



Abington Youth Soccer

2022 FALL SEASON

(Games September 9/10 – November 4/5)

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. **This Fall AYS will offer Fall Rec for Age 3 through Grade 9 and Fall Travel for Grades 5-8.** Additionally, we will be offering professional weekly training in the summer and fall for most age groups.

AYS has not participated in Fall Travel for a few years due to COVID and an internal decision to focus on the rec program last year. For this year we have decided to offer our older players the chance to participate in Fall Travel if they are looking for a more competitive experience. While Fall Travel is a more competitive program than Fall Rec, it is not as competitive as Spring Travel. There are no standings or playoffs for Fall Travel. There are 4 home games and 4 away games played against local-ish towns (up to 45 minute drive). Currently we are not planning tryouts for Fall Travel, players will be placed by the Board with assistance from the coaches. We intend to place all players that register. **It is very important to note that playing Fall Travel is not a requirement if you want to play Spring Travel. Also, placement on a Fall Travel team will not guarantee the same placement for the Spring.** Spring placement will be based on tryouts held in Oct/Nov.

Registration

Who: Our Fall Recreation program is open to children who reside in Abington (MA) from age 3 through Grade 9 as of September 2022.

When: We encourage families to register by **July 2nd** to avoid a late fee and take advantage of our family discount. The deadline is earlier this year due to anticipated longer lead times with shirts. Registering by July 2nd also allows your player to have access to all our summer training sessions. **All Fall Travel players must be registered by July 16th due to league deadlines.**

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

Costs

We are excited to announce that we have **lowered our fees for all age groups!** Additionally there is a \$25 multi-player discount for each additional sibling and a \$300 family max. Players that register for both Travel and Rec will also receive a \$50 discount.

For Grade 8 players who are unsure if they plan to play in the Fall due to the possibility of playing HS sports; please register now and if your player is able to play a HS sport and no longer wants to play for us in the Fall we will provide a full refund.

Fees to Play:

Date	Program	Total Cost
By July 2 nd	Minikickers (Age 3 – Pre K)	\$75
	Grade K -9 Fall Rec	\$100
	Grade 5-8 Fall Travel	\$100
	Grade 5-8 Fall Rec and Travel	\$150
Before July 16 th	Late Fee	\$25 per player
	Each player	Full Price listed above, no family discount or family max
July 17 th and after	Late Fee	\$50 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: Friday nights and Saturdays from Sept 9th – Nov 5th (See below)

Where: Abington High School Turf Fields

Estimated Game Times (This could change depending on the number of teams in each age group)

	Boys	Girls
Minikickers	Saturdays at 8 AM	Saturdays at 9 AM
Grade K and 1/2	Saturdays at 8 AM	Saturdays at 9:15 AM
Grade 3/4	Fridays at 6:30 PM	Fridays at 6:30 PM
	Saturdays at 10:30 AM	Saturdays at 11:45 AM
Grade 5/6 Rec	Fridays at 6:30 PM	Fridays at 6:30 PM
	Saturdays at 10:30 AM	Saturdays at 10:30 AM
Grade 5/6 Travel	Varies by town, but generally on Saturday afternoons	
Grade 7/8/9 Rec	Friday Nights at 7:45 PM	Friday Nights at 7:45 PM
Grade 7/8 Travel	Varies by town, but generally on Saturday afternoons	

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 goal 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	n/a	4 v 4	6 v 6	7 v 7	9 v 9	11 v 11
Game Location	Turf	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'	8'x24'
Typical Field Size (yards)	n/a	30 x 20	40 x 25	65 x 40	80 x 50	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

Nights: Likely Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5-8PM (Three 1 hour sessions for Grade K-2, 3-4, 5-9)

When: Weekly starting July 5 and ending August 10

Fall Skills Training

Who: Grades K-4

When: Likely Wednesday nights during season (Sept 7th – Nov 2nd)

Goalie Clinic

Still working to finalize Summer and Fall sessions, but have a couple of promising leads for the first time in a couple years.

Fall Team Practices

Who: Grades 3-9

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

Note: Some Grade 1/2 coaches may hold a few practices early in the season to help with the transition of this age group

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 with 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!](#)