

FAQs: South U4-U12 Recreational Program

We want to thank you for registering your child for the Fall 2024 Recreational Season. Please take a few moments to read the content below.

Important Dates

- Jan 30: Registration Closes
- Feb 3: Team formation/rosters posted in PlayMetrics
- Feb 6-8: Pre-season coaches meeting*
- Feb 9: Game schedule posted in PlayMetrics
- **Feb 10**: Practices begin
- Feb 15 First day of games
- Feb 17: Director-lead ball mastery sessions begin (first 15 minutes of practice time)
- Feb 21: South Skills Development Program begins (optional)
- April 26: Final day of games
- May 3: HTX South Recreational Jamboree & Picture Day
- Potential rainout dates:
 - o April 27: afternoon
 - o April 28-May 1: during practice time
 - May 3
 - o **May 4:** afternoon

PlayMetrics

This is our method of communicating all rosters, schedules and club events during the season, for all players in every program club wide. Please <u>Download the PlayMetrics App</u>. Use the same login created upon registration of your child(ren).

Click HERE - How to Use PlayMetrics (Video Tutorial)

Who is on my team?

Registration closes on January 30. You will be notified of your child(ren)'s team assignment(s) via **PlayMetrics** no later than **February 3**. If you have not heard from your coach by then, please contact your respective director:

- CLEAR LAKE: John Slaughter clearlake@htxsoccer.com
- FRIENDSWOOD: Reece Winters friendswood@htxsoccer.com
- LEAGUE CITY: Stephanie Middlebrooks <u>leaguecity@htxsoccer.com</u>

When is our team practice?

Team practices begin the week of Monday, February 10.

- U4 (2021): Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00AM (Practice followed by a game)
- U5/6 (2020/2019): Will be loaded in PlayMetrics once confirmed with coaches
- U7/8 (2018/2017): Monday and Wednesday 5:30 6:30 PM
- U9/10 (2016/2015): Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 6:45 PM

When are Games?

Games begin **February 15.** The schedule will be released by **February 9.** This will be synced to your calendar in PlayMetrics.

^{*} Coaches meeting information will be sent to all coaches once confirmed

How do I get a uniform?

For uniform information & purchasing, <u>click here</u>. These uniforms will be good through the end of the Spring of 2025 season.

What if my uniform doesn't arrive on time?

If your uniform doesn't arrive before the first game, you can wear a shirt in the correct color scheme until your official jersey arrives.

What other equipment do I need?

Below are what we recommend, other than the uniform:

- Soccer Cleats or Turf Shoes
- Soccer Ball (size chart below)
- Shin Guards (must be covered by long soccer socks)
- Large Water Bottle

What size ball do I need?

- Size 3: Players born 2021-2017
- Size 4: Players born 2016-2013
- Size 5: Players born 2012 and older

Volunteers

The HTX Soccer Recreational program is a volunteer-based program with each team **requiring at least ONE volunteer coach**, two are preferred. Volunteer coaches are directed and guided by a team of dedicated professional staff.

Requirements

- Conduct weekly team practices at one of the club approved facilities
 - o **U4:** Saturday morning practice followed by a game
 - o **U5-U6:** 1 mid-week practice (coaches choose day)
 - o U7-U10: 2 mid-week practices (U7/U8 Mon/Wed, U9/U10 Tues/Thurs)
 - o **U11-**U12: 2 mid-week practices (days
- Coach 1 game per week
- Point of contact for team parents (or have a team manager)
- Complete a background check

Tournament Opportunities

- 5v5 Copa Sienna
 - o Jan 11
 - o Sienna Plantation
 - o Cost varies per age group team fee is divided among rostered players
- BAYSA Winter Tournament
 - o February 8 & 9
 - o El Franco Lee Park
 - o Cost varies per age group team fee is divided among rostered players
- 3v3 Turf Cup
 - o March 30
 - o The Woodlands
 - o Cost varies per age group team fee is divided among rostered players
- Spring Showdown
 - o Dec 14
 - o The Woodlands
 - o Cost varies per age group team fee is divided among rostered players