



# PARENT FAQ

**Q: When should I hear from my child's coach?**

A: You will be notified of your assigned team, coach, and practice information via email by the league mid to late March (Spring) or July (Fall). Closer to the season start date, you should receive direct contact from the coach.

**Q: When will I get our practice and game schedule?**

A: All schedules will be accessible online through your Blue Sombrero account and via the Dick's Team Sports HQ mobile application. Your team's practice schedule will be available no later than (2) weeks prior to season start and game schedule will be released no later than season start date.

**Q: How do I utilize the Life Skills Program?**

A: The league has assigned a Life Skill for each week of the season. Families will receive weekly emails highlighting the assigned skill. After mid-practice water break, your team's coach will lead a 5-minute discussion about the Life Skill and its importance. Make it a conversation with your child. Incorporate the weekly Life Skill in your home and encourage your child to practice these just as they practice soccer fundamentals. [Click to access Parent Resources.](#)

**Q: What is the Player of the Month initiative?**

A: This program applies to grades 3 and higher and sponsored by Dick's Sporting Goods. Each team coach will choose a player of the month once (Spring) or twice (Fall) during the season. The coach may decide method for nomination (ie: personal decision or team/family vote) based on Leadership, Respect, and Team Support. The program will award one player from each team a Player of the Month branded t-shirt, water bottle provided by Dick's Sporting Goods, and website recognition.

**Q: What if I see lightning or hear thunder on the field?**

A: In the case of inclement weather, S.Y.S. reserves the right to cancel a practice and/or game. If a practice or game is not canceled by the league and lightning is present within 10 miles of the playing area, participants should immediately find shelter in their vehicles. Participants will be given 30 minutes wait time for weather to pass at which point the practice and/or game will resume or be canceled if lightning is still present or if S.Y.S. cancels the match. Practices and/or games may also be canceled by S.Y.S. in compliance with City of Fishers mandated field closures.

**Q: It's pouring rain – do we still have practice or the game?**

A: Cancellation and field closure information will be available by 5:00 pm during weekdays and by 7:30 am on weekends. This information will be accessible through S.Y.S. social media postings and via the City of Fishers twitter live map link. [Click to access field closure link.](#)

In the event S.Y.S. does not cancel practices due to weather or closed field/facilities, coaches reserve the right to cancel for their team. Practice canceled by the team coach will not be rescheduled for makeup.



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## Q: Will our canceled practice or game be rescheduled?

A: Practices and/or games canceled by S.Y.S. due to inclement weather will be rescheduled in coordination with field/facility availability. S.Y.S. canceled practices will be scheduled as a makeup on the Friday of missed practice week between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Canceled practices will be rescheduled on first come-first serve basis during the week, allowing two makeup practices per week, per location.

S.Y.S. canceled games will be rescheduled for the Sunday of the following week of canceled game (8 days post) unless it is a holiday. Games that complete the first half of play before a weather-related cancellation will not be rescheduled and results will be considered final. All rescheduling will be submitted by the S.Y.S. League Scheduler and must be approved by City of Fishers and local High School Facilities management. Once the makeup schedule is finalized, it will be available via online schedule and mobile app. No changes may be made once the schedule is finalized and posted. Teams with makeup game conflicts should attempt to have equal numbered players on the field and can reduce or borrow players from opposing team as coordinated between team coaches.

## Q: A player on the field got injured. What do I do?

A: Practice or game play should be stopped by the game official to attend to injured player. The coach or referee will calmly obtain information about the injury. *To insure safety, a parent or spectator may only enter the field if called upon by the coach or referee.* If concussion is possible, the coach will conduct assessment. If the injury is of serious nature, the head coach must complete an online accident report and should advise the player seek medical help.

## Q: How does the tournament work?

A: The league end-of-season tournament is only hosted during the Fall season. It consists of a two-day, round robin style tournament for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. The top two teams in each division will be awarded as champion or runner-up.

## Q: How do I get more involved?

A: If you are interested in helping the league, serving as a commissioner, or want to volunteer more, we would love to hear from you. [Click to contact the league president](#) for more information.