



Abington Youth Soccer

2023 FALL SEASON

(Games September 8 – November 4)

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 8 and Fall Travel for Grades 5-8.** Additionally, we will be offering professional weekly training in the summer and fall for most age groups.

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 towns (up to 40 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 2024 placement will be based on tryouts held in October 2023.

Registration

Who:

- Fall Recreation program is open to children who reside in Abington (MA) from age 3 through Grade 9 as of September 2023.
- Fall Travel program is open to children who reside in Abington (MA) from Grade 5 through Grade 8 as of September 2023

When:

- We encourage families to register by **July 10th** 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 10th also allows your player to have access to all our summer training sessions.
- **All Fall Travel players must be registered by July 2nd due to league deadlines, late registrants are not guaranteed a spot on a team.**

How:

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

Costs

The cost for our Fall programs are listed below. There is a \$25 multi-player discount for each additional sibling and a \$400 family max. There is also a \$50 discount for players that play both Fall Travel and Fall Rec.

Fees to Play:

Date	Program	Total Cost
By July 10 th	Minikickers (Age 3 – Pre K)	\$100
	Grade K-8 Fall Rec	\$125
	Grade 5-8 Fall Travel	\$125
	Grade 5-8 Fall Rec and Travel	\$200
After July 10 th	Minikickers (Age 3 – Pre K)	\$100 (no late fee or capacity limit)
	Grade K-8 Fall Rec	\$175, some age groups may close if we reach the maximum
	Grade 5-8 Fall Travel	\$175, no guarantee of spot
	Discounts	Full Price listed above, no family discount, family max or Rec/Travel discount

**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.).*

Cost Assistance

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

Team Groupings

Players will be placed on permanent teams based on grade and gender in mid August for both Rec and Travel. 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
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	5' x 10'	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

Games

When: Friday nights and Saturdays from Sept 8th – Nov 4th (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 Rec Grade 1/2 Rec	Saturdays at 8 AM	Saturdays at 9:15 AM
Grade 3/4 Rec	Fridays at 6:30 PM Saturdays at 10:30 AM	Fridays at 6:30 PM Saturdays at 11:45 AM
Grade 5/6 Rec	Fridays at 6:30 PM Saturdays at 10:30 AM	Fridays at 6:30 PM Saturdays at 10:30 AM
Grade 7/8 Rec	Friday Nights at 7:45 PM	
Grade 5/6 Travel	Varies by game, but generally on Saturday afternoons	
Grade 7/8 Travel	Varies by game, but generally on Saturday afternoons	

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-8

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

When: Weekly starting July 11 and ending August 8

Fall Skills Training

Who: Grades K-2

When: Wednesday nights during season (Sept 6th – Nov 1st)

Fall Team Practices

Who: Grades 3-8

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 (optional for Minikickers).
- Soccer cleats or turf shoes are required (Minikickers may wear sneakers)
- Players are 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!](#)