

## YSC KIDS FAQ's

### **Why aren't the kids doing more scrimmaging? When do they play more "real" soccer?**

1. At this young age the focus is "me and my ball". Our emphasis is on each player working with their own ball and developing comfort with a ball at their feet.
2. Young children struggle with the concept of one ball and not taking turns kicking it.
3. As the children get older, we introduce scrimmage. Ages 5 – 7 engage in 8 to 10 minutes of scrimmage each week, while still working on fun, ball work.

### **Who coaches YSC Kids?**

The coaches are the best part of the YSC program! They are soccer players who are excited about soccer and enjoy working with young children. We keep a low ratio of children to instructors to ensure each child gets attention.

### **My child is upset and doesn't want to participate, what do I do?**

When a child doesn't want to participate, we encourage a parent to stay on the field and participate in the fun, then the child will engage. They then develop comfort and confidence and are ready to do the class by themselves. Some children take 2 to 3 sessions to get comfortable, others are off and running from the get-go! Each child is different, we continue to help you get your child on the field, but don't push too hard. Typically, when they see the fun they want to join in!

### **Why so many imaginary games?**

Children learn through play. Science shows that a bored brain does not learn. We engage the children through fun, creative games. The child learns to manipulate the ball in a way that is fun. Stealing a cannonball and dribbling it to your ship is more fun than waiting your turn, retrieving a ball, dribbling through cones, etc.

### **Can I bring my other children?**

Siblings are welcome to watch and cheer. They may not play on the field while class is in session. We keep the field as safe as possible, and the focus on the little ones.

### **What if a child is disruptive?**

The class is a wonderful, social, team experience. If a child is disruptive to the class, they may be asked to sit out with a parent until they are ready to rejoin the class and follow along.

### **What do I need to bring?**

YSC provides all the equipment needed for the soccer class. You only need to bring a water bottle for water breaks.

### **What should my child wear?**

Each child receives a YSC Kids soccer shirt to wear to class every week. Dress your child in clothes they can comfortably move around in.

### **Does my child need to wear cleats and shin guards?**

Cleats and shin guards are not required. If you have a pair for them, they may wear them to class. It's fun for the little ones to dress like a "real" soccer player and they will be used to wearing them by the time they are older, and they are required. But they are not required for YSC Kids classes.

### **How many adults can accompany 1<sup>st</sup> Soccer players (18mo – 2 years)?**

This class is in high demand. To maximize the number of children who can participate we ask that only 1 parent participate with the child.

### **What does the adult do during 1<sup>st</sup> Soccer?**

Plan on becoming an amazing soccer player! The YSC coach leads the class, but YOU are the coach of your child. The more engaged you are the more fun your child will have playing soccer with you!

### **Can my child play on the obstacle course?**

Your child will have a turn to use the obstacle course with the rest of their class, until then we ask that you help us keep them off. It helps keep the children on task, and the course usable for those who are coming on next.

### **When can I take my child onto the field?**

Plan to be on the field 5 minutes prior to start. However, we ask for a grace period as we set up the fields, and on Saturdays in between classes. Coaches use the time to clear the field, get ready for the next group, grab a drink of water, etc. There is plenty of room outside of the field to wait until we are ready for the fun to begin!

### **What is the make-up policy?**

If you are going to miss a class due to illness or a family emergency, and would like to make it up, you must notify us prior to missing the class. Let us know which weekday class you would like to attend. Make-ups cannot be carried over to another session, **and cannot be done on the weekends, even if you are signed up for a weekend class.**

### **How do I register?**

First, you will need to create a 'user' account for you and your child by clicking on the CUSTOMER LOGIN button in the top right corner of [www.yscsports.com](http://www.yscsports.com). Once you are done setting up your user account, then navigate to the YSC Kids and Training page, choose the class you wish to register for and register with your / your child's user account.

### **Where is YSC Sports located?**

Our address is 224 County Line Road. We are very convenient from the turnpike, Schuylkill Expressway, Blue Route and Route 202. YSC Sports is located near the King of Prussia Town Center.

### **Is there parking available?**

Parking is available in the YSC Sports lot and across the street in the Eagle Crossing Business Park. You may park in front of or behind the 983 building ONLY in the Eagle Crossing Business Park.

### **I'm in the building where do I go?**

Prior to the start of the first weekend class, you will receive an email with your child's group information and a map of the field where your child will go.

### **My child has mild developmental delays/learning differences can we still participate?**

As long as your child can follow along with other children, we would love to have them participate. We also accommodate aides. Let us know how we can best help your child in advance.