



2021 PRE-SEASON NEWSLETTER FOR U4, U5 & U6 PLAYERS

Welcome back to another year of youth soccer! We are pleased to be able to offer soccer to kids during these stressful times. Below you will find information on RYSA and the 2021 House League soccer season. Updates throughout the season will be sent out by email, on our website, www.revsoccer.com and our Facebook page.

DATES:

Expected Season Start Date --- Wednesday May 5th, 2021

(Contingent upon fields being declared "open" by the City) **Soccer is every Wednesday**

Last day of play --- Wednesday June 23rd, 2021

There will not be a Wind-up party this year due to gathering restrictions.

>>IMPORTANT PANDEMIC SPORT PROTOCOL<<

A parent or caregiver MUST be present and able to assist/participate with the child as required. Due to the strict rules around distance and interaction, our volunteer coaches will not be able to effectively enforce distancing measures with young children. They will need your help in ensuring your child follows these rules on the field.

No siblings, friends, or other family members are allowed on or near the field as spectators. RYSA must follow guidelines for the number of people allowed in a certain area and no spectators are allowed.

All parent/guardian and child will need to check in with our volunteers prior to entering the field. RYSA is required to record the names of all individuals who are present each day on each field. Please arrive early to ensure you have time for this. **Please look for the red flag and table to check-in.**

PLAYING TIMES:

We have had to adjust playing times and locations this year to meet the restrictions of maximum 50 people to a field. We have worked hard to organize soccer for all registrants while meeting these regulations.

U4 (2017) --- Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:00pm on Bronco and Centennial field

U5 (2016) --- Wednesdays 4:15 - 5:00pm on Bronco and Centennial field

U6 (2015) --- Wednesdays 5:15 - 6:15pm on Bronco and Centennial field

SESSION STRUCTURE:

Sessions are designed to start teaching basic soccer skills and to introduce children to a team sport. At this stage, the focus is on having fun!!! At this time, players are restricted to doing drills and activities that keep them distant from their teammates. There can be no games or scrimmages at this time. RYSA is staying up-to-date on sport restrictions and will adapt as restrictions change.

PLAYERS

All players must wear shin pads, soccer socks, sponsor t-shirt and soccer cleats

No earrings or jewelry allowed.

Children should bring their own water bottle to all sessions. There can be no sharing of water bottles.

Player Placement Process

“Fair play” values are the basis of determining teams and player placement. This process is intended to create an environment that is fun and fair for all participating children. Children are randomly placed on teams based on year of birth and gender. Personal requests to play with friends are *not* considered in this process. However, childcare requests are taken into consideration.

RYSA Fair Play Policies

Just a reminder that we as parents, athletes, spectators, volunteers, coaches and referees must act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. You can find the Revelstoke Youth Soccer’s Fair Play Policy for Athletes, Parents, Spectators, Coaches and Referees on our website (www.revsoccer.com).

Refunds

Regular refunds: Refunds are offered within 6 days following the start date of a new soccer program, less a \$25 administration fee. There are no refunds after this time.

COVID Season Cancellation refunds: If COVID cancels the season within 2 weeks from the season start date, families will receive a full volunteer deposit refund plus 50% of their registration fee. If COVID cancels the season later than 2 weeks in, only volunteer deposits will be refunded.

Late Registrants

No registrations will be accepted after **Wednesday, March 31st.**

VOLUNTEERS

The Youth Soccer Association needs many volunteers to help run a successful soccer program. Each season one volunteer deposit is required per family. An equal number of hours is required per family; sometimes this is one job, sometimes this is multiple jobs. Sign-up is taking place online via our sign-up spreadsheet and volunteer coordinator. If you have questions about your job, please contact us at contactrysa@gmail.com

Your volunteer deposit is paid at the time of registration. Once your volunteer hours have been completed, your volunteer deposit will be refunded at the end of the season.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will I know what team my child is on?

Coaches will contact players at the end of April to let them know what team they will be on. Team rosters and uniforms will be handed out at the first practice.

What if it rains?

Soccer players are tough! Soccer sessions still take place in the rain except in the event of a thunder and lightning storm. If there has been heavy rainfall over an extended period of time, the City of Revelstoke may decide to close the fields. Please dress your child for the weather. Please check the RYSA web site (www.revsoccer.com) for up-to-date info.

Where do the coaches come from?

Youth soccer relies on parents and volunteers to be our team coaches. We are actively seeking high school students and members of the community in this role as well. If you have an interest in coaching, please visit our website (www.revsoccer.com) to register or email rysaheadcoach@gmail.com. BC Soccer is now mandating age-appropriate coach training for all coaches. These courses are available online this year. All coaches must complete a Criminal Record Check.

What does my registration fee include?

Registration includes insurance with BC Soccer, individual and team photos, a year-end treat, a uniform to keep and most of all FUN!

RYSA HEAD COACH

Most years Revelstoke Youth Soccer employs a head coach to oversee and coordinate the coaching program. RYSA was not able to secure someone for this position this year. RYSA will be using a pandemic-safe season session plan which provides our coaches with activities, drills and games that meet the requirements for safe sport.

RYSA HEAD REFEREE

RYSA does not have a Head Referee employed for this season. At this time there is no game activity allowed. If this changes throughout the season, RYSA will coordinate and schedule existing referees. If you are interested in refereeing or have questions about refereeing, please email contactrysa@gmail.com.

2021 REVELSTOKE YOUTH SOCCER EXECUTIVE & DIRECTORS

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QUESTIONS / CONCERNS / FEEDBACK / SUGGESTIONS

RYSA welcomes your questions, concerns and suggestions. We ask that you send all of your feedback to RYSA via email at contactrysa@gmail.com. RYSA will have the appropriate member of the executive contact you (by phone/email) as soon as possible.

HAVE A FUN SEASON OF SOCCER!