# 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 2025 Season: Saturdays, September 13 – November 15 (no games November 8th)

#### Where are games held?

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

## **7** What ages are eligible?

• PYSL is open to children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

### How are players divided?

- PYSL organizes players into grade-based divisions:
  - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Coed
  - o 2nd & 3rd Grade Boys
  - o 2nd through 5th Grade Girls
  - 4th & 5th Grade Boys
- 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 short, casual practice session followed by a game against another team in the division.
- Emphasis is on fun, teamwork, and development.

#### What's the time commitment?

- Once a week on Saturdays.
- Each division will have a consistent time slot:

K-1 Division: 9:30-10:45 AM
2-3 Division: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

• **4–5 Division:** 11:00 AM–12:30 PM (subject to final enrollment numbers)

#### What gear is needed?

- We provide team jerseys on the first day.
- 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 <u>PrincetonYSL.com</u>.

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- \$150 per child for the full season.
- 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.