



Hello Soccer Families,

I have already fielded several questions regarding registration. Here it is!

Please scroll down to see the information provided by the Team Parent Coordinator (mainly that there will be no paper registration) and the Registrar (detailed instructions for how to register, links, etc.).

As mentioned previously, there are a few things that are VERY different this year for registration:

1. **Transition to calendar year versus school year cutoff.** Children who would be held to start school until the following year because their birthday falls after September 1st will now be placed with players born the same year as them. In these cases, they will likely be playing with kids one grade above them in school. What a tremendous opportunity to branch out and make new friends!
2. **On-line, card-only registration.** Blue Sombrero only accepts card-based payments. If you do not have a debit or credit card, you may be able to purchase a prepaid credit card for use. I recently tried this out and found that Walmart was the best option. Some cards are not rechargeable and some are. Some will not work for on-line purchases. Some charge fees that eat away at the funds if you don't use them all right away. With all of them, there is an activation fee that you pay when you load the card at the cash register. I found the floor manager who was on duty at the Albany Walmart when I went to be quite knowledgeable (I settled on a Bluebird American Express card because I wanted one that had no fees and was rechargeable but the Walmart card was my next choice). If you absolutely need to pay with cash or check, you will need to contact the Registrar to find out what the work-around for this is.
3. **No paper, except with scholarships.** The one exception to paperwork is the scholarship form through Central Linn Rec Association. If you would like to apply for a scholarship for one or more children, please print out the form from the link on the City of Brownsville Website <http://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/> and write "SOCCER" for the sport. Once you have given me the form, I will let Tricia, the Registrar, know that you have been approved for a scholarship. She will send you a code that you will enter during the payment portion of registration. **Please note that this code does NOT cover the \$17.50 nonrefundable payment to National AYSO.** If you wish to receive a FULL scholarship, please try to attend the Brownsville/Halsey registration event on May 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Linn Jr/Sr High School. I will have a prepaid card and can assist you during payment to cover the \$17.50.



WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Again, we will be holding walk-in registration events, one per "home town" location. The event for **Brownsville/Halsey is May 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Linn Jr/Sr High School**. I will be attending that event and will have printed scholarship forms and a prepaid card to assist folks with scholarships. The school will be providing the computers.

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