

Princeton Youth Soccer League (PYSL) FAQs

Our Mission

- Our mission is to provide a youth recreational soccer league with a focus on having fun, skill development, and promoting sportsmanship, character, and community.



When does the league run?

- **Fall 2026 Season:**
Saturdays, September 19 – November 14 (no games November 7th)



Where are games held?

- All games and practices will take place at **Riverside Elementary School (Riverside Drive entrance)**.



What ages are eligible?

- PYSL is open to **children in Kindergarten through 5th grade**.
- Players are grouped by grade to ensure safe and fun play.



How are players divided?

- PYSL organizes players into **grade-based divisions**:
 - **Kindergarten & 1st Grade** – *Coed*
 - **2nd & 3rd Grade** – *Separate boys and girls divisions*
 - **4th & 5th Grade** – *Separate boys and girls divisions*
- Times and divisions are subject to change based on enrollment. If we don't have enough players to support separate divisions, teams may be merged with other divisions or have smaller teams, at the discretion of the league.
- Our goal is to provide age-appropriate, inclusive, and balanced teams that encourage development and fun.



What is the format of the league?

- One day per week: **Saturdays only**
- A **practice session followed by a game** (e.g., 4v4 or 5v5) against another team in the division.
- Emphasis is on **fun, teamwork, and development**.

What's the time commitment?

- Once a week on Saturdays.
- K-1 division will be 75 minutes. Older divisions will be 90 minutes.
- Each division will have a **consistent time slot (TBD based on final enrollment numbers)** starting at 9:30 AM.

What gear is needed?

- We provide team jerseys.
- Kids will need:
 - Athletic shorts/pants
 - **Shin guards (required)**
 - Soccer socks and cleats (recommended, especially for older players)
 - Water bottle

How do I register my child?

- Register online through our website PrincetonYSL.com.

How much does it cost?

- **\$150 per child.**
- Early bird and family discounts available.
- Financial assistance is available upon request.

Do parents need to volunteer or coach?

- Not required, but we are a **community-led league**, so **we welcome and appreciate as many parent volunteers as possible!**
- No prior coaching experience is necessary — we provide support and simple practice plans. Volunteering is an easy way to connect and support the kids!

What happens if it rains?

- We will notify families by email and/or text as early as possible if sessions are canceled due to weather.
- Unfortunately, we cannot make up rained out weeks due to scheduling constraints.

What if my child has never played soccer before?

- Great! PYSL is **designed for all abilities and levels of experience.**

- No experience needed — just a positive attitude and a willingness to try.