



# Soccer

City of Bellaire Park, Recreation and Facilities  
7008 S. Rice Street, Bellaire, Texas 77401

Welcome to the City of Bellaire's Spring Soccer League. The soccer program will be an exciting activity for your child this spring. The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department and the volunteer coaches will do their best to provide you and your child with a fun-filled, skill oriented and safe basketball experience. The following information is given to you to provide a basic background of the soccer program. If you have any additional questions, call or email Derick Bugg at 713-662-8294 or [dbugg@bellairetx.gov](mailto:dbugg@bellairetx.gov).

## **Soccer Program Dates:**

Registration Begins	January 22 (Res.), January 24 (NRes.)
Practices Begin	March 18
Games Begin	April 6
Season Ends	May 11

**The League:** All age divisions will all play an in-house league schedule against other City of Bellaire teams. There will be no scoring kept, no wins or loses kept and no tournament to decide champions. This league is geared for fun so please keep that in perspective when choosing to participate in this league.

**Team Assignments:** Teams will be assigned after the player draft. ***Players from last season will not necessarily be placed on the same team from year to year. Special request for friends or practices will not be honored.*** You will receive communication from your coach who will give you the details about practices and other information. **Please do not call the Bellaire Recreation Center front desk.** They will not know whose team your child is on. If you do not hear from a coach by March 30 please contact Derick Bugg at [dbugg@bellairetx.gov](mailto:dbugg@bellairetx.gov).

**Coaches:** Our teams are run by our participants parents who are our volunteer coaches. Please let us know if you are interested in coaching. You need little to no experience needed to volunteer. We need parents to coach to make this program successful. All volunteer coaches must pass the required City of Bellaire background check.

**Practices:** Practices will be held once a week. They will be held 5:30 PM-6:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The fields used will be Feld Park and Lafayette Field.

**Player Play Time Rules:** All players will play in every game. In all divisions, all coaches will have players play an equal amount of time and vary the positions as needed.

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**Games:** Games will tentatively be held on the following days and times:

4-5 year olds (co-ed)	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Saturdays	Lafayette Field
6-7 year olds (co-ed)	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Saturdays	Feld Park
8-10 year olds (co-ed)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Saturdays	Feld Park

**Game Play:** 4-5 year olds and 6-7 year olds will play with a size 3 soccer ball. The 8-10 year olds will play with a size 4 soccer ball.

**Uniforms:** Every child will receive a soccer shirt.

**Equipment:** Soccer shoes and shin guards are not required but they are highly recommended for all players.

**Team Pictures & Awards:** The City of Bellaire does not provide pictures or awards. Awards will be up to each individual team. You can call Showcase Awards during the season to take your teams order. **We will schedule a date for Natural Expressions to come out and take team pictures.** Coaches will communicate that information to their teams once the date is set.

**What if it rains?:** On practice days that the City of Bellaire does not close the fields due to poor conditions, your coach will decide if your team will have practice. Your coach may ask to reschedule a practice to another day if the team looks like it will miss multiple opportunities in a row to practice. Please call your coach if you are unsure if practice will be held. On Saturdays, please come to the field approximately 30 minutes prior to your game **unless you hear from your coach about a cancellation.** You will be contacted by the coaches regarding any rainout or weather situations. Contact your coach if you have any questions regarding play.

**What about rescheduling games?:** We will only reschedule one weekend of rainout games so that means when it rains, we will still try our best to play games on a wet field ***if the conditions are still safe enough for play.*** We have one weekend at the end of the season as a makeup date for games that get cancelled due to rain.

We look forward to working with you and your child this season. See you on the field!