

REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER

Swatara Youth Soccer Association

May 2011

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2011 FALL SEASON

Swatara Youth Soccer Association offers on-line registration at www.swatarasoccer.com. To register your player, choose Registration page from the right-side navigation, and follow the directions. Returning players only need to confirm and update last year's information; new players will need to provide us all relevant information.

All payments through the web site will be by credit card to a secure server with SSL encryption to ensure privacy and security.

SYSA also offers walk-in registration with payment by check or credit card at the Swatara Township Building on Eisenhower Blvd. on **Saturday, May 21st between 9AM and 12PM** or at the **June board meeting**.

New & Noteworthy

- We're happy to report that we are able to maintain the lower price from last year again for the 2011 season.
- A \$10 discount applies to each additional player registered in a family. This is new from last year's single discount per family model.
- As in previous years, SYSA provides a jersey shirt, shorts, and matching socks.
- **New for this year, we're providing a long-sleeve shirt with the SYSA logo on it. We hope this will help with the later-season games, as the weather turns chilly.**

All late registrations will be placed on a wait list and then assigned to any open spots on teams. The list is first come, first served. Late registration starts on **06/24** and **registration closes completely on 07/01**. Please note that a late registration is not a guarantee that your child will play. Refunds will be issued for any late registrations that are not placed on a team (this is rare).

Costs:

Program		After June 24th
U6	\$30	\$40
U8,U10,U12	\$55	\$65

AGE DIVISION BREAKDOWN

<u>Division</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
U-06 (Under Age 6).....	After 8/1/2005 5 v 5 - #3 Ball
U-08 (Under Age 8).....	8/1/2003 - 7/31/2005 6 v 6 - #3 Ball
U-10 (Under Age 10).....	8/1/2001 - 7/31/2003 8 v 8 - #4 Ball
U-12 (Under Age 12).....	8/1/1999 - 7/31/2001 8 v 8 - #4 Ball

SYSA BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Swatara Township Administration Building located on Eisenhower Blvd.

June 9, 2011.....	7:30PM
July 14, 2011	7:30PM
August 11, 2011	7:30PM
September 8, 2011	7:30PM
October 13, 2011.....	7:30PM
November 10, 2011	7:30PM
December 8, 2011	7:30PM
January 12, 2012.....	7:30PM
February 9, 2012	7:30PM
March 8, 2012.....	7:30PM
April 12, 2012	7:30PM
May 10, 2012.....	7:30PM

Parents, coaches and the public are encouraged to attend all meetings.



NEW RULES & OTHER ITEMS

Several changes are taking place for this year in order to provide a better experience for all players and volunteers.

The biggest change for the 2011 season deals with team rosters and selection. In order to ensure that rosters are set in a timely manner for the start of the practice season, requests from parents and/or coaches for their child to be placed on a specific team will be honored at the sole discretion of the Board. More information on this rule change is available on the registration page at www.swatarasoccer.com.

We are also changing the timeline of events leading up to the start of the season, you can see the projected schedule below. Please note that some of these dates are approximate.

About The Season & SYSA

The fall season starts the weekend following Labor Day. U6 games are played on Sunday afternoons, U8-U12 games are played on Saturday afternoons.

SYSA is a recreational soccer club, our goal is to provide an environment for children to explore the game of soccer while learning sportsmanship and teamwork.

The U6 program is internal to SYSA only and is designed as an introduction to soccer for players and to prepare them for the older age divisions. All games are played at Margie McNaughton Park in Chatham Glenn off 61st Street/Page Road in Harrisburg. Games are made up of a short practice, with a game immediately after.

U8-U12 age divisions are part of SOLD (Swatara, Olmstead, Lower Dauphin). Games are played at several locations in the area, most away fields for SYSA are less than a 20 minute drive. Teams are provided with a practice location in the Township and a maximum of 2 nights per week (coaches can opt to practice once a week).

Important Season Dates

04/15 – Online registration opens
05/12 – Walk-in registration
06/24 – Late fee and wait-list start
07/01 – Hard deadline to register
07/18 – Teams finalized
07/20 – Rosters and practice schedules to coaches
07/21 – *Mandatory coaches meeting*
07/30 – Challenger coaches clinic (time TBA)
08/01 – Practice starts
09/10 – Opening day games

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SYSA is always looking for volunteers to assist with various activities before and during the season. If you are interested in lending some of your time, please contact a member of the board.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

SYSA/SOLD does not allow players to play or practice with jewelry of any kind, including, but not limited to, earrings, bracelets, watches, necklaces, or hair beads. The above items are dangerous to everyone on the field. There will be no exceptions. In addition, eyeglasses must be "sports" glasses and secured firmly around the head. Hair can be held back with a rubber band or "scrunchie".

All players are REQUIRED to wear shin guards for practice and games. There will be no exceptions. Shin guards should be worn UNDER a player's socks and secured properly to the leg.

Cleats are NOT required, however they are suggested. Baseball and football cleats are not permitted due to safety concerns.

CHALLENGER SUMMER CAMP

SYSA is once again partnering with Challenger Sports to offer a week-long camp for all ages and skill levels. This camp is scheduled for the week before practices start (last week of July) and is a great way for kids to learn new skills and warm up for the season. More details are available at swatarasoccer.com.

Challenger also provides a Coach's Clinic on the Saturday following camp (07/30). This is a great avenue for tips and ideas on running effective practices.

TEAM PICTURES

Picture day will be **09/25**. Look for order forms and more information on times and location from your coach at the start of the season.