

Frequently Asked Questions on RYS Soccer

1. When are the games?
 - The schedule has not been established yet and will not be until all of the teams/sponsors have been set up. In previous years, each team has played two games per week – once during the week and once the weekend. RYS anticipates doing the same this year.
2. How many games will my child play?
 - Depending on the age level, your child will play in approximately 8-10 games plus a post-season tournament. The only level that will not have a post-season tournament will be the 4-5 level.
3. Where are the games and practices?
 - All of the RYS activities will be held at Roanoke Park. The closest street address is 186 West 1st Street, Roanoke. For GPS units, the center of the Park is approximately at 40°57'46"N, 85°22'38"W. The center of the Park is approximately 0.5 miles from the intersection of US 24 and Lafayette Center Road.
4. When are the practices?
 - RYS requires coaches to hold at least one practice per week. It is at the total discretion of the coaches to schedule their practices. If you are concerned about a particular evening, you can consider coaching the team (and thus controlling the schedule) or discussing your schedule with the coach once your child has been assigned to a team.
5. How many practices will my child have per week?
 - See #3. Once the season starts, it is difficult for a coach to accommodate more than one practice per week without getting their mail forwarded to the park, so it is likely that your child will have only one per week during the season.
6. What is the required uniform?
 - RYS requires that children wear shorts, hair in pony tails, no jewelry of any kind (except medical bracelets), shinguards, and RYS-provided shirts and socks. Cleats are not required, but are recommended (especially for the older levels). Be careful not to purchase baseball cleats – they are easy to spot because they have a cleat under the front of the foot and can cause damage to opponents if they are accidentally kicked. Soccer cleats will not have the single cleat under the front of the foot.
7. What parts of the uniform will RYS provide?
 - RYS will provide a shirt and one pair of socks.
8. Is it possible to ensure that I play on the same team as my friends?
 - Except for siblings, specific requests for teams will not be considered. In the past, the concept of requesting teams has been abused, ultimately resulting in lopsided teams and uncompetitive play. RYS attempts to keep the core of the team together as they move through the system, but that is not guaranteed. RYS makes every attempt to balance rosters.
9. I want to referee, where do I sign up?
 - Download a form from the website. Fill it out and mail it in – there is a section towards the bottom for refereeing. It doesn't cost anything. RYS will require you to purchase a referee shirt, although if you have one from the previous year, it is perfectly fine to use it.