

Teays Valley Youth Soccer

Volunteer Information Sheet and Safety Requirements

Practices and games are held at TVYSA soccer fields (St. Route 752) across from Ace Hardware.

Practice fields open August 11st for the Travel program and August 11th for the Rec league. All Rec league players will be notified by August 1st with team assignments.

Communication App:

We ask that all coaches communicate with your parents about practice days and times. We do recommend using the free **BAND** app to help coordinate messages to your parents about upcoming practices, game times, and cancellations. Many coaches currently use it and find it a lot more beneficial than trying to call or text people individually. Please go to <https://band.us/en> and sign up for the free version.

Cancellations:

Any practice or game cancellations made by the TVYSA Board will be posted to the website, Facebook page, and sent through email to all participants.

Thunder and Lightning policy:

Games are delayed 30 minutes from the last sound of thunder or the sight of lightning. Please leave the fields and wait at the concession stand or in your vehicles. We ask that no players, coaches, or spectators be on the fields. This policy is also posted at the shelter house by the field house.

Jersey and socks pickup:

Jerseys and socks will be provided and distributed to each team by your coach. Just a reminder that shorts, soccer cleats, and shin guards are not provided. We do recommend black shorts or black athletic pants to compliment your jersey.

Equipment offerings:

We offer cones, soccer balls, pop-up nets, and penny jerseys for any volunteers that would like to use them for practices. If you have a player that is unable to provide their own ball, soccer cleats, and shin guards please contact the TVYSA board immediately and we will see about getting the necessary equipment for that child.

Jewelry Policy:

- NO jewelry may be worn, including earrings, watches, barrettes, and bracelets.
- Earrings MAY NOT be taped, they must be removed. You can not play with earrings!

- No hats with visors may be worn.
- "Articles that may constitute a danger to the wearer or any other player must be removed, i.e. jewelry, earrings, watches, barrettes, chains, belts, head coverings with any visor or protrusions, etc."
- In the event that a medical alert bracelet must be worn, the coach may use athletic tape to secure the bracelet securely against the player's wrist.

Please note: **FIFA Law 4 states:**

Law 4: The Players' Equipment. A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous. All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not permitted.

Restroom policy:

If you have a player that needs to use the restroom during practice or a game please be advised it is the policy of the TVYSA Board that our volunteers are not to escort the child to the restroom. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to escort the child to the restroom. We encourage all players to visit the restroom before practice or pre-game warm ups as the coach/volunteer will not escort the child to the restroom. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy please contact the TVYSA Board and we can answer any questions you might have about this policy.

Player requirements:

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade will need a size 3 ball.

Second-grade through 5th grade will need a size 4 ball.

Travel size 5 ball.

All players must wear shin guards and soccer cleats to all practices and games..

Fall 2025 Soccer Practice Schedule posted on tvysa.com website:

PRACTICE CONDUCT

Coaches should wear appropriate athletic attire, TVYSA coach shirts are preferred.

All coaches will have access to soccer equipment and first aid is available. We offer training cones, practice soccer balls, whistles, short-sided goals, and pinnies and all items are available upon request.

Coaches should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of practices and be prepared to start regardless of who has arrived and remain after practice for late pick-up and possible parent correspondence.

Keep your sessions fun, positive, engaging, and challenging to ensure players are setting soccer activities as a priority.

If practice is canceled due to weather or other obligations please contact the parents/guardians in sufficient time.

Restroom breaks are to be handled by the parents or guardian and we ask coaches and volunteers to not escort the player to the restroom.

GAME CONDUCT

Coaches should arrive a minimum of 15 minutes prior to your games to set up your warm-up activities and greet your players as they arrive.

Restroom breaks are to be handled by the parents or guardian and we ask coaches and volunteers to not escort the player to the restroom.

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the players, spectators, and themselves. A quick preseason parent meeting should be held to review any and all policies that a coach wishes to use for a given season.

If a problem arises during a game please work immediately with the game official. The game official has been instructed to seek out a TVYSA Board member and/or Ref Coordinator if needed.

Keep all interactions with the opposing team's coaches/players/parents positive as possible. The opposing team is not the enemy. Treat everyone with respect and courtesy and awareness that both teams want to win. Avoid making any negative comments and keep any negative feelings to yourself.

Respect the referees. Avoid criticizing the referees and your parents and players will follow your lead.

Remind your parents to let the "the Coaches" do the coaching. Direction from the sidelines is distracting and confusing for the players.

Do not discuss the play of specific young players in front of other players during a game.

Limit your comments from the sideline to **positive** comments. If more needs to be said it is probably best to remove the player from the game and talk to the player in a one-on-one environment.

Do **not** encourage your team to run up the score on another team. Unbalanced games happen, but there are creative ways to challenge a superior team that can potentially even the playing field.

COACHING PROTOCOL

Clear and concise statements should be used to communicate to your players. Avoid long speeches.

All players should receive equal playing time during games regardless of player skill or game score.

Make sure each player understands their role and every once in a while put them in a role they are not accustomed to playing and make a mental note of how they deal with the situation. Keep the game challenging to keep your players engaged.

Make a point for your players to wear the correct uniform, which includes jersey and socks. Soccer shoes and shin guards are required at all times during practices and games.

COACHING SKILLS

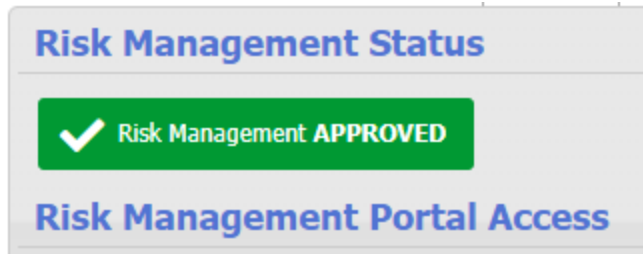
Drills and games to use with your players- <https://www.mojo.sport/>

Volunteer-Coach Compliance

Coaches and Volunteers Safety Compliance:

Due to the audit by the Ohio Soccer Association this is so important for the Spring season. We must have 100% compliance by all volunteers and coaches to meet state and federal guidelines and retain our insurance coverage as a non-profit. If you have any questions please email me at admin@tvysa.com For the spring season once you have completed the compliance requirements the jersey kits will be distributed to your team(s). *Travel and Rec coaches must be compliant no later than August 1st 2025.*

4 parts: Background Check, Lindsay's Law, Concussion Training, and SafeSport once you have completed all parts you will see a Green check mark stating your APPROVED.



You will need to make sure you sign up as a volunteer under your name in Demosphere. If you did not please visit www.tvysa.com and click register. Once you receive an account you click Sign-up as a volunteer and follow the prompts.

Here is the link to the Player's Health portal: <https://app.playershealthprotect.com/sign-in>

If you need the background check code for the TVYSA Rec league here is the code, no cost involved

with code: *****Code has not yet been released
for 2024**

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