



Soccer

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

Welcome to the City of Bellaire's Youth Soccer League. 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 soccer 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.

Soccer Program Dates:

Registration Begins	July 6 (Res.), July 9 (NRes.)
Practices Begin	August 30
Games Begin	September 18
Season Ends	October 30

The League: All age divisions will play an in-house league schedule of 5-7 games 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 requests 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. Coaches will not contact you about team assignments until 7-10 days before the first scheduled practice. If you do not hear from a coach 7-10 days before the first date that practice is set to begin, please contact Derick Bugg at dbugg@bellairetx.gov.

Coaches: Our teams are coached by our participant's 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 either 4:30 PM-5:30 PM or 5:30 PM-6:30 PM, Monday through Friday at Feld Park.

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 and are subject to change:

4-5 year olds (co-ed)	08:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Saturdays	Feld Park
6-7 year olds (co-ed)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Saturdays	Feld Park
8-10 year olds (co-ed)	12:00 PM - 02:00 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. **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!