



GENERAL SOCCER INFORMATION

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Youth soccer in the Central Linn School District has been run through the coordinated efforts of the Central Linn Recreation Association (CLRA) and AYSO Region #870 since 2011 in an effort to make participation in quality soccer events available to children ages 4-18. Any child living within the area served by Central Linn School District is eligible to play, regardless of whether they attend Central Linn schools, private school, charter school, homeschool, etc.

Both CLRA and AYSO are volunteer organizations, so parents are encouraged and, in some cases, required to volunteer in order to make each season possible.

The AYSO Mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a fun, fair, safe, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies:

- **Everyone Plays** - Our Region's goal is for kids to play soccer - so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least half of every game.
- **Balanced Teams** - Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible - because it is fair and more fun when teams of equal ability play.
- **Positive Coaching** - Kids win when they are built up, not when they are torn down! We train and encourage our coaches to make the extra effort to understand and offer positive help to our players, rather than negative criticism.
- **Open Registration** - Our program is open to all children between 4 1/2 and 18 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.
- **Good Sportsmanship** - We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect, rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO. (www.ayso870.org/guideline---article-two)

Soccer is played both in the fall and in the spring as a true "all-weather" sport, with games usually only being canceled in the event of thunder or lightning.

REGISTRATION

You can find all pertinent information regarding registration, scheduling, and volunteering on the Region's website, www.ayso870.org.

For specific questions regarding registration, please contact the AYSO Region #870 Registrar:

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If you have questions regarding soccer in the Brownsville/Halsey community, please contact:

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Full and partial scholarships are available through CLRA, courtesy of United Way, to children who live within the area served by the Central Linn School District. An APF for the CLRA scholarship form is available through the City of Brownsville website. Follow the links for the Rec Center, print the form, and hand write "SOCCER" where the form asks which sport.

The desire of CLRA is that all children who want to play a sport have the opportunity to play, with the intent of these scholarship funds being to remove financial barriers that might otherwise prevent a player from participating in youth sports.

GENERAL TIMETABLE FOR EACH SOCCER SEASON

- **Registration for the season** – Typically from May-June prior to the fall season. Parents wishing to volunteer should register themselves at the same time that they register their players, though it can be done later as well. For example, registration for Fall 2017/Spring 2018 seasons will open in May 2017.
- **Team formation for the season**– Typically the 3rd or 4th Saturday in June. Specific deadline for registration will be posted on www.ayso870.org.
- **Summer camps** – Serve different age groups. Please visit www.ayso870.org for information.
- **Team orientation** – Early August. Players meet their fellow teammates and choose their team name. Parents choose their volunteer duties, including Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Parent, Referee(s), and Field Crew. Other volunteer positions are also available.
- **Start of practice for fall season** – Late August. The team parent and/or coach will contact you to let you know when and where.
- **First game of fall season** – Early September.
- **Last game of fall season** – Late October.
- **Registration to fill gaps for spring season** – February. Returning players will receive a *Touchlines* Newsletter via mail as the beginning of spring season approaches.
- **Start of practice for spring season** – Late March/early April.
- **First game of spring season** – Beginning of April.
- **Last game of spring season** – Mid/Late May.
- **Soccer kids march in Pioneer Parade in Brownsville** – Usually 3rd Saturday in June. Not required, just for fun and a "thank you" to players and parents who made the season possible.