

# STYSA Recreational Program – Fall 2018

Welcome to another year of soccer “the beautiful game” at STYSA.

## **FALL 2018 IMPORTANT DATES**

Registration: June 11 - July 31

Training (practices) start: Week of August 20

Fall Season games start: September 8

Fall Season games end: November 3

Anyone registering after the deadline of July 31 will be placed on a wait list. Players will be notified if space is available so they can register at that point and a late fee of \$20 will be added at that time. **Players will not be assigned to teams until registration fees have been paid in full**

### **Registration**

Online registration at [www.stysa-la.com](http://www.stysa-la.com) (Blue Sombrero) during the specified registration period (see dates above). Please note there will be no in-person registration. For assistance, email [stysasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:stysasoccer@gmail.com).

### **Training Locations**

STYSA training will be at Hammond, unless a coach requests that his/her team train at Amite/Independence. In that case, the coach needs to notify STYSA in advance of team formation meeting to make arrangements.

### **Team Formation**

Teams are formed and coaches assigned during coaches’ meeting after registration closes. Teams will be formed using the US Youth Soccer age-appropriate guidelines. STYSA will allow playing-up (maximum one-year as per LSA policy for 13 years-old and younger) in some limited cases upon review and approval by STYSA. We will also take requests from players to play for a particular coach or with friends but this is not guaranteed. In addition, teams that have been playing “together” in previous years will be allowed to continue playing as such for continuity if they keep their players from the previous year’s roster. All other teams will be formed based on all available players registered. STYSA will assign new players to the teams as space permits. Coaches will contact players to inform them about their assigned training (practice) days, etc.

### **Uniform (this cost is not included in Registration fees)**

The uniform (2 jerseys, one pair of shorts, and one pair of socks) can be purchased at Third Coast Soccer, located at 1886 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, LA 70471 - phone number (985) 237-6100. Their website is [thirdcoastsoccer.net](http://thirdcoastsoccer.net) and they can ship to you also. The cost of the uniform is approximately \$30. These uniform sets may be used for future seasons also. If your child played at STYSA during Fall or Spring last year, there is no need to purchase a new uniform. These uniforms will be used through the Spring 2019 Season.

### **Help Needed**

We continue to need more coaches in our Recreational Program. The success of any Club’s Recreational Program is the result of volunteer coaches who provide the guidance and effort to help the children and to grow the sport in our area. We appreciate the parents who stepped up last Season, and we also understand that there may be some parents who are reluctant to coach because they have not grown up playing soccer and are hesitant to coach. If you would like to volunteer but need help with training or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Our staff coaches will help you conduct your first few practices and help you to become a soccer coach. We can also set up a couple of clinics (before season starts) if needed. We need you and the children need you!

For any miscellaneous questions not addressed here, please send an email to [stysasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:stysasoccer@gmail.com).

# STYSA Registration Refund Policy

This policy supersedes all other refund policy references including verbal or statements previously published.

## Competitive Program

The Competitive Program (ELITE) has a stringent refund policy because a player's acceptance has the effect of denying another player an opportunity to play on a Competitive team. Additionally, costs accrue to the Club for services provided to the team based on player headcount. Accordingly, fees are not refundable and not transferable. Fees for participation in the Club cover the entire soccer year. A player who accepts an invitation to play with the Club commits to pay the entire fee for the full soccer year. No refunds, partial or full, will be made to players who choose not to participate at any point after registration for any reason, including players suspended from the program. The only exceptions are (1) In the event that a player has a season-ending injury, the Board may consider a partial refund after review of records provided by the treating physician or facility and (2) For families that move during the season. The Board may consider a partial refund in these circumstances on a case by case basis.

## Recreational and Academy Programs

Recreation and Academy Programs are conducted in separate seasons (Fall and Spring). Younger age groups register for each season. Registration for older age groups occurs in the Fall, although new players may also register and be added to an existing team in the Spring. 100% of registration fees are refundable prior to the close of registration. Registration Fees will be refunded at 50% between the close of registration and the first practice. No refunds will be made after the first practice. Late Fees are not refundable. Except for season-ending medical or relocation requests, fees are not refundable and not transferable. The Club will grant a refund if we cannot place your player on any age-appropriate team. No refunds will be issued for denying friend requests or carpooling accommodations. There is no way to guarantee a spot on a team other than to serve as head coach of that team.

## Camps and all other STYSA programs

Fees for Camps and all other STYSA-sponsored Programs are not refundable and not transferable. Your registration before the event is a commitment to participate.

## Medical and Relocation Refund Requests

In the event that a player is injured during the season and cannot play or practice for the remainder of the season, the Board may consider providing a partial refund. Families must submit a written request with a physician's note to the Club Administration. In the event that a family relocates out of the area during the season, the Board may consider a partial refund on a case-by-case basis. Families must submit a written request to the Club Administration.

Please note that refundable amounts are time-sensitive as costs accrue to the Club for services provided to the team on a monthly basis. Consequently, the refundable amount will be affected by the date you request the refund, not by the date of the event.

In all circumstances, the Club retains the right to offset costs incurred, either by deducting these costs from any registration fees collected, or by utilizing the services of a collection agency.

Questions about the refund policy should be emailed to [stysasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:stysasoccer@gmail.com).