

# **Boston Youth Soccer League (BYSL)**

## **2015 Season**

Registration for the 2015 Boston Youth Soccer League is scheduled now thru June 19th. Boston Youth Soccer is open to all area children aged 5 to 18 as of Sept 1st, 2015. Young adults can referee, assistant coach, or join the over 18 coed division. Registration forms are available from your school, at the Boston Town Office and at this link: <http://www.townofboston.com/recreation.php>.

**BYSL mission statement:** Our goal is to bring the community together to share the game of soccer through fair competition. Every team should have an even chance of winning if they learn to play together as a team and if each player makes the commitment to show up ready to play, work hard, and have fun. We strive to make it easy on the parents by having enough fields so everyone plays on the same night at the same place. We hire experience referees who enforce the rules. We train coaches when needed the game of soccer and give them the opportunity to be leaders in the community. We screen coaches for the safety of the players. We provide the right equipment, fields, and first aid supplies to enable our players. We expect good sportsmanship from everyone. We involve the entire community including businesses and elected officials to enhance relationships. We need your to help make this happen, so please consider joining the administration, coaching, or whatever aspect you are good at. Thank you.

There are five divisions:

**Pee-Wee** (5-6 years old as of Sept. 1, 2015); **Preps** (7-8 years old as of Sept. 1, 2015)

**Freshmen** (9-10 years old as of Sept. 1, 2015); **Juniors** (11-12 years old as of Sept. 1, 2015) & **Seniors** (13-18 years old as of Sept. 1, 2015. They will play one night a week as a pickup game for \$25.)

Completed forms should be mailed to: BYSL, P.O. Box 156, Boston, NY 14025

Registration is on a first-come, first serve basis; applications submitted **after June 22nd** must pay a fee of \$10 per child. Registrations can **NOT** be turned in after the coaches meeting.

Frequently asked questions:

1. When does the season start?
  - The season runs from late July to the early of October. We try to get done before school sports get into full swing so there are less conflicts.
2. When does the skill level mean?
  - 1 is above average, 2 is average and 3 in below average. Please be honest as this is one factor used to try and balance the teams so no one team dominates.
3. What time do the games start?
  - The games start at 6:15 pm and run for about 1.5 hours. In October, the games will start a 6pm sharp, which we know is hard on working families but we have no lights.
4. What night are the games?
  - We meet 2 nights a week, typically one night will be practice, the other a game. Last year Pee-Wee and Freshman had Tues-Thursday, and Prep and Junior had Mon-Wednesday. Coaches should call you first then will typically email you the game, playoff and picnic schedules.

5. Can I volunteer to be a coach, even if I have never done it before?
  - Yes, new coaches usually start as assistants on their youngest child's team.
6. What do I get for the registration fee?
  - In addition to supervised practices, refereed games, and insurance, the child gets a shirt, pair of socks, and medal or trophy at the end of year picnic. The picnic includes pizza and snacks plus features the players vs. coach's game. We spend all the money on the children; without sponsors, we would have to increase fees.
7. How do I know if my child is registered?
  - Since BYSL is completely operated by volunteers, you will probably not be advised until 1-2 weeks prior to the start of the season. Your check may not have been deposited until then as well. In case that you are not notified, please call before July 21. All efforts will be made to place your child on a team.
8. Can I request a certain coach or to play with a friend?
  - Sorry but No. We pick teams by a blind draft so we do not honor special requests. We only accommodate siblings for players in the same division and head coaches children. We don't want one team to dominate and since we all play on the same night there is no car pooling issue.
9. Where do we play?
  - The town provides two locations with soccer fields, the main town park behind the town hall located at 8500 Boston State Road, and North Boston Park located at 5678 Meadow Drive. The park on Boston Cross road maybe utilized soon.
10. What if I am late registering?
  - Send in your form and extra \$10 fee per child quickly. If your division is full or it is past the draft, we will refund your money at our convenience. We want everyone to have an opportunity to play.
11. Why did we change the league division age group?
  - We are trying to make it equal and safer for the children, so they play peers at a similar size and ability. We also want to make it easier on parents for car-pooling. If your child's birthday is on the edge of an age group and/or is smaller or bigger in size than most in their age group, please contact us to discuss your options. Normally we will allow moving up one division but not moving down.
12. What if my child is old enough for the senior league and wants to play most of the time but can't play all of the time, or does not make the school team after BYSL begins?
  - If we do not have enough teenagers to sign up for a full senior division then we can turn it into a pick up division but at only half the price. The senior division is a great option for kids who have other activities/jobs/sports vying for their time. They meet once a week and play or practice depending on how many kids show up. We encourage all our seniors to consider being a referee to gain community service or \$. There is also an over 18 outdoor pick up league on Sunday, see the recreation department website for details. <http://www.townofboston.com/recreation.php>

13. What size shirt should I choose?

- See below adult and youth sizing chart.

<b>SIZE</b>	<b>CHEST SIZE</b>				
YXS	21" - 23"	AS	34" - 36"	A2XL	49" - 52"
YS	24" - 26"	AM	37" - 40"	A3XL	53" - 56"
YM	27" - 30"	AL	41" - 44"		
YL	31" - 34"	AXL	45" - 48"		

14. Why do we ask for donations?

- In our league even the Coaches pay the fee for their children plus many sponsor the team for a fee as well. We would like to offer an incentive to coach but currently our budget does not allow for that, unless you have a financial hardship. In addition, the officers spend many hours running the league so you should either volunteer or contribute monetarily.

15. How do I request a scholarship?

- Please mail in your form along and payment at half price along with some kind of financial hardship evidence. This will be kept in strict confidence and only available to the administration.

16. Why do we ask you to sign the code of ethics?

- Please see our mission statement. We will not tolerate coaches or parents yelling at players or referees. What does this teach our children? We all want to win.

For further information, call John Stressinger at 972-0606.

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