Frequently asked questions for Youth Soccer

1) **Why is there a registration deadline?** – Registration deadlines are essential to the planning and organization of any program or league offered. Uniforms need to be ordered, coaches need to be recruited and trained as well as schedules need to be created. This all gets done after the registration deadline.

2) **Where can I obtain a registration form?** – Registration forms are usually available at Town Hall, the library, TDYCC or the registration office at Anthony F Veteran Park. Forms can also be downloaded from our website at [www.greenburghny.com](http://www.greenburghny.com). Once at the main page select the Documents & Forms tab on the left of the page and look under Parks & Recreation for the form you need.

3) **How do I register my child?** – Simply follow the instructions outline on the form. A completed form, along with payment, must be on file in our registration office. Since an original signature is required to be on file no electronic registration is available. There is a drop box located directly outside the registration office at Anthony F Veteran Park if you are not able to stop by during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM except Wednesday evening when the office closes at 7:00 PM). DO NOT RETURN THE FORM TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL AS THEY ARE SIMPLY DISTRIBUTING THE FORMS TO THE CHILDREN FOR OUR DEPARTMENT.

4) **Who will be coaching my child?** – The youth soccer program like all of our youth sports programs relies solely on parents to coach the teams. If parents do not volunteer to coach teams cannot be formed.

5) **How do parents become coaches?** – The Town of Greenburgh Parks and Recreation Department along with Edgemont and Elmsford Recreation are members of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and utilize their curriculum to train out coaches. We have found that most parents find it more convenient to take the online coaches course so that they can do it in the comfort of their home and at a time where it is most conducive to learning. The town also requires all coaches to have an annual background check done.

6) **How will I or my child be informed what team he/she is on?** – Shortly after the registration deadline there will be a coaches meeting where teams will be identified and schedules will begin to be formed. Once coaches and teams have been identified the coaches will contact the players on their team to inform them when and where practices will be along with any other important information. Parents need to be patient and remember that the coaches are volunteers.

7) **When will practices be held?** – Since practices are based on the coaches and field availability it will have to be determined by the coach after the registration deadline and coaches meeting. In general 1st & 2nd grade teams do not practice during the week and only meet on Saturdays. The first grade teams are schedule for a 90 minute block of time where half of the time is dedicated to practice and the other half to game play against a scheduled opponent. As the season and their skill level progress more time will be spent on game play and less on practice. 2nd grade teams typically meet prior to their scheduled game time on Saturdays and utilize a designated section of space to practice. 3rd Grade and above practice on a designated weeknight as determined by field and coach availability

8) **When are games usually scheduled?** – Schedules are established based on the number of teams in each league and the availability of both fields and referee’s. On Saturdays typically the game schedule begins at 9:00 and games are scheduled hourly which can go as late as 3:00pm depending on the number of teams utilizing the field. This is the case for all leagues except the 1st Grade league. The first grade league utilizes a 90 minute block of time to allow for both practice and game play. Time blocks utilized are 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 depending on the number of teams registered in the league. No set time can be established for your child’s team (i.e. 9:00 am games only) so conflicts may exist if players are schedule for several different activities on a Saturday. Evening games are scheduled under the lights at Rumbrook Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 3rd through 6th grade teams as well so your child may have an occasional night game. Make-up games are also scheduled on weeknights if needed.
9) **When will the schedule become available?** – Schedules cannot be created until after the coaches for each team have been identified which is always after the coaches meeting. Parents need to be flexible during the start of the season since most planning cannot be done until after the start of the school year.

10) **What does my child need to participate?** – A team shirt will be provided. **Players must supply shin guards (mandatory)** and should have cleats. Players should dress comfortably for the weather in athletic attire (At no time are jeans considered to be appropriate athletic attire).

11) **Can my child partake in other activities on Saturdays while being a member of a team?** – One of the attitudes we try to teach our players at a very young age is the concept of being part of a team is a commitment to the team. Many times players are torn because they want to be with their teammates yet are obligated to be elsewhere each week at a certain time (i.e. dance or music lessons). Since games are schedule during a certain range of time each Saturday there is no way to determine when your child’s game will be played each week until after the registration deadline has passed and we have meet to create the teams.

12) **Where are games played?** – On Saturday’s each league has a primary field that is selected based on the size of the field needed for each particular league.

   The 5th & 6th grade Greenburgh home games will be played on the back field at Seely School on Saturdays and the away games will be played at a yet to be designated field in White Plains. Prior to the start of the season the location and directions will be available to coaches and players as well as on line. All night games will be played at east Rumbrook Park under the lights.

   The 3rd & 4th grade Greenburgh home games will be played on the back field at the lower field at east Rumbrook Park on Saturdays and the away games will be played at a yet to be designated field in White Plains. Prior to the start of the season the location and directions will be available to coaches and players as well as on line. All night games will be played at east Rumbrook Park under the lights.

   The 2nd grade co-ed games are played on the upper field at East Rumbrook Park.

   The 1st grade co-ed games are played at Greenville School (directions can be found by visiting our website at [www.greenburghny.com](http://www.greenburghny.com) and looking under the Parks and Recreation Department listing for Youth Soccer Leagues).

   **In an effort to help bolsters our team numbers and sustain the program in the 2013 season our 5th & 6th grade boys and girls played games against teams from the White Plains Parks & Recreation program and it was very successful. Starting in the 2014 season our 3rd & 4th grade teams will do the same so there will be some additional travel occasionally.**

13) **How can I find my child’s schedule?** – Shortly before the start of the season schedules for each league will be posted on our website at [www.greenburghny.com](http://www.greenburghny.com) then look under Documents and Forms and they will be listed under the Parks and Recreation listing.