



Detroit PAL 2015 Fall Soccer Season Important Questions and Things to Know

1. When does the season start and end?

The 2015 Fall Season is scheduled to run from September 26th through November 7th.

2. How do I register online for the first time?

Online registration is available at DetroitPAL.org under Programs under Info for Parents under How to Register. Click the Register Online link to access the website. To register, you must first create an account by clicking Register at the top right of the screen. Follow the instructions for New Customer Primary Contact and Create New Account. Once you have created an account with your child(ren), you will then be given options to register for all available programs.

3. Where & how else can I register for programs?

Register at the Detroit PAL Office located at 111 W. Willis, S. of Warren, (between Woodward & Cass) 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.** Registrations should include a completed & signed registration form, a birth certificate (unless already on file) and full payment. Cash, credit, checks, and money orders (made payable to Detroit PAL) are accepted. Registration can be sent by mail, checks & money orders only. To receive the Medicaid discount registration must be completed in the office, or through mail (with a copy of the Medicaid card).

4. What is the registration fee and what is included?

Early-Bird Registration: 5/18/15 – 8/22/15 at \$45 per player or \$35 w/ a Medicaid Card

Regular Registration: 8/24/15 – 8/29/15 at \$55 per player or \$40 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 at the Detroit PAL office before the season begins.**

5. 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 \$5-\$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 \$10 at any sporting goods store. Please note below that there are different size soccer balls for different age children (see question #6).
- 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.**

6. 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>
Under-5	8/1/10 – 9/26/11	Little Kickers	Fundamentals and soccer activities
Under 6	8/1/09 – 7/31/11	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 8	8/1/07 – 7/31/09	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 10	8/1/05 – 7/31/08	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 12	8/1/03 – 7/31/06	Challenge	Competitive games
Under 14	8/1/01 – 7/31/04	Challenge	Competitive games
Under 19	8/1/96 – 7/31/01	Challenge	Competitive games

7. 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>
Under 5 (Lil Kickers)	20-30 on Saturdays Only	“FUN”damentals	45-60 minutes	#3
Under 6	5-7 Players	4 v 4 (no goalie)	8 minute quarters	#3
Under 8	6-9	5 v 5 (no goalie)	12 minute quarters	#3
Under 10	9-12	6 v 6	25 minute halves	#4
Under 12	12-15	8 v 8	30 minute halves	#4
Under 14	15-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5
Under 19	15-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5

8. 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 Saturdays with some weekday games. Practices are 1-2 times a week near your site preference.

Questions? Call (313) 833-1600 or visit our website www.detroitpal.org