



## Detroit PAL 2020 SPRING Soccer Season Important Questions and Things to Know

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

The 2020 SPRING Season is scheduled to run from April 4th through May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Championships on May 30th.

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

Parents can sign up children born in the year 2016 through 2002. Children born **before** 2001 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”. Create an account if you do not already have one. Select the Child/Volunteer you would like to register, and then select Spring Soccer 2020.

**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:** 2/10/20 – 3/10/20 at \$60 per player or \$50 w/ a Medicaid Card

**Late Registration:** 3/11/20 – 3/20/20 at \$70 or \$60 w/ a Medicaid Card

The registration fee includes a jersey, shorts, and socks. **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 or online at amazon.com. Please contact Detroit PAL if you are unable to purchase your own shin guards.
- 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, but *recommended*; players have better traction on the field using cleats. 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 Year</u> | <u>Division</u> | <u>Program</u>                               |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 5 & Under        | 2014-2016         | Little Kickers  | Fundamentals on Saturdays or Wednesdays only |
| 6 & Under        | 2014-2015         | Classic         | Fundamentals and non-competitive games       |
| 8 & Under        | 2012-2014         | Classic         | Fundamentals and non-competitive games       |
| 10 & Under       | 2010-2012         | Classic         | Fundamentals and non-competitive games       |
| 12 & Under       | 2008-2010         | Challenge       | Competitive games                            |
| 14 & Under       | 2006-2008         | Challenge       | Competitive games                            |
| 19 & Under       | 2001-2005         | 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> |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 6U (Little Kickers) | 20-30              | "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               |
| 19 & Under          | 12-18              | 11 v 11              | 45 minute halves   | #5               |

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

**ALL GAMES are scheduled to be played at Romanowski Park, Detroit, MI 48210.** Games can be scheduled Saturdays and in the case of lightning, games will be rescheduled on the proceeding Sunday. Practices are 1-2 times a week near your site preference, except for Little Kickers which only meets once a week. Practices are determined by the coach.

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