



Abington Youth Soccer

2021 FALL SEASON

(Games September 11 – November 6)

Program Objective

The main objective of the program is for children to have fun and competitively play soccer with their friends in an organized program, while also learning soccer skills and teamwork. **AYS has decided to focus on the in town program in the Fall and will not be offering Fall Travel this year (similar to last Fall).** The main driver in making this decision is to allow more time and resources to continue to strengthen our rec program for all age groups. This includes additional coach and referee training, and additional training and practices in the summer and fall for most age groups.

Registration

Who: Our Fall Recreation program is open to children who reside in Abington (MA) from age 3 through Grade 9 as of September 2021.

When: We encourage families to register by **July 18th** to avoid a late fee and take advantage of our family discount.

How: Please [click here](#) to access the Registration page!!!

Costs

Fees to Play:

Date	Program	Total Cost
By July 18	Minikickers	\$100
	Grade K -9	\$125
	Family discount – 2 players	\$25
	Family max	\$300
July 19 th and after	Late Fee	\$25 (per player)
	Each player	Full Price listed above, no family discount or family max

**Please note that if the season or any part of the season is cancelled due to circumstances outside the control of AYS, we will refund the registration fee less any costs already incurred (i.e. uniforms, insurance, TeamSnap fees, equipment, etc.).*

Fee Assistance

If your family is experiencing a hardship, AYS offers fee assistance. Please [click here](#) to access the Financial Hardship Application.

Games

When: Saturdays from Sept 11th – Nov 7th, some older groups may play a few games on Friday night (see Team Grouping section below for times)

Where: Abington High School

Team Groupings

Players will be placed on permanent teams based on grade and gender in mid August. Registration numbers will impact how the groups are split, but the target is to play in the below groups.

	Mini Kickers Age 3 – Pre K	Grade K	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6	Grade 7/8/9
No. of Players on field	n/a	4 v 4	6 v 6	7 v 7	9 v 9	9 v 9 or 11 v 11
Game Location	Likely front grass field	Turf	Turf	Turf	Turf	Turf
Playing Time (minutes)	Instruction: 45	10 minute quarters	25 minute halves	25 minute halves	30 minute halves	35 minute halves
Halftime (minutes)	n/a	2	5	5	5	5
Goalkeeper	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heading	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	5
Goal Size	n/a	4' Popup	4' x 8'	6.5' x 12'	6.5' x 18'	6.5' x 18' or 8'x24'
Typical Field Size (yards)	n/a	30 x 20	40 x 25	65 x 40	80 x 50	80 x 50 or 100 x 65

Practices and Clinics

Note: The below optional sessions are included in the fall registration fee. You must register for Fall soccer prior to taking part in the summer training. All training is expected to takeplace on AHS Turf.

Summer Skills Training and Age Group Practices

Who: Grade K-9

When: Weekly during the summer (likely Tuesdays or Wednesdays nights starting July 6)

Fall Skills Training

Who: Grades K-4

When: Weekly during season (Sept 7th – Nov 2nd)

Goalie Clinic

Who: Grades 3-9

When: Saturdays mornings during season (Sept 11th – Nov 6th)

Fall Team Practices

Who: Grades 1-9

When: Weekly practice, day and time are set by coach

Equipment

- Shin-pads are required and must be worn under socks.
- Soccer cleats or turf shoes are required. (Mini Kickers may wear sneakers.)
- Players are also encouraged to bring their own ball (see chart above). Grade K players are provided a free ball at the generosity of [Abington Bank](#).
- All players will be provided a shirt.

Jewelry

Jewelry may not be worn during the program for safety reasons. **This includes earrings... even for newly pierced ears.** Taping over earrings is not allowed per MYS insurance rules

And lastly WE NEED YOU!

We rely exclusively on volunteers to become coaches. Without coaches, we cannot offer our programs to the children of Abington. To ensure your player has the opportunity to participate, please consider becoming involved as a coach or assistant coach. AYS will offer assistance to all new coaches and also reimburses for all US Soccer Grassroots Coaching Courses. Small commitment, BIG rewards! [Click Here to sign up!](#)