



August 28, 2020

To : Club Presidents

From : Jan Brown, League Operations Director

Re : CDYSL Fall Ball for Ages U08-U14
Sunday Afternoons, September 20th – November 1st

What does my club need to know about participation in the Fall League?

Fall traveling soccer programs are generally not available to younger players (U08 – U14) during the school season. CDYSL responded to several requests to provide an opportunity for an organized outdoor fall program by introducing a 6-week mini-leagues for U10/U12 years boys and girls team in 2007. This year all age groups under the birth year initiative U08 up to U14 will be offered; and if there is enough participation interest a U16 and U19 age bracket. The number of teams signed up will determine divisions. The six (6) game schedule will begin on Sunday, September 20 and end on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

The CDYSL Fall program is an opportunity for our younger players to play outdoor soccer at a level above what they might find in their location recreation league. Our focus is on making sure players have the opportunity to play and get a good playing experience at an appropriate level of competition. Our focus is not on tracking wins or losses or determining champions and awards.

In the past, games were played “festival style” with many teams playing at a common facility; however, this year, due to Covid-19 concerns, the format will be different. CDYSL is offering teams the opportunity to play home/away games or on fields within its region. To keep costs down, scores and standings will not be posted and awards for regional champions will not be distributed.

Team Commitments

- Team Commitments are to be submitted online by September 14, 2020. A fee of \$110/team applies to each registered team.
- Team Commitment Summary Sheet and payment are due to the CDYSL office by noon, September 15, 2020.

- **New this year**, clubs will be able to select the level of play for their teams. The schedule will be determined by the number of teams that sign up in each division for the Fall Ball Program.

Fields

Due to Covid-19 concerns, CDYSL is changing the format for the 2020 Fall League. Instead of one site as in years past, games will be played based on home/away locations. In the event a game cannot be played at “home,” a site may be selected based on the available fields within the club’s region.

Player Registration

To make the Fall Ball Program work, the mindset of clubs and coaches has to shift to an earlier registration of players to make sure players are insured. Since many clubs have not yet fully formed their teams, CDYSL wants to be as flexible as possible in the rostering requirements of this fall league. For example, if your club has a U12 and a U11 team but there are not enough players on either team interested in the fall league, a club could roster the interested players from both teams on one Rec Plus roster for the fall league. Later in the year, the players would be moved to their spring teams without penalty.

All players **MUST** be registered **BEFORE** the fall season begins to be covered by insurance. **Registration paperwork must be submitted to the CDYSL office no later than noon on September 11th to allow sufficient time for processing of rosters.**

This year, coaches will only need to bring a copy of the approved photo roster to present to the referees. Player passes will not be required for Fall Ball.

Roster Sizes

- **U08** teams will play a dual sided 4v4 format with no keepers. Maximum roster size of 14 players per team.
- **U10 Boys and Girls** will play 7v7 with maximum roster size of 14 players per team.
- **U12 Boys and Girls** will play 9v9. CDYSL will allow a roster of 18 players. *Please note that teams registered as “Travel” and planning to play in the State Cup, cannot have a roster size of greater than 16.*
- **U14 Boys and Girls** will play 11v11. CDYSL allows a roster size of 22 player. *Please note that teams registered as “Travel” and planning to play in the State Cup, cannot have a roster size of greater than 18.*

Referee Fees

Referee fees will be paid by the teams according to the 2020-2021 fee structure. Each team is responsible for half of the referee fees.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 518-435-2325. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and have a great season.

Sincerely,
The CDYSL Office Staff