



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What size are the fields?

A: We have three fields at Forest Ridge. Our “Meadowsweet” fields are for the U6 and U8 leagues - roughly 15 x 30 and 25 x 50 yards, respectively. Our “Pool” field for the U10, U12, and U14 leagues is roughly 50 yards by 87 yards.

Q: What should we expect regarding COVID-19 protocols, masks, and social distancing for the 2023 season?

A: First, any child, parent/guardian, coach, or other individual planning to attend an FRA Soccer practice, scrimmage, or competition who is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms should stay home. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you should quarantine in accordance with CDC guidelines and not attend the FRA Soccer event. In the absence of any symptoms/exposure/positive tests, there are no social distancing or mask protocols. Both FRA soccer fields are outside and offer plenty of room to distance from other spectators in case anyone is concerned about infectious diseases. We ask that each individual offer grace to others whose views and opinions differ from their own.

Q: I’ve heard and seen the term “Team Parent” and coordination of snacks - what does that entail?

A: Team Parents assist the coaches primarily by organizing a snack rotation among the other parents on the team. The participants work hard on the field and we encourage you, once teams are created, to coordinate among the other parents a schedule for bringing snacks for those who are on your child’s team. In addition, as a gesture of appreciation some Team Parents have opted to organize gifts/thank you cards for the coaches.

Q: I know we will be gone for some of the season - this means I can’t help as a coach, right?

A: No! We absolutely can still use you and our program will end without a sufficient number of volunteers willing to coach our players. We try to assign a coach and assistant for every team so that they can cover each other during absences. But we need you for the rest of the days you can be here!

Q: I am willing to help, but I don't know much about soccer. Is there a place for me?

A: We will train you to be an assistant coach and pair you with a more experienced coach. Our greatest need is with the younger players and it is easy to learn what is needed.

Q: My player already has a Forest Ridge Soccer jersey from last season. Do I need to buy a new one?

A: If the jersey from last year still fits, you are set! Most families will hand-down shirts from their older players to their younger players for years. We will let everyone know if it ever becomes necessary to move to a new design.

Q: I have soccer equipment that my kids have outgrown, but are still in serviceable condition. Can you use it?

A: Yes! We run an equipment exchange at the beginning of each season. If you have gear that no longer fits, please donate to the exchange. Also, if the exchange has replacement gear, feel free to take it. This is a free service we run to try to help everyone. We usually have cleats, shin-guards and sometimes jerseys.

Q: Why did the fees go up? I thought they already went up recently.

A: Our fees will occasionally adjust as necessary to the changing costs of keeping the program running. The fact is that soccer balls, jerseys, field paint (for the lines), etc. are always slowly going up in price. We try to make small but sufficient adjustments to keep the program solvent. In general, our program for spring and fall seasons combined costs about one-half of the cost of a single season in the other recreational programs around our area.

Q: What are the soccer fees used for? Do you get paid?

A: The only paid positions in our program are the referees. All of the coaches, assistant coaches, and program directors are 100% unpaid volunteers. Besides referees, money is used to purchase balls, bags, first-aid kits, whistles, timers, nets, cones, pennies (scrimmage vests), field paint, signage, certificates, awards, background checks, training, etc.

Q: My child played in the Spring. Do I need a new registration and pay a fee for the Fall?

A: No! Our registration includes both the Spring and Fall seasons for one low price. Just show up to practice or drop us an email and we will get them assigned to their Fall team and coach.

Q: Why does the form ask for birth year instead of my player's age as of September 1st?

A: Most soccer programs have transitioned from a school year age bracket system to a calendar year system. Our legacy brackets were creating more and more confusion between our program and other programs we coordinate with on team age compositions. In order to improve our standardization with surrounding programs we are transitioning to the new calendar year system. This means our teams will be based on birth year, not their age on a certain day.

Q: Where are the fields?

A: See the map on the website here: <https://frasoccer.org>