



# ROGUE VALLEY SOCCER CLUB

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Should I enroll my child in kinder soccer, recreational, or competitive soccer?**

**Kindersoccer** is for children that are at least 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start the fall soccer season and by five years old by the start of the first game in spring.

**Recreational soccer** is for children that are between the ages of 6 and 14 years old and have very little or no soccer experience at all. They must be in first grade and be at least 6 yrs old by August 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of their first grade year. For the older players, children can play up until they are 14 years old (they cannot be in high school).

**Competitive soccer** is for the child with soccer experience that would like to play in a more competitive atmosphere with more emphasis on advanced team tactics. No players under the age of 10 years old are allowed to participate in competitive soccer according to Oregon Youth Soccer Association guidelines. Competitive soccer requirements dictate that a player attends a tryout and be selected on an age appropriate team.

**What age groups does RVSC offer?**

We have teams for players age 5 and up.

Players must be at least 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to play in the fall and by the start of the first game in the spring.

**Does my child need playing experience?**

We accept children of all playing abilities. As this is recreational soccer, emphasis is on having fun and learning soccer.

## What is the deadline for mail-in registration? If registered late will a player still be able to play?

For the fall season, it is July 15<sup>th</sup>. For the spring season, it is after Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. After that there is a \$25 late fee and players are placed on teams only as space is available on a first come first placed basis. The fastest way to be placed on a team if registered late is for the parent to coach a team. Refunds will be issued if players are not placed on a team.

## What equipment does my child need to play soccer? Where can it be purchased?

**ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED BY OUR INSURANCE TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS AT EVERY PRACTICE AND GAME.**

**All recreational players are required to wear the Rogue Valley Soccer Club reversible jersey.**

You may purchase the items your player will need at just about any sporting goods store. The **club recreational reversible jersey** is available at Cascade Athletic: 2930 Biddle Road, Medford. PH: 772-7594. Direct Kick Soccer Shop located next to Safeway in the Tinseltown shopping center also carries our RVSC recreational reversible jersey.

Cleats - **cannot** have a cleat in the middle of the toe. If you are unfamiliar with soccer cleats, please ask the clerk for assistance so you do not purchase the wrong type.

Shin guards - **cannot** be the socks with built in shin guards. These are unsafe. Socks - must cover the shin guards

Black shorts preferred.

Water bottle - BRING TO EVERY PRACTICE AND GAME.

Soccer ball - (see ball size chart below).

**No jewelry of any kind is allowed. Medical bracelets must be taped down. A player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player. Players CANNOT put tape over earrings. It is best to wait until after the season to pierce ears, as they WILL NOT be allowed to play otherwise.**

**Kinder Soccer players must have shin guards and socks to cover them. They should have athletic shoes, but cleats are not required.**

## What size ball does my child need?

Kindersoccer - SIZE 3

U8 - SIZE 4

U10 - SIZE 4

U12 - SIZE 4

U14 - SIZE 5

U16 - SIZE 5

## When does the season start and end? How many games are there? When are the games?

The first game of the fall season is the first Saturday following Labor Day. The first game of the spring season is the first Saturday after spring vacation. The fall games go through the end of October. The spring games go through the end of May, games are not played on Pear Blossom or Memorial Day weekend. There are 8 games in the season. They are all played on Saturdays with most games starting before noon.

## Why do you ask for emergency contact? Naturally, in an emergency I would want you to contact me.

We would contact you if there were an emergency. The emergency contacts should be people we could reach in case we cannot reach you. Please include your cell phone number so we can best reach you first in any situation.

## When are practices?

Practices are usually in the evening, after school and work. Each coach sets the practice time and place that is convenient for them (**one of the reasons to coach!**). Typically, the youngest players practice one or two times a week, for 45 minutes to an hour. The older kids usually practice 1½ hours, twice per week.

## Where are the fields?

### Recreational fields are as follows:

Kinder Soccer games are all played at Jefferson School.

U7 and U8 play all games at Wilson School.

U9 play all games at Kennedy.

U10 girls play all games at Hoover Elementary.

U10 boys play all games at Orchard Hill Elementary.

U12 play all games at Howard Elementary.

U14 play home games at Fichtner-Mainwaring and away in Grants Pass.

## How are players assigned to teams?

Teams are formed according to the player's grade and by geographical area whenever possible. Players who are older or younger for their grade may be given special consideration and may be assigned to a division other than their grade appropriate division.

## My child wants to play on a specific team. May we make a request for that?

Teams will be formed by geographic boundaries of elementary schools whenever possible. Requests for specific teams or coaches may be made but placement on the requested team is not guaranteed. Requests may be made on the registration form.

## When will we hear from my child's coach?

Coaches receive their rosters approximately 2-3 weeks before the start of the season. If you haven't heard two weeks prior to the start of the season, please call 541 301-3681, or call/email the correct age group coordinator which you can get from our web site, [RVSOCCER.COM](http://RVSOCCER.COM).

## My neighbors are already practicing! Why haven't we heard from our coach?

All coaches are volunteers and some just like to start earlier than others do. We ask the coaches to make contact with their teams by early to mid August to set up times for a team meeting and practices. If you have not heard from your coach by mid August, you can call or email the club and we will give you the name and number of your coach so you can call him or her and offer your help in getting started.

## What is the difference between competitive soccer and recreational soccer?

Registration for competitive is the same as for recreation. The difference is that players who wish to play competitive must participate in the tryouts that are held in May and November. When a child reaches the U11 age, there are opportunities to play competitive soccer or to continue with recreational soccer. Competitive requires a much larger commitment of both the player and parents in terms of time, travel and money.

## What is your refund policy?

Refunds are issued to any players who cannot be placed on a team. There are no refunds if placed on a team.

## **.Will there be team pictures?**

We arrange for professional photos each season through a professional studio. The time and location will be announced to your child's coach.

## **How do I become a referee?**

Each season RVSC holds referee clinics. For more information, contact the Referee Coordinator (see contacts on our web page).

## **Do I have to have experience to coach?**

We provide training and support for our coaches. You do not have to have soccer experience but you do need to work well with children. The most important consideration is if a person cares about the kids enough to do their very best. At the beginning of every season, our club head coach, Kevin Primerano, holds coaching clinics for all recreational coaches.

## **How can I contact the club?**

You may call Kevin at 541 301-3681. You may also go to our web site: [www.rvsoccer.com](http://www.rvsoccer.com) and go to board members or age group coordinators on the contact list. There you will have access to board member email or the correct age group in which you have questions.

## **Where is your club office?**

There is not one. Rogue Valley soccer club is a volunteer, non-profit organization. We do not have a brick and mortar building.

## **What is the foul weather policy?**

Although soccer is an "all weather" sport, there are times when it is unsafe to play. These are usually dictated by the conditions of the field. In cases of lightning, severe rain or rain combined with cold temperatures, games and practices might be postponed or canceled. If in doubt, go to the field.

## **What if it is raining the morning of the game?**

Games will be played as scheduled, even in the rain. If you have not received a call from your coach canceling the game, proceed to the field.

## Volunteers

Rogue Valley Soccer Club is always in need of volunteers. Since we are a non-profit organization, we are all volunteers and can always use help in many different areas.

**Please contact someone on the RVSC board to find out how you can help!**