

# Recreational Soccer FAQ

## **Who can participate in Recreational League soccer?**

The league serves kids from age 3 to 12, see the AGE BRACKET GUIDE for eligible ages. A child requires no previous experience to play.

## **When does the season start?**

In the fall, teams can start practicing the third week of August. In the spring, teams begin training the first week of March. The first game for fall will be the Saturday after Labor Day. The season runs for 8 weeks. The spring season generally starts the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March. Registration for the following season starts the Monday after the season ends. Registration is online at [www.grandjunctionsoccer.org](http://www.grandjunctionsoccer.org)

## **Where will my player practice and play?**

It depends on the coach. The coach decides where the team will practice, and this typically a location close to where they live. You will be assigned a coach according to the school you select when registering, unless you make a special request (in most cases). The games are played at Canyon View Park on Saturday's between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

## **When will my player practice and play?**

It depends on the coach. The practice times usually start after 5:00 PM. Three to five year olds practice once a week for 45 minutes to an hour depending on age. Six and seven year olds practice once a week for 1 hour and 8 through 12 years olds train twice a week up to 1.25 hours.

U4-U6 – 45 minutes.

U7-U8 – 1 Hour

U9-U10 – 1 Hour and 15 minutes

## **What equipment do I need for my children to play soccer?**

Each player is required to wear the GJSC uniform. Our uniform consists of a reversible jersey, short and socks. The uniform can be purchased at B&H Sports. You will need to supply your player with a pair of soccer shoes (with molded studs or cleats – no toe cleat is allowed), shin guards, and a ball. These can be purchased at most sporting goods stores, or soccer stores.

## **Does my child have to try-out?**

No, every player registered by the last regular registration date is guaranteed a place on a team.

**When are the teams formed?**

For the fall season, teams are formed at the end of July. For the spring season, teams are formed mid-February. The coaches will notify your child of their placement sometime mid-August for the fall and the end of February for the spring. This is dependent upon having all the voluntary coaches assigned.

**How are teams formed?**

Most teams carry over from the fall season to the spring season. Each player is guaranteed a position on their team until the last registration date of that season (usually two weeks before teams are officially formed). New players to the league are placed on teams based upon the middle school their child will attend according to residence.

**How are coaches selected?**

All of our coaches, including assistant coaches are volunteers that express their desire to coach by notifying the club. They are required to fill out a "Risk Management Form" and get clearance by our State Association. Each team must have a Coach, Team Manager and Referee. If a team does not have these vital components they may be disbanded and there is a chance the club will not have a team for those players. Parent volunteerism is vital to the success of our recreation programs.

**What if I do not know a lot about soccer and want to coach a team?**

No problem, as we can provide you with the necessary information and training to make this season fun and rewarding for all.

**Can we switch teams after they are formed?**

The league policy is that no switches can be accommodated. Due to the large number of players and teams, it would be impossible to run the league with any success. We do however allow players to be removed from the team they were assigned and placed on the waiting list. If a team needs a player, it may be possible for them to be placed on that team. Wait list players are not guaranteed a place on a team; they will only be placed if an opening arises.

**What is the wait list?**

The wait list is where we put players that register after the registration cut off date. Being placed on this list does not ensure that your child will play. We use this list to replace players that drop out of our league.

**What if I cannot make the times or days the coach chooses for practice?**

Historically, teams have worked together to provide transportation where needed. You can contact your team manager and see if she/he can help you find or create a car pool.

**If things don't work out, can I get a refund?**

REFUND POLICY; It is the policy of GJSC to refund registration fees ONLY if you move out of town prior to the start of the season, or if the child is unable to participate due to injury or illness as documented by a physician. NO refunds, credits for fee transfers will be allowed for any other reasons. If GJSC is unable to place your child on a team, a full refund will be issued. If we are unable to honor a special request, there will be no refund. Failure to comply with payment terms may be cause to remove your child from participation in any further GJSC events. Conflicts with practice schedules are not grounds for a refund. No refunds, credits or fee transfers will be granted for players after the third scheduled game of the season. Refund requests due to injury must be made within 2 weeks of the injury or illness and must have a doctor's note included.

Recreational refunds granted are subject to a \$20.00 handling fee.

**Where can I find out all there is to know about the Grand Junction Soccer Club?**

- Always check the league's website at [www.grandjunctionsoccer.org](http://www.grandjunctionsoccer.org) to find out what is happening with games, the weather, etc.
- Read the GJSC Policy Manual and Program Manual for all the rules and regulations that the league follows. The handbook is your best source for information when you have a question.
- Keep in mind, the first place to go with a question during the season is your Coach, then the Coaching Director for your league. Please call them first!
- If all other sources fail to produce an answer, send an email to [info@gjsoccer.org](mailto:info@gjsoccer.org) or call the GJSC at 242-4550