



# Frequently Asked Questions

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## Q: How many players are there on a soccer team?

A:

Here is a breakdown on the number of players per age group:

| Age Level | Roster | Playing | Ball Size |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| U6        | 6      | 3       | 3         |
| U7        | 7      | 3       | 3         |
| U8        | 7      | 4       | 3         |
| U9        | 11     | 5       | 4         |
| U10       | 11     | 6       | 4         |
| U11       | 14     | 9       | 4         |
| U12       | 14     | 11      | 5         |
| U13       | 15     | 11      | 5         |
| U14       | 15     | 11      | 5         |
| U15       | 15     | 11      | 5         |
| U16       | 15     | 11      | 5         |
| U17       | Max    | 11      | 5         |
| U18       | Max    | 11      | 5         |
| U19       | Max    | 11      | 5         |

Please note that AIY Soccer only has U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U19 teams, the age group below rolls up into the next.

Only U6 does not have a referee. The coaches act as such.

## Q: What does the registration fee pay for?

A:

The registration fee pays for the total cost of running a soccer league. Every board member (elected and appointed), with the exception of the referee assignor, is working voluntarily, donating their free time and money (gas, equipment etc) to make sure our children can play soccer.

Here are a few things your money is going towards:

- Uniforms (two jerseys, short, socks)
- Painting the fields.
- Maintaining the fields (Watering/insect-prevention etc.)
- Usage of the field (we pay the city of Fernandina a usage fee)
- Equipment and repairs (field cones, goals, nets etc.)
- Coaches equipment (every coach is given cones, pinnies, balls etc.)
- Administrative expenses such as ink, paper, club phone etc.

**Q: What does the registration fee NOT pay for?**

A:

You will need to provide soccer cleats, shin guards and an age appropriate size ball (See table above).

**Q: Volunteering, what is required?**

A:

AIY Soccer is run by a small group of enthusiastic members who doesn't mind giving their time for children to have a place to be, performing the world's top sport. However, we do require a puny three hours of your time, which you can elect to do when you can within the three months season.

Volunteering includes cleaning the bathrooms, picking up trash, concession stand duty and so forth. Most other sports require triple that in hours. We do offer a buy-out option for which you can find the details on our website or by contacting any of the board members.

Shrimp festival parking (spring only) cannot be bought out of. This is mandatory.

If at the end of the season, you have not met your volunteer commitment, you will be required to pay the buy-out fee of \$60 which will be assessed before your child can be re-registered for the following season.

**Q: Can I attend your board meetings?**

A:

The board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month and are currently held at the Lime Street police station on the island. Please check with a board member if you plan on attending and if you have items you'd like to add to the agenda, please send it to the [secretary@aiysoccer.com](mailto:secretary@aiysoccer.com).

**Q: Do I get free registration for my child if I coach?**

A:

If you are certified in your age-group you will get a credit equal to a Recreational player's registration fee. If you are not certified, you will get a \$40 credit.

Select coaches must be certified to get their own team.

AIY Soccer will pay for your class, and they are offered regularly.

Please email the age-appropriate director at large if you wish to coach youth soccer. Their contact information is on the contact page of the website.

**Q: Why is Select more expensive, they play on the same field?**

A:

In reality the difference is in the equipment they get as Select players. Also the Select fee covers two seasons (Fall/Spring), the Rec fee only covers one.

**Q: Does assistant coaches and team managers still have to volunteer?**

A:

Yes, assistant coaches and team managers are required to complete their volunteer hours. We appreciate your commitment to volunteer, but we have this policy for a variety of reasons. The most compelling one being that it would potentially leave us with a deficit of volunteer hours to meet all the requirements of running AIYS. It would also be difficult to extend this benefit to assistant coaches and not to team moms or managers. The efforts of those who help out our coaches at practices, on the sidelines and behind the scenes are important to the success of their player's team. Their additional efforts as volunteers for AIYS are equally important and are vital to the success of Youth Soccer in our community.

**Q: Can I make requests for where and with whom my child plays?**

A:

In order to make teams as even as possible AIY Soccer does not acknowledge requests as to who your child plays with, what coach they get, what night or location the practices are at. We understand that sometimes there are situations where it makes it convenient for parents to have a certain night or friends to play with, however since all of our coaches are volunteers and the need to create even teams makes this an impossible option.

**Q: Why are we not keeping children together across seasons?**

A:

In U8 we want the teams to be as even as possible. The only way to do so is by forming the teams based on a few criteria such as rank, age and years played. The coaches and the director of coaching for the specific age-level ranks the kids.

Obviously this means that we cannot always accommodate the requests for teams that we get, but we try our hardest.

## **Q: What age group does my child belong to?**

A:

The “U” in U6/U8/U10 etc., means “Under”, so if your child is 5 on August 1<sup>st</sup>, U6 is the age group they will play in.

The kids are placed in an age-group for the fall and spring season, so even if they turn a year older in between, they will stay in the age-group.

If there are circumstances where your child is either skilled way beyond the age group, or has a size where it would be unsafe to let them play in their age-group they can play up, but this is on an individual basis, and is at the discretion of the directors at large for the age group.