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WELCOME TO BLUESPRINGS



Welcome to Bluesprings! Did you ever wonder where our buffalo mascot came from? Years ago when Bluesprings was a farm and day camp for special needs youth and adults, the farm was home to a wide range of animals, from sheep, pigs and goats, to zebra, camel and buffalo. To learn more about the history of Bluesprings check out the History of Bluesprings on our website.



We hope everyone has a wonderful soccer experience this Spring.

To keep you better informed please visit our website www.bysasoccer.com and our Facebook page Bluesprings Youth Soccer Association. We use both of these to keep families informed about field closures and other general updates.

CONCESSION STAND & RESTROOMS



BYSA's concession stand, and restrooms are located in the FORT. (White Building by U6 Fields)

The concession stand will be open every Saturday from 8:30am till ½ time of the last games in the afternoon.

We have hot dogs, coffee, cold drinks, PowerAde, candy, nachos, etc. As well as homemade sausage and biscuits and baked goods.

Bluesprings Substitutions & Playing Time Policy

Bluesprings has a policy for all recreational teams U8 and above concerning substitutions and playing time. **No player should be subbed twice until all players (except goalkeeper) have been subbed once.**

With the number of players on each team, players should play a minimum of half each game, but in most cases it should be more. If your player is not playing the required amount of time, please let us know.

BLUESPRINGS/UFA 24 HOUR RULE

Soccer is an exciting sport and emotions can run high. If something happens during a game or practice that upsets you and you feel it needs to be addressed by the coach or the club, take a pause, **wait 24 hours before contacting your coach or club official.** Incidents often look different 24 hours later. You will also be able to communicate better once you and the situation have calmed down.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Rainout Policy — Rain itself does not constitute cancellation of games or practices. We use the following guidelines for cancelling games and practices.

Practice

Fields will be closed, and practice will be cancelled if it is raining or the fields are saturated from recent rains.

If we close the Soccer fields, the updates will be on our website www.bysasoccer.com, and posted on Facebook.

With the number of teams and field space availability, we do not make up practices.

We try to make a decision to close the fields for practice by 3:30PM on weekdays. If it has not rained but rain is predicted, we may not close fields until rain has begun. Spotty showers can be just that and may not show up at Bluesprings.

Games will be cancelled under two circumstances:

1. **BYSA decides the fields are unplayable due to recent rains.** This is a judgment call and must be followed. **No coach or parent has the authority to call a game due to inclement weather.**



2. **Lightning.** No practices or games will be played when lightning is spotted. BYSA asks parents to inform the referee or coach if they see lightning. The referee and coach will be

watching the practice or game and may not see lightning. Officials also use weather apps that track lightning. If lightning has struck within 8 miles, fields will be closed. In case of lightning the game or practice, will be suspended for 20 minutes. Players and parents are asked to go to their cars immediately. Do not stand under the trees. When no lightning is seen or spotted by radar for 20 minutes, the game or practice can resume.

If games get rained out, we will make up games, time permitting. Makeup games may be played on weeknights or Sunday afternoons. Make-up times depend on field availability. Games are considered played if at least half of the game is completed.

BLUESPRINGS FACILITIES RULES

1. **PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SIT ON THE PLAYER'S SIDE OF THE FIELD OR BEHIND THE GOALS** We have yellow lines to indicate where spectators can sit.
2. Teams, coaches and spectators are expected to act in a mature and sportsmanlike manner. Anyone demonstrating offensive behavior is subject to be removed from the field by the referee or a BYSA representative. (coach, field Marshal, or administrator).
3. Each team is expected to clean up after each game and practice.
4. Do not let your children play with the corner flags, or climb on nets or goals. If you



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see others doing this, please ask them to stop.



5. Bluesprings is a drug-free, smoke-free, alcohol-free environment.

Smoking/Vaping will not be permitted at anytime, anywhere.

This includes inside buildings, restrooms, parking lots and around the soccer facilities.



6. Pets are welcome at Bluesprings. All pets must be on a leash, and you must clean up after your animal.

7. Bluesprings is a private facility. **All soccer fields are closed except during scheduled activities, practices and games.**

8. The maximum speed limit at Bluesprings is **15 mph**. Please keep your speed down and be aware that children are about.

9. BYSA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The Lost & Found is located in the Fort. If you write your name on your soccer ball it will have a better chance of finding it.

10. Please do not use the private drive going to the Bird's house to drop players or equipment off. This is not a "short cut" to the fields. This is a private drive, and we appreciate your cooperation.

THERE IS NO PARKING along the fences or at the barn. We need to keep the driveway clear for good traffic flow and emergencies.

BYSA CONTACTS

Have a question or concern and not sure who to contact?

General questions: Call us at our Bluesprings office: 770-466-7177. Our hours are from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

Referee questions or concerns: Contact Fred Minto our Referee Chief, he is available on Saturdays at the fields.

Coaching concerns or questions, including problems with coaches or parent conduct, contact Ben Denham, at 770-466-7177 or email Bendenman@Unitedfa.org

If you have any questions or concerns anytime throughout the season, please contact us and we will work to answer your questions or concerns.

FIELD MARSHALL

On game day, Lisa Gouge, our Field Marshall is available to help answer questions and assist with problems. Lisa will be in the blue golf cart and will be easy to spot around the fields on Saturdays. Lisa may not be able to solve all of the problems, but she knows who can.



UFA Loganville

UFA Loganville is our travel soccer program for players who are looking to take their game to the next level.



UFA Academy program is for players 8 to 11 years old.

UFA Select program is for players ages 12 -19 years old.



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Players in the Academy and Select programs practice 2 times per week with optional 3rd night skills training. Tryouts and Assessments will be at the end of May and beginning of June. For more information call our office at 770-466-7177.

Reminder No Games April 4th or 11th



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