



# Fayette County Youth Soccer League (FCYSL)

## Players & Parents Information Guide



### General Information

**Website:** [www.fcysl.org](http://www.fcysl.org)

**McCurry Park North:** 112 McDonough Rd, Fayetteville 30215

**McCurry Park South:** 130 Country Farm Rd, Fayetteville 30215

**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 721, Fayetteville, GA 30214

**Email:** [info@fcysl.org](mailto:info@fcysl.org)



### Field Status

- Field status** is updated by 4:00pm on weekdays and 8:00am on weekends.

- Notification by Text or Email:** sign up for StatusMe (free!) at [www.statusme.com](http://www.statusme.com) for PTCYSA / FCYSL alerts
- Website:** [www.fcysl.org](http://www.fcysl.org)
- Hotline (recorded message):** (770) 461-7811



### Age Groups

Player's age group is determined by their age on 8/1:

3 = Under 4 (U4)	8, 9 = Under 10 (U10)	14, 15 = Under 16 (U16)
4, 5 = Under 6 (U6)	10, 11 = Under 12 (U12)	16, 17, 18 = Under 19 (U19)
6, 7 = Under 8 (U8)	12, 13 = Under 14 (U14)	

- Age group does not change in the Spring season.
- Players can play up to the next age group when a parent submits the request in writing (email is fine)
- Players cannot play down to a younger age group



### League Schedule

**Fall Season:** Games begin the first Saturday in September after Labor Day. The season is 10 weeks long and ends in November.

**Spring Season:** Games begin the end of February/beginning of March. The season is 10 weeks long and ends in May.

**Fayette County school breaks:** no games for U6, U8 and U10 age groups.



### Registration Fees

- The current season's registration fees are on the FCYSL website and on the registration flyers
- Registration fees are based on the player's age and not the age group if they play up
- Family discount: \$5 per player for families registering more than one player
- Out-of-county fee: \$5 per player



### Seasonal Events

**Soccer Pictures:** Individual and team pictures are taken within the first 4 weeks, and a makeup picture takes place 3 weeks before the season ends.

**End-of-Season T-shirt:** T-shirts are given to every player and head coach in the league at the end of the season. The design is selected from contest submissions from the players, with a \$50 prize to the artist of the selected design.

**Open Play Program:** Takes place on Fridays after the season begins with skills coaching followed by free play.

**Keeper Training:** Goal-keeping sessions taught by professional keeper training coaches are offered during weekdays throughout the season.



### Uniforms

- U4:** blue muppet t-shirts provided by the league
- U6:** muppet t-shirts provided by the league, each team has a different color
- U8+ :** purchase uniforms from T&G All Sports, 100 Georgia 314, Fayetteville 30214. Two sets are provided:
  - \* Blue jersey/blue shorts/blue socks (HOME games)
  - \* White jersey/black shorts/black socks (AWAY games)
- All players are required to wear **shin guards** to practices and games
- U8+ players are required to wear **soccer cleats** to practices and games



### Practice Schedules by Age Groups:

U4	Fridays 6pm-7pm for 8-10 weeks
U6	Once a week for 1 hour
U8	Twice a week for 1 hour each
U10	Twice a week for 1 to 1.5 hours each
U12	Twice a week for 1 to 1.5 hours each
U14-U19	Twice a week for 1.5 hours each

- Practice schedules are determined by the coaches
- Player must be properly equipped for practice: shin guards, cleats/sneakers, soccer ball, water or sports drink
- Players must arrive and depart on time to practices
- Parent/guardian must remain at the field in case of emergency or medical attention needed for the child



### Game Schedules by Age Groups:

U4	No games
U6, U8	Saturdays with other FCYSL teams
U10, U12	Saturdays and Sundays with FCYSL and other leagues, may travel locally
U14-U19	Saturdays and Sundays with FCYSL and other leagues, may travel up to 1 to 1.5 hours away

- Players must arrive on time to games, and notify coaches in advance if they will not be attending a game.
- Players must be properly equipped for games: uniform (correct Home/Away team colors), shin guards, soccer cleats / sneakers (U6 only), water or sports drink
- No hard casts, braces, hair accessories and jewelry are allowed
- Glasses should be secured and appropriate for sports



### Game Lengths by Age Groups:

U6	8 minute quarters, 5 min breaks
U8	12 minute quarters, 5 min breaks
U10, U12	30 minute halves, 10 min breaks
U14	35 minute halves, 10 min breaks
U16	40 minute halves, 10 min breaks
U19	45 minute halves, 10 min breaks



### Game Day Rules:

- Park in designated areas to avoid being ticketed.
- Parents and spectators sit on the opposite side of the field from players/coaches. No one may sit behind the goals.
- Coaches and spectators can enter the game field only at the request of the referee.
- Referees have the final call and decision about the game, no challenges and verbal abuse of the referees, players or coaches will be tolerated. Complaints can be addressed to the league by email and they will all be reviewed.
- Younger teams may get younger referees, all of whom will do their best to make the fairest calls for the game.
- Everyone is encouraged to use the trash containers and help to keep the fields clean.
- Remember that the children play soccer to have fun, and cheering for good plays on both sides will encourage sportsmanship and participation.

### Health and Safety Concerns:



- Game injuries: Injured players should drop to one knee and alert teammates to kick the ball out and get the referee's attention. Coaches will be summoned to review the injury and contact the parents.
- Severe weather/thunder & lightning: If lightning is sighted and thunder is heard within 10 seconds of the sighting, leave the field immediately. Coaches and referees are trained to determine when the players should be taken off the field and if the game can continue.
- Concussion: Parents, coaches and referees should all be attentive to signs of possible concussion in players, and seek medical attention immediately. Symptoms of concussions are not always readily visible or obvious. Player must have parent/guardian sign-off to return to play.
- Sharing drinks: Players' drinks should be properly labeled with their names to avoid confusion with other players' drinks, especially during flu and cold seasons.
- Heat and hydration: Players should bring plenty of water or sports drink to keep hydrated.
- Wind chill and hypothermia: During cold weather, players are allowed to wear long sleeve shirts and long pants under their game uniforms, as well as soft covering such as beanie caps and gloves. Scarves and clothing with hard edges should not be worn during practices and games.