach.</li> <li>• The team roster will be given to the coach as soon as he/she completes a background check.</li> </ul> <p>Coaches generally have three days to contact players after receiving the team roster. If you have not heard from your child's coach, or a board member, by Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, please email our Director of Coaching, James Martinez, at <a href="mailto:vysoadoc@gmail.com">vysoadoc@gmail.com</a>.</p>
Can I request to have my child placed on a team that practices on specific days, times, or locations?	No. We do not accept such requests. There is no way for us to know ahead of time when/where coaches will hold practice.
When will practices start?	Practices may start as early as Monday, February 12 <sup>th</sup> . It will depend on how soon a coach is found for your child's team. Each coach will decide when/where to hold practices and will contact all the players.
How many times per week will practices be held?	Teams are generally allowed to hold one or two practices per week. At the very beginning of the season, before any games take place, teams may practice up to three times per week.
What days of the week will practice be held?	Each coach will decide when to hold practice for his/her team. Practices could be any day of the week. You will not find out when your child will practice until after he/she has been placed on a team and a coach is found..
What time will practices be held?	Each coach will decide what time of day to hold practice. Practices will not be held during school hours. You will not find out what time your child will practice until after he/she has been placed on a team and a coach is found.

Where will practices be held?	Each coach will decide where to hold practice for his/her team. You will not find out where your child will practice until after he/she has been placed on a team and a coach is found.
How will we know if practices are cancelled?	Your coach will notify you if he/she needs to cancel practice. If your team practices at the VYSO Soccer Complex, and we close the complex/fields due to weather or another reason, we will post messages on our website and Facebook pages. We also use a text notification service, called RainedOut, that you can sign up for. More information about RainedOut is posted on the home page of the website, <a href="http://www.vyso.org">www.vyso.org</a> .

## Uniforms and Equipment

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What all does my child need?	He/she will need soccer cleats, shin guards, and a soccer ball.
What size soccer ball does my child need?	It depends on the age of your child. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born 1999—2005: Size 5 soccer ball</li> <li>• Born 2006—2009: Size 4 soccer ball</li> <li>• Born 2010—2014: Size 3 soccer ball</li> </ul>
Will my child receive a uniform?	Yes, he/she will receive a jersey, shorts, and socks. This is included in the registration fee.
When will uniforms be ready?	Uniform will come in the week of the first game.
When/where do I pick up my child's uniform?	You will receive your child's uniform from his/her coach. The coach will be notified when the team's uniforms are ready.
Can I pick the color of my child's uniform?	No. We do not accept such requests. Colors are randomly assigned to teams.
Can I pick what jersey number my child will have?	No. We do not accept such requests.
Can we put our child's name or team's name on the jerseys?	Maybe. If your child's team is sponsored, there will be no room on the jersey for the child's or team's name. We do not recommend that anyone places the child's name on the jersey; but, we do not have any rules against it.

## Games

Question	Answer
When does the season start?	First games are Saturday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
When does the season end?	Last games are Saturday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>
What days of the week will games be held?	Most games will be played on Saturdays. In some divisions, or in case of makeup games, we could schedule games on Sunday afternoons or weeknights.
What time will the games be at?	Games will be scheduled between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
Will my child's games be at the same time each week?	No. Game times will vary week to week.
Will games be scheduled around my child's nap time?	No. Games are scheduled around field and referee availability.

When will the game schedules be available?	The game schedules will be posted on the " <a href="#">REC Info</a> " page of the website no later than Saturday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> .
How will we know if games are cancelled?	When games are cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen reason, we notify coaches via email and expect them to notify their players. We also post messages on our website and Facebook pages. We also use a text notification service, called RainedOut, that you can sign up for. More information about RainedOut is posted on the home page of the website, <a href="http://www.vyso.org">www.vyso.org</a> .
If games are cancelled due to weather will they be rescheduled?	Most likely. If only a partial day of games is cancelled, the games will be rescheduled. If an entire day of games is cancelled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First full day cancelled: all games will be rescheduled</li> <li>• Second fully day cancelled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ U09 and older games will be rescheduled</li> <li>○ U08 and younger games will NOT be rescheduled</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Third (or more) full day cancelled: no games will be rescheduled</li> </ul> Read the <a href="#">Standing Rules, section 6.1</a> for more information.
When will makeup games be played?	Makeup games may be scheduled on another Saturday (team may end up playing more than one game that day), on a Sunday afternoon, or on a weeknight.

## Field Rules

Question	Answer
What is the address for the VYSO Soccer Complex?	314 Big Bend Drive, Victoria, TX 77904
Are we allowed to sit with the players during the games?	No. Players and coaches sit on one side of the field; parents/fans must sit on the other side of the field.
Are we allowed to sit or stand at the ends of the fields or behind goals?	No. Parents/fans must sit on the side of the field opposite from their team. No one is allowed at the ends of the fields or near/behind the goals.
Are we allowed to bring pets to the VYSO Soccer Complex?	No. Pets are not allowed. Service animals are always allowed; however, the animal cannot interfere with soccer games/practices or cause a safety issue for our players.
Are we allowed to smoke at the VYSO Soccer Complex?	Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices, is allowed only in designated parking areas.
Are we allowed to have alcoholic beverages at the VYSO Soccer Complex?	No. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from the VYSO fields and facilities during youth games, practices, scrimmages, camps and other youth events.
Are drones allowed at the VYSO Soccer Complex?	No.

## Weather

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Will games be played in the rain?	Yes. Games will be played in the rain unless it becomes a safety issue for the players and/or referees. The Board of Directors and/or Field Marshalls will make the decision to stop games.

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Will games be played if it is cold?	Yes. Games will be played in cold weather unless it becomes a safety issue for the players and/or referees. The Board of Directors and/or Field Marshalls will make the decision to stop games.
Will games be played if it is hot?	Yes. Games will be played in hot weather unless it becomes a safety issue for the players and/or referees. The Board of Directors and/or Field Marshalls will make the decision to add water breaks or stop games.
How will we be notified if games are cancelled or delayed?	When games are cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen reason, we notify coaches via email and expect them to notify their players. We also post messages on our website and Facebook pages. We also use a text notification service, called RainedOut, that you can sign up for. More information about RainedOut is posted on the home page of the website, <a href="http://www.vyso.org">www.vyso.org</a> .

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