

WELCOME TO HCYSA SOCCER: PLAY, LEARN SOCCER, HAVE FUN

Each week a new soccer note is published to keep families updated on events and information. They are posted on the home page and a copy is given to the coach to pass around during the game.

Let's keep everyone safe! Wear a mask when you can't socially distance. Remember, not everyone has been vaccinated yet.

Pictures - April 24. You will receive a packet from your coach on April 17.

Shin guards are mandatory for all practices and games. Wear them inside your socks next to your skin. Black shorts requested.

Are the **fields** closed? Check the field status on the home page in the bottom right corner.

Players - Don't forget your free after-game drink or popsicle. Stop by the concession stand.

Bring a friend to soccer this season—they can watch you play and get a free popsicle with you.

All games are played even sided; no scores or standings are kept. Runaway scores are not appreciated by anyone. Prove your skills by helping everyone score some goals.

Players and coaches are one side of the field. Families and friends are on the opposite side.

Please do not advise or guide players during the game. Let the coach be the coach and the parents can be the cheerleaders.

5U/6U and 8U - there is a 20-minute practice right before the game beginning at the published game time and there can be one additional practice during the week. 10U and Div 1 can have two practices during the week.

Coaches - Call the registrar, Shirley Leifeste, 285-6496 with drops. We still have kids on wait lists.

Concession stand - most teams have a scheduled time to work. The schedule is posted on the home page and your coach has a copy. Two parents are needed. Please do not bring in small children. It's fun and we need your help. Money raised at the concession stand is our only fund raiser—much better than selling chocolate.

Need a pair of **shoes**? The shoe library is available on game days. Stop by the porch.

Please help keep the facility trash free. Restrooms a mess? Let someone know.

Referees needed. Let us know if you're interested. Learn more about the game - take a free class - become a flag guy (assistant ref).

Thank your coach and referee today. We are all volunteers. No one is paid. Join the AYSO volunteer team.

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Our mission: Open registration, Everyone plays, Balanced teams, Positive coaching, Player development

Congratulations to Linda Speck. She just completed (and passed) her Regional Commissioner re-certification training. Linda has tirelessly worked for HCYSA for almost 40 years and has held every board position. A lot of work is needed to keep this organization running. *Stop by to congratulate and thank her.*

Goalie clinic - Field 10 - after the last game on Saturday

Lost and found - if you lose something, check the porch.

Pictures - April 24. Coaches will pick up packets on April 17. Everyone needs to take a team picture even if you're not taking individual pictures. Mike Keith will also take special pictures of families and friends.

Shin guards - tuck them inside your socks for all practices and games.

Black shorts requested, no earrings, splints, casts, or dangerous apparel allowed.

Don't forget your free after-game drink or popsicle.

All games are played even sided and no scores are kept.

5U/6U and 8U games - practice before the game starting at the posted game time.

8U teams - do not position a defensive player in front of the goal. The game is 5 vs 5, no goalkeeper.

Teams on one side, fans on the opposite side. Remember - no advising or guidance allowed from goal area, ends, or sides of the field.

Pictures - love your soccer pictures on Facebook. We love seeing our beautiful children.

Concession stand - most teams have a scheduled time to work. Check with your coach. This is our only fundraiser so your patronage is greatly appreciated.

We're getting into wet weather. Check the **field status** on the home page (www.hillcountrysoccer.org). If games are rained out, they will be re-scheduled for Sunday. We do play in the rain and cold. Dress appropriately. Uniform must be on the outside, socks outside shin guards. We do not play in lightning. We postpone games until bad stuff passes.

Positive coaching, positive cheering, encouraging remarks. Have fun and watch your player develop. Thank your coach and ref today. No one is paid..... we are all volunteers. Come help us. Join the AYSO volunteer team. We need you. Referee a game. Join the fun !!!

Please pick up trash. **NO pets** or animals allowed at the soccer fields.

Positive Instructional Encouraging

Pictures today - Everyone needs to be in the team picture even if you're not purchasing individual pictures. You can also take special pictures of friends and families.

Shin guards - mandatory for all practices and games. Are your shoes too tight? Stop by the **shoe library** in the classroom.

Bring a friend to soccer this season and they'll get a free popsicle after the game with you.

Coach - we strongly recommend all coaches be certified. If you're not able to attend a live class, you can take it online in the AYSOU tab.

Corner **flags** - 9:00 games pick them up; 10:30 games bring them back.

Reminder - 5U/6U and 8U games do not have a goalie. Do not place a defender inside the goal box.

Game times

5U/6U - 5 minute quarters (substitute at the quarters)

8U - 10 minute quarters (substitute at the quarters)

10U - 12.5 minute quarters (substitute at the quarters)

Division 1 - 30 minute halves (free substitution)

Returning the ball back into play

5U/6U - kick in from nearest line

8U, 10U, Div 1 - throw in, goal kick, or corner kick

Teams and coaches on one side of field - parents, fans, spectators on opposite side; no advising or guidance allowed from goal area, ends or sides of field.

5U/6U and 8U - practice begins at posted game time. Practice is more than just a warm-up. It should be directed at specific skills.

All games are played even sided, no scores kept, no standings. It's all about *development*.

Player evaluations - due soon; found in your coach packet; extras are on the porch and online.

Come enjoy the crazy or cold weather with us - no shows are so disappointing for the other team.

Considering helping as a referee? It's easy. Don't want to be a middle guy? Be a linesman.

No dogs allowed at the soccer field. Please inform your out-of-town guests.

Tejano tryouts - Sunday, April 25, 2:30.

Positive Instructional Encouraging

Sports Complex open or closed? Check the **field status** on the home page.

Please come enjoy the crazy weather with us - no shows are so disappointing for the other team.

Fall Soccer registration - watch the website for details.

Pictures - should be ready to pick up May 1. Coaches can pick them up with their game cards.

Over 30 players came out to the **Tejano's** tryout last week. If you weren't able to attend, contact Jon Shantz.

Player evaluations - begin turning these in next week - found in your coach packet. There are extras on the porch and available online at the bottom of the Coaches tab.

Consider helping as a referee. We provide training and a uniform. It's great exercise and a way to watch players from the middle of the field. Contact us if you're interested. Next week we will have only a few referees. Please bring a whistle if you have one.

Concession stand - needs a spring manager. Meet new friends, make money for the children, and pass out smiles. Looking for you to join the AYSO volunteer team.

Let us know if anything in the rest rooms need attention.

No Dogs or Animals allowed at the Soccer field.

Runaway scores are not appreciated by anyone. Prove your skills by helping everyone score some goals.



Keeper clinic today - 11:45, Field 10

Next week (May 22) - the game schedule from May 1 will be used

Fall soccer registration - opens May 12 - more information on the Home page.

SoccerFUNfest - September 11

Season - September 25 to November 13

www.hillcountrysoccer.org - complete application and pay online

Bring a printed copy of your receipt to one of the registration events

Every team needs a coach and a referee volunteer

Registration events - 4:00 to 6:30 at soccer complex - May 20, 25, 27 and June 8, 15

Applications submitted by July 20 are guaranteed a spot on a team.

Applications submitted after July 20 will incur a \$10 late fee

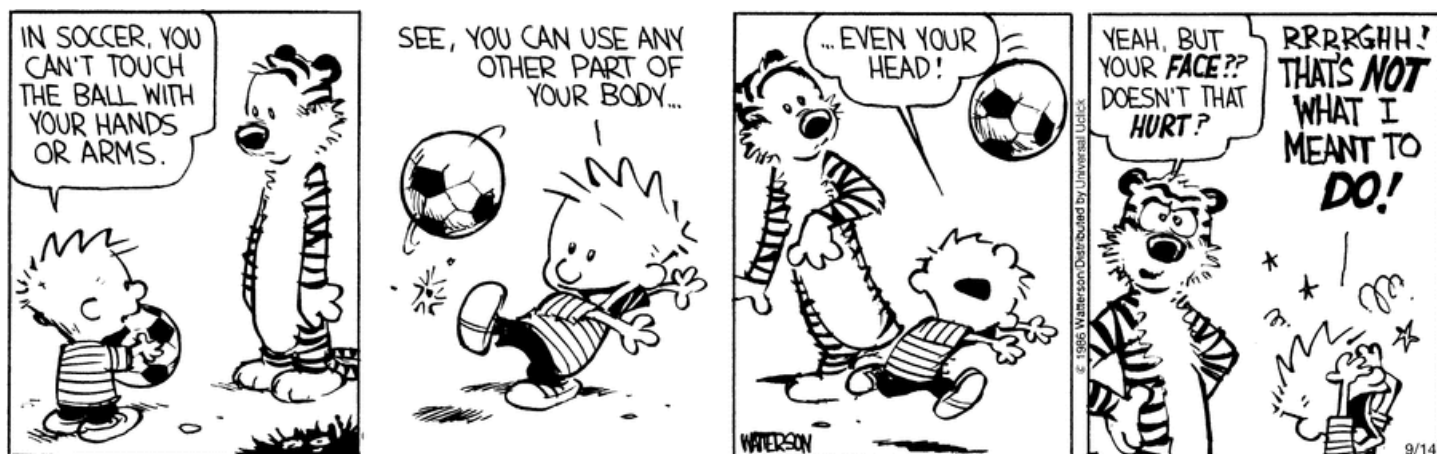
Coaches:

- ⊗ *Player evaluations* - due now - the form is in your coach packet, online, or pick one up from the porch
- ⊗ Turn in equipment after your game next week. Thank you!!!
- ⊗ 5U/6U, 8U - get the kids off the bench. Do not plant a player in the goal. He is not playing, he's sitting the bench.
- ⊗ Work on all skills. There is more to the game than scoring a goal.
- ⊗ Don't focus on if you win or lose . . . it's how you play the game
- ⊗ All games are played even sided, no scores kept, no standings
- ⊗ Pick up pictures with your game card

Need an extra shirt or pair of socks? We are selling brand new shirts for \$3 and socks for \$1 on the porch.

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Consider helping as a referee. Talk to any board member. We need you! It's easy!



HCYSA 2021 SPRING Soccer Notes Week 6 May 22
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Thank you for participating in our 2021 Spring season. You are the reason we are having fun playing soccer.

HCYSA is the only non-profit volunteer board organization providing soccer for Kerr County Children with certified MOM and DAD coaches.

Player Evaluations - due today
Equipment - turn in after your game

Register for **Fall Soccer** - today
Fall Season - Soccerfest + 8 games. September 11 thru November 13
Regular Registration - May 20, 25, 27 and June 8, 15 - 4:00 to 6:30
more info - available at www.hillcountrysoccer.org - application, e sign, pay online

Fall soccer is a commitment to your child and the children on your team.
Each team needs a coach, assistant coach, and team parent.
Guarantee a spot on a team by submitting your application by July 20.

This soccer program is totally volunteer. No one is paid, no staff. We need lots of help.
Parent participation is expected. Certification for coaches and referees strongly encouraged.

Thanks to all our coaches, referees, parents, YOUTH VOLUNTEERS, and board members who helped make this a great season.

Good sportsmanship, good soccer, and respect for players and officials are appreciated.

A.Y.S.O. - SOCCER IS FAIR, FUN, SAFE with POSITIVE CHEERING.

Summer Soccer Camps by Challenger Sports - June 21-25 - link to sign up is on the Home page in the Quick Links section. Sign up for FUN SOCCER.

"When all is said and done, it's not the shots that won the championship that you remember, but the friendships you made along the way."

-Unknown