



Parents & Players,

Thank you for registering for the Spring 2024 season. Please take a few moments to read the content below prior to contacting the Recreational Committee with questions.

### **Snapshot of Important Dates**

- Jan 22: Registration Closes
- Jan 23-28: Team Formation
- Feb 4: Game Schedules Posted
- Feb 5: Team Practice Begins
- Feb 10: Opening Day of Games
- Feb 12: Skills Training Begins
- March 9-17: NO Training or Games (Spring Break)
- March 30: NO Rec Games (Easter Weekend)
- April 20: Final Day of Games
- April 27: Rainout Game Play Date
- May 4-5: STSS Tournament

### **Recreational Program Overview:**

The Recreational program is a **parent volunteer coached** program and is open to all players **born between 2020-2005**.

Every team is led by at least one volunteer coach. All volunteers receive training, resources, guidance and support from our team of full-time, dedicated, professional staff. Teams have an eight-game season (Spring & Fall). Coach requests and teammate requests are welcome.

### **U4-U5 Age Groups**

The **2020 & 2019** birth years only have a Saturday commitment. This consists of a 20-30-minute team practice followed by a 30-minute game against another team.

### **U6-U19 Age Groups**

The **2018-2005** birth years have 1 mid-week team practice each week and a game on Saturday. Players can also attend the weekly skills training sessions with the club staff.

### **How do registrants receive club communications?**

**Playmetrics** platform will be used to communicate all rosters, schedules, and club events during the season, for all players in every program club wide. The app helps to streamline all communications, schedules, rosters, & resources into one area, for all members of our club.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Playmetrics App. Use the same login created upon registration of your child(ren).



### **When will I find out my child's team and practice information?**

You will receive a notification in Playmetrics when rosters are complete which then give you access to the team calendar, training schedule, team roster and team chat function.

Team practices can begin the week of Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Your assigned volunteer coach will contact you regarding the practice day, time, and location once it has been selected. Practice details will also be added to the team calendar in Playmetrics.

### **When are games?**

Games begin on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the entire season will be released by Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. and then synced into your teams Playmetrics calendar.

### **When is skills training?**

Players in the U6-U19 age groups (2018-2005 birth years) can attend skills sessions in addition to their weekly team practice. Skills training begins the week of Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The skills training schedule is listed on the Recreational webpage under your location.

### **How do I get a uniform?**

The uniforms are not included in the player registration fees. Recreational uniform kit is provided through Soccer.com and starts off at approx. \$80 + taxes & shipping. Uniforms are valid from Fall 2023-Fall 2025. You may choose your own jersey number. Jersey numbers are not assigned to Recreational players.

Rec Uniforms – [Click Here!](#)

### **What are the uniform combinations?**

When you click on the team's game schedule in Playmetrics, it will specify if your team is home or away for the game.

- *Home: Black jersey, Black shorts & Black socks*
- *Away: White jersey, Black shorts & Black socks*

### **What if my uniform doesn't arrive on time?**

Please do your best to improvise and wear a jersey of the same or similar color to the team's home/away jersey. Your child is welcome to decorate & customize.

### **What other equipment do I need?**

Below is what we recommend, other than the uniform:

- Soccer Cleats or Turf Shoes
- Soccer Ball (size recommendations listed below)
- Shin Guards
- Large Water Bottle



**What size ball do I need?**

Please refer to the US Soccer size chart below for the correct size of ball to use. Remember to keep the ball properly inflated!

- Size 3: Players born 2020-2017
- Size 4: Players born 2016-2011
- Size 5: Players born 2010 and older

If you have any questions after reviewing the above information, please contact us at [Recreational@htxsoccer.com](mailto:Recreational@htxsoccer.com)

Thank you ,

**Recreational Program Committee**