# 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)
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#### 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, if registration numbers allow
  - o 4th & 5th Grade Separate boys and girls divisions, if registration numbers allow
- 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 small-sided 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.
- Each division will have a consistent time slot:

K-1 Division: 9:30–10:45 AM2-3 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.
- 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>.

### **š** How much does it cost?

- \$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.