

# FALL 2017 Soccer South Registration Guide – Page 2

## Registration Instructions / Policies / What to Expect

**How to Register** (see page 1 for registration deadlines and fees by age):

IN-PERSON:

- Wednesday, May 31, 3-6 PM at Hy-Vee on Fleur (4605 Fleur Dr., in "Club Room" in back of store)
- Sunday, June 4, 1-4:30 PM at the fields (5171 Park Ave, about 2 miles west of Park/Fleur intersection)
- Saturday, June 17, 1-5 PM at the fun day at the fields (If rained out, will move registration to Fleur Hy-Vee)
- Saturday, July 15, 1-5 PM, LAST CHANCE 5U-8U REGISTRATION at Hy-Vee on Fleur

ONLINE: Go to [www.soccersouthdsm.org](http://www.soccersouthdsm.org) for a link.

BY MAIL: Mail completed paper form, proof of age (if needed), and full payment (check or money order) to...

Soccer South  
PO Box 21172  
Des Moines, IA 50321

### Registration Policy Reminders:

- **No refunds** will be given unless the club is unable to place a player on a team.
- Dishonored checks will be assessed a \$7.00 surcharge.
- **NEW PLAYERS need to show a birth certificate or passport for proof of age.**

### Fall Season Timeline:

- You should expect to hear from your child's coach in mid August. The game schedules should be available by August 28.
- Game weekends are: Sept 9-10, Sept 16-17, Sept 23-24, Sept 30-Oct 1, Oct 7-8 (5U-8U ONLY), Oct 14-15, Oct 21-22, Oct 28-29. 9U and older teams should have Oct 7-8 as a bye weekend, with an optional area tournament.

### Practice Information:

- Each team's practice schedule is up to the volunteer coach. (Want to control the practice schedule? Consider coaching.)
- We will likely have Monday nights continue to be our skills clinics with Coerver Iowa. Some coaches may choose to have team practices before or after the clinics. (Skills clinics are for individual development of ball handling skills)

### Required Gear:

- Shin guards (worn under socks)
- Correctly sized soccer ball – 5U-8U uses Size 3, 9U-12U uses Size 4, 13U & above uses Size 5
- Athletic shoes – Soccer cleats are highly recommended, but optional. No toe cleats (like for football or baseball) allowed.

### Uniform Information:

- **Uniforms are not included in the registration fee.** The Soccer South uniform is changing this season. We will have a navy blue set and a red set. Like previous seasons, the uniform purchase will be a separate transaction with **Soccer Master** (3233 100th St. - Urbandale, IA 50322, ph: **515-270-8141**).
- YOUR CHILD CAN WEAR THESE NEW UNIFORMS MULTIPLE SEASONS (until outgrown).
- Plan to spend from \$44.90 to \$47.30 for two sets of uniforms, depending on your child's jersey size. Soccer socks cost \$6/pair from Soccer Master. You will need a red pair and a navy blue pair, but you may purchase them elsewhere. If you already have one or both colors, you do not need to buy new ones.
- You will need to order your uniforms (and possibly socks) online using the link at [soccersouthdsm.org](http://soccersouthdsm.org). You could also place your order on a computer (and can use any payment method) at the Soccer Master store in Urbandale.
- To determine sizing, come to one of the in-person events in June (we plan to have samples) or visit Soccer Master.

### Team Assignment Policy:

According to Iowa Soccer Association guidelines, coaches cannot request players, and players cannot request coaches or placement with friends. We often keep the previous season's teams together, if the ages work out and the players return, but it's not guaranteed. However, we will honor requests for a child to be removed from a previous team/ coach. We will also honor requests for siblings in the same age group to be placed on the same team or on separate teams. However, if one of the children needs to "play up" it must be approved by the board. We do look at schools (& school zones) when forming teams, especially with 8U & younger. Team formation is also based on the availability of a volunteer coach. (Without a coach, we can't have a team.) If there are not enough coaches signed up, we will keep the parents informed as we try to recruit more coaches. If we are unable to place all the players who have registered onto teams, the last ones to register will be the first ones dropped and refunded. (THIS PRETTY MUCH NEVER HAPPENS, BECAUSE PARENTS DO STEP UP.) For older players, we may be unable to form a team if not enough players register. If there are issues with getting enough players, we will keep parents informed.

### "Playing Up" Policy:

Parents may request their child be allowed to "play up" and be on a team that is at an age level above the child's age. This is allowable on a case-by-case basis, but the Soccer South club board must approve it (and will consult coaches as needed). Reasons for playing up might include wanting to challenge a skilled player, to allow player to stay with a certain team, or to allow player to be on same team as a sibling. Typically, 13U & 14U players will be together on a team. 11U & 12U players could be mixed or separated, depending how many total teams there are and whether the teams are coed or all-girls. 9U & 10U players could be together on a team, but we would like to keep those age groups separated, if possible. (Please contact the registrar if you need further explanation or wish to discuss a specific child's age level.)

**For more info:** Contact Christine at [registrar@soccersouthdsm.org](mailto:registrar@soccersouthdsm.org) or Crystal at [co-registrar@soccersouthdsm.org](mailto:co-registrar@soccersouthdsm.org) or call/text 515-707-7650