

Frequently Asked Questions

How old does my child need to be to play soccer?

CFBSA places kids from 3 - 18 years of age. Players must be 3 years old by July 31 to play in the fall season or 3 years old by December 31 to play in the spring season.

How do I register if I am new?

It is a simple process. Fill out a completed registration form, with a copy of birth certificate (issued by a government agency-NO hospital copies will be accepted) and all fees and mail or drop off at our office. Please check www.cfbsoccer.net for address. You may also register on-line at www.cfbsoccer.net.

Existing teams will draft new players to fill their roster counts and then new teams will be formed.

It is important for you to know the sooner we get your registration form and fee the better opportunity we have to get your child on a team. If we aren't able to place your child on a team, your fee will be refunded in full. **No refunds will be given after the season begins. CFBSA will not accept any registration forms unless all necessary paperwork and fees are submitted, no exceptions!**

When is registration?

The fall season usually runs May 1st through mid-July and the spring season from early November through mid-January. If you register for the fall season you do not have to re-register for the spring season. However, check web site for specific dates to register.

How much does it cost?

Please check www.cfbsoccer.net, the registration form or on-line registration

How can I get a copy of the Registration form?

All forms can be found at www.cfbsoccer.net or throughout the Carrollton-Farmers Branch area.

My son and our neighbor's son are the same age; however they were placed on different teams and in different age groups, why?

Per North Texas rules, both month and year born determine age group they will be placed. Playing chart can be found www.ntxsoccer.org or www.cfbsoccer.net

How long is the soccer year?

The soccer years consists of a fall and spring season. Our fall season usually begins in late August and ends in early November. The spring season usually begins in early February and ends in early May. However, to accommodate high school schedules U15-U19 to begin later in the spring.

What happens if I register late?

You pay a late fee and there are no guarantees your child will be placed on a team. In the event your child can't be placed on a team, you will only receive the actual registration fee as a refund; late fee will not be included.

Is CFBSA a recreational league or a "select" league?

Carrollton Farmers Branch Soccer Association is a non-profit organization committed to promoting youth **recreational** soccer in the communities of Carrollton and Farmers Branch. CFBSA currently provides training, education, and recreational soccer experience to more than 2,000 kids from ages three to nineteen.

How much playing time must my coach allow my child to play?

Coaches are required to play a player a minimum of 50% in each association game. Exceptions to the time requirement include if a player arrives to the game late, he or she shall play 50% of the remaining game time.

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Yes, on limited occasions. Before the next season begins, you must check the specific box on the registration form or check the box when re-registering on line during registration.

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How many games do you schedule for the season?

We typically schedule 10 in the fall and 10 in the spring. For U5-U19. U4 we schedule 8 in the fall and 8 in the spring. However, weather and unforeseen events may prevent this.

What do I need for my child to play soccer?

All you need is a pair of tennis shoes or soccer cleats, shin pads, age appropriate soccer ball and a desire to have fun. You'll purchase a uniform through the team, not the association, after being placed on a team.

When do they play?

Usually most games are on Saturdays and some weeknights for all age groups. U11 and above will also play a limited number of Sunday games.

How are teams formed?

All players will be assigned to a team in a division made up of kids of same age. Registrants will be drafted to the teams per North Texas Soccer rules. The coach of the team your child will be on will contact you.

Those who played the previous season will remain on their existing team unless parents wants their child be place back in the draft; new players will either be drafted to existing teams or newly formed teams.

Who will coach my child's team?

Coaches are parents just like you who are volunteering their time. So please support your coaches. They are volunteering their time to teach your kids soccer. Most of them have full time jobs and do this because they love it. If we do not get enough volunteer coaches, then we will not be able to place all the children. Please consider coaching.. CFBSA provides coaching clinics to make the job of a coach a pleasant one. The coach should contact you soon after draft.

When is the draft held?

Usually 2-3 weeks before the season starts

Will my child have to play against older kids?

Not usually! Players will be assigned to one of the following divisions:

Girls: Under 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19

Boys: Under 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19

Where will I practice?

Coaches set the time and place for all practice

Where are you located and how can I contact CFBSA?

2150 N. Josey Ln, Suite 204
Carrollton, TX 75006
PHONE: 972-245-9307 FAX: 972-245-9928
officemanager@cfbsoccer.net
www.cfbsoccer.net

What are the playing rules?

Please check www.cfbsoccer.net under the tab "Playing Rules".

Are your teams' ages pure?

Yes, teams are age pure unless a player has written permission to play in an older age group. Players cannot play in a younger age group.

What size ball does my child's age group play with?

Under 4 thru Under 8 size 3, Under 9 thru Under 12 size 4, Under 13 and above size.

Do you have "try outs"?

No

Can my child play with his friends?

U4-U6 only ("Friends Play With Friends"). North Texas has very strict rules when it comes to team formation that we must abide by. This rule can only apply to the U4 through U6 age groups.

Can I wear earrings or can I put tape over them?

No. Soccer is a physical sport and players bump into each other. If a player were to have their ear bumped, the earring could puncture the skin or the ear lobe may be ripped. Earrings may NEVER be worn to practices or games and they may NEVER be taped over. This includes earrings, nose rings, brow rings, etc.

Can any jewelry be worn?

No! Soccer is a physical sport and players bump into each other. Jewelry can snag other players' clothes or tangle in hair or cut skin.

Where will the games be played locally?

Locally we play at either R. E. Good or McInnish Soccer Complex in Carrollton. Farmers Branch we play at Cox or Pepper. Please check the "Playing Field" tab of www.cfbsocket.net for field maps and directions.

What are your office hours?

Check our web site at www.cfbsocket.net as office hours varies from season to season.

What happens if I do not take down and return the Nets/Flags to storage after my game?

You will need to come back to the field the same day and return the equipment to storage. If stolen you will need to pay for replacements. You could be suspended, fined and lose points in standings for your team.

What happens if I do not call in my scores or fax my game report within 48 hours of my game?

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Can we scrimmage or practice on the game fields after the season has started?

No. The cities of Carrollton and Farmers-Branch do not allow scrimmages or practices on game fields after the season has started. However, the cities do allow CFBSA teams to scrimmage on the game fields one week prior to the fall season with CFBSA authorization.

What is NTSSA?

North Texas State Soccer Association is a Texas non-profit, 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Corporation formed to promote, foster, and advance the cause of soccer for youth and adults within its territory of North Texas and is CFBSA's parent association.

For additional information please refer to www.ntxsoccer.org

What is TOC?

NTSSA Tournament of Champions (TOC) - North Texas State Soccer Associations sponsors the Tournament of Champions at the end of each fall season. The tournament is invitation only, represented by teams in each U10 and older age group as invited by each NTSSA playing association.

The CFBSA policy for invitation to NTSSA TOC will be determined by CFBSA Executive Board. Teams in U9 age group will be combined with the U10 age group to determine at U10 representative. Teams in U11 age group will be combined with the U12 age group to determine at U12 representative. Teams in U13 age group will be combined with the U14 age group to determine at U14 representative. Teams in U15 age group will be combined with the U16 age group to determine at U16 representative. The U19 age bracket will also represent CFBSA.

What does Small Sided refer to?

Small Sided means the players are in the U4-U8 age groups. These age groups do not keep standings except for purposes of seeding divisions the next season. The standings are not published. The small-sided age group receives participation awards only (i.e. medals).

What does Full Sided refer to?

Full Sided means the players are in the U9-U19 age groups that play for Placement Trophies. They have a crew of 3 officials, 1 center referee and 2 assistant referees and play on the larger fields.

Can I withdraw my child from soccer at anytime?

Yes you can withdraw your child from CFBSA at your written request. Keep in mind when you register for the fall season you are registering and paying for both the fall and spring season. This is a great service that parents love because they only have to register once a year to play soccer.

Why does CFBSA need my email address?

It is important that CFBSA always have a reliable and updated email address (es) for every player, head coach, assistant coach and team manager. Mass email blasts are sent out with important information like:

- season schedules posted online;
- registration reminders;
- call for coaches;
- community events;
- special offers for CFBSA members;
- rainouts/reschedules

When registering as a player or coach, be sure to include at least one email address, preferably multiple addresses if possible. Changes to email addresses or any player/coach contact information should be updated in the computer. Primary communication to our members is handled by email