



Parents & Players,

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

### Snapshot of Important Dates

- Sept 2: Close of Rec Registration
- Sept 3-7: Team Formation
- Sept 14: Pre-Season Coaches Meeting
- Sept 15: Game Schedule Posted
- Sept 16: Team Practice Begins
- Sept 21: Opening Day of Games
- Sept 23: Skills Training Begins
- Nov 9: Final Day of Games
- Nov 16: Rainout Game Play Date

### Recreational Program Overview:

The Recreational program is a **parent volunteer coached program** and is open to all players **born between 2021-2006**.

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. **Eight-game** season (Spring & Fall). Coach request and teammate requests are welcome.

### U4-U5 Age Groups

The 2021 & 2020 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-U14 Age Groups

The 2019-2011 birth years have 1 mid-week team practice each week and then a game on a Saturday. Players are can also attend the weekly skills training sessions with the club staff.

### U15-U19 High School Age Groups

The 2010-2006 birth years have 1 mid-week pick-up game and then a pick-up game on a Saturday. The pick-up games are led by HTX staff members. 2 games per week.

### How do registrants receive club communications?

**PlayMetrics** is 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).

[PlayMetrics Video Tutorial - CLICK HERE!](#)



### **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, September 11. 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, September 21. The schedule for the entire season will be released by Sunday, September 15 and then synced into your teams PlayMetrics calendar.

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

Players in the U6-U14 age groups (2018-2011 birth years) can attend skills sessions in addition to their weekly team practice. Skills training begins the week of Monday, September 23. 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. \$90 + taxes & shipping. Uniforms are valid from Fall 2023-Fall 2025. Uniforms become available for purchase from June 1.

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 below**)
- Shin Guards
- Large Water Bottle
- Black Shorts
- Long Black Socks (which are worn over the top of the shin guards)

### **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 2021-2018
- Size 4: Players born 2017-2013
- Size 5: Players born 2012 and older

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

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