

Our next season is Spring of 2008. Please see the main page at www.luyaa.org for details.

Most of our LUYAA Soccer coaches (please contact the commissioner at soccer@luyaa.org if you would like to volunteer) are licensed and certified through the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and or the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). Four of our coaches, three of whom are Soccer Board members, are Nationally Licensed through either the NSCAA or the USSF.

LUYAA Soccer is a recreational league soccer program with an in house instructional division for ages 3 through U8, and a competitive/travel division for U10 through U19 (U16 and U19 are offered in the spring only for FCYSL teams). The in house divisions consist of Soccer TOTS for 3s and 4s, the small sided U6/3v3 Academy for pre-K fives and kindergarten fives, and the U8 Academy for all under eights. The Competitive/Travel division children play mainly in the Frederick County Youth Soccer League (FCYSL), though some may play on LUYAA teams, which compete in Montgomery Soccer Inc. (MSI) or BBSL (Baltimore Beltway Soccer League. Competitive/Travel league children must purchase the official Adidas LUYAA uniform which is an additional cost. It is sold at Frederick Soccer Supplies (301-668-6111). All LUYAA Soccer parents will receive a discount on non-uniform purchases (the uniforms already have a volume discount built in to the final price) made at Frederick Soccer Supplies if they identify themselves as LUYAA members.

Spring age group eligibility for the Instructional and Competitive soccer year continues from the fall season so whatever age group your child participated in in the fall carries over to the spring. Age group eligibility for the fall of 2007 and the spring of 2008 is determined based on your child's age as of July 31, 2007. So, for example, if your child's birthday is August 1, 1997 then even though your child turned ten before the start of the Fall 2007 season, your child is still considered to be an under 10 (U10) for the entire soccer year. Why? Because on July 31, 2007 your child was still nine and did not have a 10th birthday until August 1.

It is important for parents of competitive and travel league LUYAA teams to understand that these teams are much different than our own in house soccer teams, and other LUYAA sports (basketball, for example) in house teams. Competitive and Travel league LUYAA Soccer teams are not formed with the idea of balancing out every LUYAA Competitive and Travel league team so that they are all theoretically equal. The Competitive and Travel League teams must abide by the rules set up by FCYSL and other league associations which mandate that teams with highly skilled and talented players be placed at their appropriate skill levels to compete with and against, on average, children of similar abilities. Therefore, some teams will be flighted and of much higher skill levels than others.

While we do our best to consider requests it is important to recognize that LUYAA Soccer can not guarantee that requests for specific coaches, practice nights or practice locations will be granted. Parents should understand that soccer is a sport which requires a time commitment for practices and games. Soccer is not a social club. It is not the priority of the league to work around a family's schedule. If the only night of the week your child can play soccer is Tuesday then it is probably best if you register your child another time when your schedule is more flexible. While we understand that many children prefer to play on teams with friends, we also ask parents to be understanding of the fact that there are roster limits and age group considerations which we must follow, as well as other factors.

LUYAA Soccer is a member of the Frederick County Youth Soccer Association and the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association, which, in turn, are members of the United States Soccer Federation. As such we are expected to follow their rules and regulations in order to remain a member in good standing.

If you have any questions please contact the commissioner at soccer@luyaa.org