



# AUSTINTOWN JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE 2024 NEWSLETTER [www.ajsl.org](http://www.ajsl.org)



## REGISTRATION

### IN PERSON REGISTRATION:

**WHERE:** AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP HALL  
82 Ohltown Rd., Austintown, OH 44515

**WHEN:** SATURDAY----- February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR PLAYERS AND COACHES:** [www.ajsl.org](http://www.ajsl.org)  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### LATE REGISTRATION:

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 \$15 late fee applies

**FEES:** \$90 per player, \$150 for two players, \$190 for three players, \$220 for a family of four or more players.  
*Administration fees: \$3.00 registration per family and \$3.25 processing per player.*

All teams will be selected by blind draw with no exceptions to this rule. All players must play within the age group of their birth date with the exception of a sibling playing up one year in age with a **parent coaching**.

Registration is open to all boys and girls regardless of residence or experience in playing soccer. (Copies of birth certificates required for new players).

This is a **RECREATIONAL** league and every child will play at least half of every game.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### THE AJSL IS 100% VOLUNTEER OPERATED.

We rely on the families and friends of our players to provide all the services needed by our league. The quality of our program is directly dependent upon YOU! Lack of volunteer participation has a negative impact on the service we offer. Volunteer as much or as little as your schedule permits - even one hour makes a difference!

#### We need your help in these critical areas:

- Concession Stand - help with stocking, setup, cleaning and window sales
- Field Maintenance - cut grass, trim fields or assist with minor facilities improvements or repairs
- Field Marshall - help with parking, nightly field supervision, trash collection
- Finance - with the Falcon Cup, sponsorships and fundraising

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME FOR THIS MOST WORTHY CAUSE.**

**\*Field Day** – Anyone interested in helping to get the fields ready for the season is welcome to participate. Contact Pat Schafer at [pat.s@ajsl.org](mailto:pat.s@ajsl.org) with any questions.

**\*REFEREES ARE ALSO NEEDED! CONTACT** Bill Spencer at [bill.s@ajsl.org](mailto:bill.s@ajsl.org) for more information.

## SPONSORS NEEDED

**Team Sponsors** are vital to the success of our league. Every dollar of every sponsorship goes directly to offsetting the league's operating expenses. For more information, please contact: [board@ajsl.org](mailto:board@ajsl.org)

Sponsor forms are due by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** and can be downloaded from our website [www.ajsl.org](http://www.ajsl.org)

*This event or activity is neither sponsored by nor endorsed by the Austintown Local Schools, nor is the Austintown Local Schools affiliated with the organization providing this information.*

## KEY AJSL 2024 DATES

Online Registration: January 1<sup>st</sup> - February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Late Registration: February 10<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup> with a \$15 late fee.

In Person Registration: Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Blind Draw – March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Coaches Meeting – March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Coaches Game – TBD

Practice Season Begins – April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Season Begins – May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Falcon Cup – June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Picture Days – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rain Days – May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Field Day – March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup>

Every effort will be made to follow this timeline; however, AJSL reserves the right to postpone the start of the season or make other scheduling changes as needed due to Covid Safety/Health concerns.

## 2024 FALCON CUP

The 2024 FALCON CUP will be held on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**. Further information and team pairings will be announced at the coaches meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We will continue to use our standard seeding point system.

## NOTICES

### EQUIPMENT

- PLAYERS are responsible for providing their own black athletic shorts, soccer cleats (**no front cleats**), shin guards, soccer ball and water bottle.
- AJSL will provide a uniform consisting of a team jersey and matching socks.
- Players must be dressed in their COMPLETE UNIFORM for game play.

### CONCESSION STAFFING

All teams will be required to provide concession stand staffing of 5 or more adults (18 years of age or older) for one designated night and time. Any team that does not fulfill the requirement will forfeit their next scheduled game and be penalized points towards Falcon Cup seeding.

## COACHES MEETING

The annual coaches meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

This is a **MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL COACHES**. Schedules, team picture appointments, rule changes, uniforms and AJSL coaching information will be topics covered that evening. Mark your appointment calendar NOW! The AJSL is continually in need of coaches. We ask that all interested parents please consider becoming a coach or assistant. We can assure you it is a very rewarding experience.

## 2024 AJSL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Tom Totterdale  
VICE PRESIDENT: Patrick Schafer  
SECRETARY: Amanda Potkonicky  
TREASURER: Ryan Ghizzoni  
REGISTRAR: Christy Kovacs

### BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Spencer  
Omar Jadue  
Tom Foley  
Gabby Turek  
Matt Hoskins  
Kate Foley  
Dave Quinn

### BOARD MEETINGS

Please feel free to call upon our board at any time with any question, concern or suggestion you may have. Our board meetings are open to the public. Your input is very important to us. Any adults with an interest in our league are welcome to join us. We meet on the second **Tuesday of the month at 7:00P.M.**

However, during our soccer playing season, the frequency of meetings may increase and the location may change. Check our Facebook page for up to date information or contact our board Secretary, Amanda Potkonicky (amanda.p@ajsl.org), (330) 718-7003 for exact times and locations.

Visit our website for forms and current information [WWW.AJSL.ORG](http://WWW.AJSL.ORG)