



THE MOSS BLUFF YOUTH RECREATION SOCCER PROGRAM



Hello Moss Bluff soccer community!

Over the years, there have been several occasions when the staff and volunteers of Moss Bluff and Lake Charles soccer organizations came together to create different competition and coaching opportunities for the players. Emerging from the challenges of 2020 and 2021, through meetings and discussions between those who have dedicated countless hours to soccer programming, we've collectively decided to expand our horizons, and believe that pooling our resources and joining forces can be a great way to strengthen our soccer programs and set us up for long term success!

The new partnership between Calcasieu Soccer Club and Moss Bluff Parks & Recreation aims to build on the exceptional work of previous administrations, fostering strong, unified, and forward-thinking soccer programs. By combining our efforts, we hope to provide more competition opportunities for recreational teams, create a larger talent pool for competitive teams to face off against clubs statewide, elevate the level of high school soccer in Moss Bluff, and continue to nurture a positive soccer culture of sportsmanship and respect. With the anticipation of the World Cup taking place in North America in just two years' time, the future of soccer in the USA looks especially bright, and we want our region to be ready to shine!

We invite you to continue reading for answers to any questions you may have and stay tuned for more information about Calcasieu Soccer Club and its programs, plus upcoming **'early-bird' fall registration opening June 1st**. We are excited about the journey ahead and look forward to being one big SWLA soccer family.

See you on the field!



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

At what age will players be able to play?

4 years old to 17 years old.

When will the season be held?

Fall soccer will be played throughout September and October.

(Based on the interest, a spring soccer season may be considered with a view to playing in March and April in 2025.)

Where will the activities be held?

Moss Bluff Soccer Complex in Moss Bluff.

In the older age groups, where the number of teams may be low, we would like to introduce a couple of games where Lake Charles based teams travel to Moss Bluff and Moss Bluff based teams travel to Lake Charles. We believe this will add variety and excitement to the game schedule. We are very mindful of keeping this fun and convenient for families, so this will only involve two games of travel per season. If it is a success, based on membership feedback we can look to build on it in the future.

How will I register?

Online through Calcasieu Soccer Club at www.csc-eagles.org during the specified registration period.

Early Bird – June 1st through June 14th

Regular Registration – June 15th through July 21st.

What are the registration fees?

5 – 8 and under: \$65

9 – 10 and under: \$70

11 – 18 and under: \$75

What is the Refund Policy?

100% UP TO LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

50% UP TO FIRST ACTIVITY

\$0 AFTER FIRST GAME

What other costs are involved?

Two game day jerseys costing approximately \$19 each. One for when playing as home team (yellow) and one for when away team (black). Jerseys can be used for future seasons and will be available for purchase prior to the season.

Black shorts (\$15) and socks (\$9)

Shin guards are required for games and practices and cost around \$10-\$15, cleats \$25 and upwards.

Cleats are not required for the 5U groups but are highly recommended for games and practices.

When will practices be held?

Our volunteer coaches will coordinate with the club to set their practice schedules once teams are formed. Available practice days for coaches to schedule are Monday through Friday.

Under 6 through Under 8 players usually practice 5:30-6:30 once per week.

Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 17 have the option of 5:30-6:30 or 6:30-7:30 once or twice per week.

There will also typically be an initial 'meet & greet' practice day where players connect with their coaches.

When will the games be played?

Six Saturdays throughout September & October. There will also be one mid-week game played.

How many games will be played?

Seven or eight

Will there be playoffs or league tables?

No. With recreation soccer, we want to maintain a good balance between organic competition and fun which the kids will do on their own without the adults making it results based.

How are teams formed?

5U & 6U players & NEW players in older age groups will be randomly assigned to teams.

Returning players in older age groups will typically remain on the same team from one season to the next unless they 'age out'. We aim to place siblings of a similar age on the same team. The coach will contact players the week before practice is due to begin.

How are age groups organized? (Please refer to the US Soccer Age Group Matrix for your child's correct group)

Players are grouped according to their Year of Birth. Based on the number of registrations, we aim to group players as shown below, however, some groups may be combined so long as it helps create a safe and enjoyable team environment and game schedule for the players.

- 5U & 6U play coed
- 7U & 8U play in either coed OR boys & girls divisions depending on the number of registrations.
- 9U & 10U play in boys & girls divisions
- 11U & 12U play in boys & girls divisions
- 13U & 14U usually play coed due to lower registration numbers
- 15U, 16U & 17U usually play coed due to lower registration numbers

What are the game formats?

We follow as closely as possible the official playing recommendations of the US Youth Soccer Association.

5-6U Format: 4v4 | 4 x 8 min. quarters | no goalkeepers | kick-in restarts | no offsides | size 3 ball

7-8U Format: 4v4 | 4 x 12 min. quarters | no goalkeepers | throw-in restarts | no offsides | size 3 ball

8U Spring Format: 5 v 5 | 4 x 12 min. quarters | goalkeepers | throw-in restarts | no offsides | size 3 ball

9-10U Format: 7v7 | 2 x 25 min. halves | goalkeepers | throw-in restarts | offsides enforced | size 4 ball

11-12U Format: 9v9 | 2 x 30 min. halves | goalkeepers | throw-in restarts | offsides enforced | size 4 ball

14-16U Format: 11v11 | 2 x 40 min. halves | goalkeepers | throw-in restarts | offsides enforced | size 5 ball

