



## Detroit PAL 2019 Spring Soccer Season Important Questions and Things to Know

**1. When does the season start and end?**

**The 2019 Spring Season is scheduled to run from April 27 through June 15.**

**2. What ages are eligible for the league?**

Parents can sign up children born in the year 2015 through 2001. Children born **before** 2004 cannot sign up individually and must be a part of an existing team.

**3. How do I register online for the program?**

Online registration is available at [detroitpal.siplay.com](http://detroitpal.siplay.com). You can also access online registration from the home page of [detroitpal.org](http://detroitpal.org), scrolling down to "How To Register Your Child".

**4. Where & how else can I register for programs?**

Register at the Detroit PAL Office located at 1680 Michigan Ave Detroit, MI 48216 on Monday – Friday from 10am to 6pm. **If a child wants to participate on a SW Detroit team, their registration MUST be done at Clark Park, Monday – Friday from 3pm to 6pm. The phone number for Clark Park is (313) 841-8534.** Cash, credit, checks, and money orders (made payable to Detroit PAL) are accepted. To receive the Medicaid discount, registration must be completed in the office or through mail (with a copy of the Medicaid card).

**5. What is the registration fee and what is included?**

**Early Registration:** 1/2/19 – 3/17/19 at \$60 per player or \$50 w/ a Medicaid Card

**Regular Registration:** 3/18/19 – 4/5/19 at \$70 or \$55 w/ a Medicaid Card

The registration fee includes a jersey, shorts, and socks. All players in the U10 divisions and younger will receive a participation award. **All players MUST HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE or proof of age on file before the season begins.**

**6. What else does my child need to play soccer?**

- **Shin guards are mandatory.** Shin guards protect your player's shins from being accidentally kicked. They can be purchased for around \$10 at any sporting goods store.
- Soccer ball is recommended. Players improve faster when they have a ball to practice with at home. You can buy a ball for around \$12 at any sporting goods store. Please note below that there are different sized soccer balls for different age children (see question #8).
- Soccer Cleats are optional; however, players have better traction on the field. If you purchase cleats, **THEY MUST BE SOCCER CLEATS** not baseball or football cleats.

**7. What is the cutoff date used to determine my child's division?**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Program</u>
5 & Under	2014 - 2015	Little Kickers	Fundamentals on Saturdays only
6 & Under	2013 - 2014	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
8 & Under	2011 - 2012	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
10 & Under	2009 - 2010	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
12 & Under	2007- 2008	Challenge	Competitive games
14 & Under	2005 - 2006	Challenge	Competitive games
18 & Under	2004 - 2001	Challenge	Competitive games

**8. What are the rules for the age groups?**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Team Roster</u>	<u>Field Players</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
5 & Under (Lil Kickers)	20-30 on Saturdays Only	"FUN"damentals	45-60 minutes	#3
6 & Under	5-10 Players	4 v 4 (no goalie)	8 minute quarters	#3
8 & Under	6-12	5 v 5 (no goalie)	12 minute quarters	#3
10 & Under	8-14	7 v 7	25 minute halves	#4
12 & Under	10-16	9 v 9	30 minute halves	#4
14 & Under	12-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5
18 & Under	12-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5

**9. When & where will games and practices be held?**

**ALL GAMES are scheduled to be played at Historic Ft. Wayne in SW Detroit on Jefferson at Livernois.** Games are scheduled on Saturdays. Practices are 1-2 times a week near your site preference, except for Little Kickers which only meets on Saturday mornings at Historic Ft. Wayne.

**Questions? Call (313) 833-1600 or visit our website [www.detroitpal.org](http://www.detroitpal.org)**