

DESOTO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Welcome!

DeSoto Youth Soccer League (DYSL) is a non-profit organization which was established to promote and enhance the soccer culture in DeSoto and surrounding area of Southern Jefferson County. The objective is to provide a positive, fun, development, and competitive experience and environment for players at all levels. The League was founded on principles of Integrity, Loyalty, and Commitment that serve as its foundation. With these ideals, players, coaches, and parents can truly be united in their goal of a successful organization at all ages.

Equipment

All players should have the following items:

1. Water bottle with name on bottle
2. Shin guards
 - Any type will do, the portion which guards the ankle is not required. Many parents like the slide in sock kind. Note: Guards are to be worn inside the socks and not on the outside.
3. Soccer cleats (regular shoes are acceptable for PreK/K)
 - Cleats cannot be metal, do not go above the ankle, and do not have a toe cleat
 - Football, baseball, and lacrosse cleats cannot be worn for soccer



4. Ball (the ball size is not critical, below offers a guide)
 - PreK/K (ages under 8) – Size 3,
 - 1-4 (ages 8-12) – Size 4
 - 5+ (ages 13+) – Size 5
5. For any players wanting to be a goal keeper, they should have gloves (some coaches may provide)

Expectations

From Players

- We are here to have fun, but not at the expense of other participant's fun. Play hard, try your best!
- Players are to show proper respect and sportsmanship to others involved in the game including other players, coaches, spectators and especially the officials.
- Building a competitive environment where players learn to win and lose while trying your best is the most important!
- Players are expected to learn the rules for their age group games and play by these rules.
- Showing up on time consistently with proper equipment to games and especially practices shows you care about the well-being of your team.
- Come prepared to play, with a good attitude, water bottle, shin pads and clothing suited to weather conditions and rules of the game.
- If you have a concern with a referee, voice it through the coach and if it is with a coach, discuss it privately after a game or practice or at some other mutually convenient time in a positive, calm manner.

From Parents

- All spectators are expected to know the basic rules and expectations for children of the age group they are watching. A good idea is to spend a little time getting familiar with the game by reading, watching soccer or using the internet.
- All participants are here to have fun, including spectators by enjoying their child's successes on the field. Be positive and supportive to all participants.
- This is not a babysitting service. Parents are expected to attend practices and games. Remember, everyone working with your child is a volunteer. Show respect for their efforts and so will your child.
- Be on time for games and practices with the proper equipment. This shows appreciation for the time and efforts of the coach.
- Be willing to get actively involved in the practices and games if the coach provides the opportunity.
- It sure doesn't hurt your relationship with your child to practice a little extra during the week.
- Also by example, you the parent, show what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and to be active. We recommend players only drink water before and during games. Drinks such as Gatorade and PowerAde can be consumed afterward.
- Communication of an idea or concern is necessary at times, so be constructive and respectful and encourage your child to approach the coach, referee, or other spectators or players.
- Try to focus on what is being done well and not yelling about mistakes of other participants, coaches, or officials.
- Let the coach, coach! Yelling instructions, even if meant well, can confuse and frustrate players.
- Persons who smoke, vape, chew or engage in any tobacco products should take other spectators into consideration first when partaking

From Coaches

- Communicate to players and parents effectively and timely
- Treat all players with respect
- Provide opportunity for all players to develop
- Provide team with the best opportunity to succeed
- Teach players how to win and lose gracefully
- Be professional on sidelines and treat referees and opposing coach with respect
- Evaluate players each season and place them appropriately based on their abilities

Schedule

The practice and game schedule will be shared by each coach. All practices and games are expected to be attended. In the event you cannot attend, please notify your coach as soon as possible.

Communication

- Contact your coach or division leader
- Follow the Facebook page "DeSoto MO Soccer"
- Subscribe using the Remind App: text @desotoso to the number 81010
- Call the FoJo office 636-586-3372 or come to 116 North Main Street DeSoto MO 63020
- Email desotosoccer@gmail.com