



# Parents FAQ

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[How do I register for Stafford Soccer?](#) In order to register for any given season, an account must be established on [www.staffordsoccer.com](http://www.staffordsoccer.com). Look in the upper right hand corner of the web page, click on Register. Create a username and password. Complete all information as the responsible party. Click Add Participant and complete player information. Additional players can be added by clicking on Add Participant. Under Participants screen, click Register Now. A menu of programs will be presented. Click on the checkbox of the program for which the player will be registered. Read and complete all waivers and requests. Add in emergency contact information. Complete required information clicking Continue until the payment screen appears. Choose your payment option and click on Submit. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the email account on record. If you do not receive this e-mail then your player is NOT registered! Please review the steps or contact the office for assistance. [Top of the Document](#)

[What color uniform does my player wear to games?](#) Home team, wears blue (shown on the schedule with a little house). The away, wears white. Socks should match jersey. Shorts are always blue. [Top of the Document](#)

[When will the game schedule be posted and where?](#) The game schedule will be posted to each of the Program's Team Pages. An e-mail will be sent to our Stafford Soccer families once the schedule is finalized and posted, with a direct link. For any given Spring Season, the schedules will be posted by mid-March. For any given Fall Season schedules should be posted by mid-August. [Top of the Document](#)

Is there an opportunity should I need to switch teams? Our Team Builder places over 2,000 Recreation players on teams each season. This process begins the first day of registration and continues through Wait List registration. Typically, there is no room for movement from team to team due to the recommended team assignment numbers from US Soccer. However, the office maintains a Request for Change in Placement in order to facilitate matching trades should they become available. Contact the office for information. Revolution Academy players are chosen by try-out and placed according to a coach's draft. There is no opportunity for movement in the Revolution Academy. [Top of the Document](#)

Where can I find out if fields are closed? Field closures are determined by Stafford County. We typically find out about field closures from the County by 2pm. You can find out about field closures on the home page under the Fields Status. You can also call our weather hotline: 540.657.2010. As soon as the office finds out the field status from the County, both the site and hotline are updated in addition to a Facebook, Instagram and Twitter post. [Top of the Document](#)

What if the fields are open but it begins to rain? Often, inclement weather occurs just when our teams are taking the field for games or practices. If this is the case, it is at the coach's discretion to cancel practice. It will be at the Referee and coach's discretion to cancel any games. Our MAIN concern is the wellbeing of our players. [You can view the County's Thunder and Lightning guidelines at our home page.](#) [Top of the Document](#)

What does the "U" mean on the age chart? The "U" in the age chart means UNDER. Therefore and U6 player would be UNDER 6 years old. To view the age chart for any given seasonal year please go to the Home page, Our Club, then Age Chart.

When is picture day? Beginning with the 2020 Spring Season, there will no longer be specifically scheduled Picture Days. [Top of the Document](#)

Do I need a uniform? Was it included in the price of registration? Parents can purchase uniforms from the Stafford Soccer office during any of our office hours ([Click here for office hours](#)). Full kits (2 jersey's, 1 pair of shorts and 2 socks) or individual pieces can be purchased. The RECREATION kit is \$30 and the Revolution Academy (U10 to U14) is \$45. Uniforms are non-refundable. The office takes Visa, MasterCard, cash and checks. The uniform is NOT included in the price of the registration fee because players can use their uniform season after season. We have many families who pass the uniform down from sibling to sibling. There is an option on the registration to order and purchase a uniform then pick up in the office. [Top of the Document](#)

What does my player need to wear to play? What other equipment will I need? For game play, ALL players are required to wear shin guards, the Stafford Soccer uniform and a ball (Size #3 for U5 – U8; Size #4 U10 – U12 & Size #5 for U14 and up). We do not require cleats but they are suggested. Cleats should be soccer cleats without a toe cleat typical in baseball or football. For practice and training players must wear shin guards, athletic wear and athletic shoes. Cleats are not required, but are suggested. U5 Stars player t-shirts are included in the price of registration and are given out at the first session of any given season. U5 Stars players are required to wear shin guards and have a size 3 ball. [Top of the Document](#)

Where can I find a field address or directions to a field? Field locations can be accessed by [Clicking Here](#). Field Layouts can be accessed by [Clicking Here](#). Fields are listed alphabetically and have both written directions and a hyperlink to a map. [Top of the Document](#)

Are there any other important dates for the season? Important dates for any given season are reflected on the program page at staffordsoccer.com. They can also be found on your registration confirmation email. Additionally, the club sends out important date information through club emails.

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Where else can I find information about Stafford Soccer? Go to [www.staffordsoccer.com](http://www.staffordsoccer.com) and click on “about club”; a Navigation bar will open. There are links to informational pages, as well as each program’s page. Our programs include Recreation; Revolution Academy and Travel. Click OUR PROGRAMS for program information. Stafford Soccer also provides off season training such as Winter Footskills, Technical Training for Travel Players; Goalkeeping Academy for all levels and Summer Camps. Information for off season training can be accessed under the “Camp” tab on the web page. Top of the Document

How are teams built? In order to keep players together with either their school peers or neighborhoods, teams are built according to demographics utilizing Stafford County Public Elementary School locations along with demographic maps provided by the County GIS department. The county is split into NE, NW, SE and SW quadrants. Player quadrant depends upon the elementary school closest to their home. Exceptions do occur such as; a special request was submitted for consideration or if all teams in the quadrant are full at the time of player registration or players who register late or are being placed from the wait list. The player may be placed outside of their quadrant or at a location that is not quite as close to their home. Teams stay together during the seasonal year which is Fall of any year to Spring of the next. Top of the Document

How can I request an age up or down for my player? Age up or down is requested by completing the online application found [HERE](#). Please make sure that you review the policy prior to requesting an age up/down. Age up/down will only be considered with receipt of the online application. E-mail and/or phone request will not be considered. Approvals for age up/down are good only for the season in which they are requested. A new request should be submitted seasonally. Top of the Document

How do I make a special request? Special requests can be made during the registration process. The field for entering a special request appears at the top of the Waiver page. Although special requests are considered during the team building process, they are not guaranteed. Special requests cannot be accepted after teams have been formed. Top of the Document

When will I find out about my assigned coach and practice schedule? Coach assignments are worked on until the Coaches Meeting which takes place approximately 3 weeks prior to opening weekend. At that meeting, coaches receive their rosters and choose practice fields. Coaches will contact their rostered player families the week after the coaches meeting in order to provide an appropriate number of practices before the opening weekend. The practice schedules are set at the Coaches Meeting. Coaches have the opportunity to choose certain fields within their quadrant. The office is available for assistance should a player family not hear from a coach during this timeline. Top of the Document

How are practice schedules assigned? Practice schedules and locations are at the discretion of the assigned coach. Coaches will typically choose a field within the quadrant in which they live and choose a day and time that is convenient for their schedule. This is just one of the perks of being a volunteer Recreation coach. Top of the Document

Do teams always stay together? Returning team members will be assigned to the same team within the seasonal year. Seasonal year runs from Fall of one year into Spring of the next year. For example, Fall 2018/Spring 2019 is one seasonal year. Fall Season of any given year shall constitute the beginning of a new seasonal year. Returning players should not expect to be placed on the same team as they were the prior seasonal year. Returning players MUST register for the upcoming season in order to be placed on the team. Should a coach not return for the second half of the seasonal year, one of three options will be considered;

1. A parent from the original team may step up to coach and maintain the integrity of the team.
2. A new coach will be sought for the team
3. If a coach cannot be identified, the team will be split to different team assignments Top of the Document

For more information about the operations of Stafford Soccer, please see our OPERATIONS MANUAL by clicking [HERE](#).