

# PAA/Youth Soccer for Grades 1 - 8

Registration begins April 14th and concludes Saturday, June 7th. The fee is \$90.00 per child and \$100.00 for registrations received after June 7th (this includes a \$10.00 late fee). There is also a \$25.00 charge for a PAA/Youth jersey. This jersey is the red/blue reversible that comes in YM, YL and AS, AM, AL AXL. The same jersey is used for all PAA activities, so you need to purchase it only once to wear as long as it fits your child.

**Registration:** It is important to thoroughly complete the registration envelope. **We require a parental signature for all registrations.** Friends requested must match each other. PAA/Youth will attempt to honor but cannot guarantee all requests will be met. **Requests on late registrations cannot be honored.** Registrations should be: **mailed to:** PAA/Youth, PO Box 1220, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

**All PAA soccer games are played on Saturdays. The practices will be held during the week and on Saturdays during the month of August. Once the games begin on September 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be one practice a week on a week night. The practice times will be chosen by the coaches at the Mandatory Coaches meeting in late July. All PAA soccer games are held on local PSD fields.**

**Team Formation:** Teams are formed by the following three criteria, in this order. **(1) Gender/Grade (2) School Currently Attending (3) One Friend Match.** When necessary, PAA/Youth will mix players from several geographical locations when other school area teams are full, or there is abundance of late sign ups. **Every attempt will be made to place every player on a team.**

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**Special Cost considerations/ equipment needs** Every child must have the PAA jersey, mentioned above. No requirement for shorts or socks. Shin guards are required for all leagues. Shoes can be an all purpose turf shoe, but molded plastic soccer cleats are highly recommended. Shoes **may not** have toe cleat.

**PAA programs do not happen without volunteers! Coaches, team parents, team organizers and other support people are directly responsible for the success of our programs. We have several boxes on our registration envelope where you can indicate that you would like to help**

**Team Organizers** help by organizing the teams for a specific league and recruiting coaches. Serving on specific sports committees, these individuals are critical in the team formation process.

**Team parents** serve a vital service to the coaches and team. Calling team members, ordering uniforms, helping to arrange the team party at the end of the season are just some of the ways team parents assist their team.

**All coaches** are certified by the **National Youth Sports Coaches Assn (NYSCA)**. These clinics emphasize the importance of a quality youth sports program through proper coaching techniques and commitment to youth. **Asst. coaches** may also attend these certification clinics. An additional techniques clinic may be held during the preseason. Attendance at the NYSCA clinic is required, and clinic fees are paid by PAA/Youth as long as you are coaching in PAA/Youth programs.

## **CALENDAR ( All Dates are Tentative and Clinics/Meetings are for Coaches/Asst., not players)**

Sat June 7	Registration deadline, \$90 before, \$100 after deadline.
Mon. June 24	NYSCA Clinic @ PAA office - 1st year - 7:00 pm
Tues. June 25	NYSCA Clinic @ PAA office - 2nd year - 7:00pm
Wed. June 26	NYSCA Clinic @ PAA office - 3rd year - 7:00pm
Sat. June 28	NYSCA Clinic @ PAA office - 1st year- 8:00am, 2nd year - 11:00am, 3rd year - 1:00pm
Tues July 29	Mandatory Coaches Mtg. (Time and location TBD)
Sat. Aug 2	Practices Begin
Sat Sept 6	Games Begin

## **Soccer league alignment and rules are as follows**

1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Boys & Girls	Modified Soccer - 7 per side - Small field. Size "3" Soccer Ball
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys	11 players per side - Full Field . Size "4" Soccer Ball
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Boys & Girls	11 players per side - Size "5" Soccer Ball, May play indoor if registration is low.

The philosophy of PAA/Youth is that all children participate regardless of skill, experience or athletic ability. Participation is the key and we require our coaches to adhere to the "spirit of participation." It is our goal that each child will come away from the season feeling positive about themselves and their experience.

**Credit Card Payment form (VISA/MC Only) - Attach and return with registration envelope.**

Amount of Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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