

Please read and initial next to each item.

_____ I give permission for my child to participate in South Valley Athletics (SVA) sports programs. I acknowledge that sports activities may be hazardous and I release SVA from any liability for injury to persons or damage to property, up to and including death. In an emergency, SVA has my permission to call an ambulance to take my child to any available physician at my expense.

_____ I give permission for SVA to take photos of my child and use them for publicity purposes.

_____ I understand that the fee is due when I register my child. My child will not be placed on a team until paid in full.

_____ I understand that there will be a \$25 fee for all returned checks.

_____ I understand the refund policy.

Refund policy: You must fill out a refund request form. If you request a refund before the 2nd game, then you will receive 50% of what you paid for registration. After the 2nd game, you will need to send in a written request to the Board of Directors stating why you would like a refund. They will make the final decision on whether a refund will be given or not.

_____ **Soccer players must wear shin guards covered by socks at all practices and games. I understand that my child will NOT be allowed to participate without this required safety equipment.**

COVID-19 Liability Waiver

The novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”), has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. While rules, guidance, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. **South Valley Athletics (“SVA”) cannot completely mitigate the transfer of communicable diseases like COVID-19 especially when involved in soccer. Participation in soccer includes possible exposure to and illness, injury, or death from infectious diseases including COVID-19.**

In consideration for providing my child the opportunity to participate in soccer and any related transportation to and from soccer events, both my child and I voluntarily agree to waive and discharge any and all claims against SVA and release it from liability for any exposure to or illness or injury from an infectious disease including COVID-19, including claims for any negligent actions of SVA or its employees or agents, to the fullest extent allowed by law, for myself, my child, our estates, our heirs, our administrators, our executors, our assignees, and our successors.

I also agree to release, exonerate, discharge and hold harmless SVA, its Board of Directors, the individual members thereof, and all officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives from all liability, claims, causes of action, or demands, including attorney fees, fines, fees, or other costs (e.g. medical costs) arising out of any exposure to or illness or injury from an infectious disease including COVID-19, which may result from or in connection with my child’s participation in soccer. I further certify and represent that I have the legal authority to waive, discharge, release, and hold harmless the released parties on behalf of myself and the above-named athlete.

I certify that I have read this document in its entirety and fully understand its contents. In exchange for the opportunity to participate in soccer, the above-named athlete and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such hazards and notwithstanding such, release SVA from all liability for any loss regardless of cause, and claims arising from the athlete’s participation in soccer.

South Valley Athletics Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy

South Valley Athletics strives to provide a positive experience for all persons involved in our programs. All persons involved shall respect the facilities, uniforms and equipment provided for their use. Coaches will provide clear communication directly to parents regarding practice and game times. Parents and players will make every effort to attend all practices and games, and notify coaches if they are unable to do so. Players and coaches will arrive on time, ready to participate. NO player should ever be left without adult supervision at a practice or game. Any perceived misconduct by a coach, parent, player or official should be reported immediately to SVA.

Parents and coaches are expected to set a positive example regarding sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for all persons involved with SVA. Parents and coaches are expected to help players learn the rules and skills of the game. Players and coaches will play safely and follow the rules as written by SVA, both in letter and spirit. Parents and coaches will help players learn how to win and lose gracefully, and to respect the authority of the officials. Players will be expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field.

ONLY coaches may approach referees for clarification of a call. No one may address an official in a demeaning, disrespectful, profane or threatening way. Profanity/abusive language or behavior directed at anyone, by anyone will not be tolerated and may result in immediate ejection from the event. Any person ejected more than once during a season will not be allowed back during that season. Referees may assess a penalty against the team whose participant committed the offense. If the problem persists, the game may be forfeited. Parents and coaches are responsible for the behavior of their kids and any guests at all times.

By signing below, I am stating that I understand the above and agree. I also have read and agree to the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Code of Conduct/Zero Tolerance Policy.

Signature

Date

SOUTH VALLEY ATHLETICS- Spring Soccer Info/FAQ

We offer soccer for children from age four through 8th grade. Four year olds do a once-a-week "camp" and all other ages play on teams. Teams are divided by grade and, when enrollment numbers allow, by gender.

SVA office will contact you via text to verify practice information. If your child cannot attend practice at the assigned time, please contact the office as soon as possible_ at 541-942-3079.

Soccer practices start 3/31 and are twice a week at local fields. Games are on Saturdays from . TBD

Team shirts will be handed out before games. **Picture day: TBD**

Game schedules will be available by TBD

Shin pads must be worn to all practices and games. They must be covered by long socks. SVA sells these items if you need some. We also have free cleats that have been donated/swapped out. Take a look!

Rules for our soccer league are posted on our website, www.southvalleyathletics.org.

Referees for our league are mostly middle- and high-school kids who also play. If you have a kid this age who is interested in learning to referee, have them call the office. This is a great way for them to get involved in the community, build confidence and leadership skills, and earn some money.

Why do you charge \$100 to play? We strive to offer sports to the community at an affordable price. We have to pay rent, contract with the school district for the fields, replace worn equipment, carry a big insurance policy, and pay our referees and our one, part-time employee. For comparison, Kidsports and LYSA charge \$125+ for soccer, do not provide uniforms, and not all games are local. Baseball is \$75-\$130, football is \$200+. Swimming is \$47 for eight lessons; we have practice twice a week and eight games.

How do I become a coach? Please contact the office. You will need to fill out an application and pass a background check (once per school year.) There will be a coach meeting and a coach field training session before practices start. Coaches must be 18 or older.

How do you divide your teams? Dividing teams for each sport is a complicated process, done by the sport chair and their committee. We try to make balanced teams considering skill level/experience/age, and also to accommodate numerous requests from people who have limited availability for practice days/times. Siblings will be placed on the same team only if they are in the same age group/gender division. A request for certain days/times/coaches/friends/cousins/transportation issues will be considered, but often cannot be met with the practice times/days that our (volunteer) coaches have chosen. It can also lead to unfairly "stacked" teams. We grant very few requests to play "up" a level; the child must be approved by the sport committee. ***Safety is our primary consideration in that situation.***

How can I help? We are always looking for volunteers and sponsors! Volunteers can do anything from pick up trash one Saturday, help setup before games (8 am!), line the fields, coach or assist a team, join a sport committee for a season or interview for our board. As a non-profit, we are always looking for sponsors- your donation is tax-deductible, you can get your logo on a shirt, and make a difference for our kids!

Who do I contact with questions or concerns? Please contact the SVA office by phone, email or Facebook.

Someone will get back to you during our business hours- **Mon thru Fri 9:30 am to 3:30pm.**

If you have an immediate concern on a game day, please find the nearest SVA staff member (blue SVA shirt.)

If you have a complaint, concern, issue during or after a game or practice please **email** with detail info.

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