

COLORADO STORM SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Office Hours: 10:00 to 4:00 Monday - Friday

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FALL 2008 / SPRING 2009 POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Colorado Storm Soccer Association (CSSA) is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing a fun environment for players to play, learn and enjoy the game of soccer and to develop soccer referees and coaches who can aid the soccer players in developing the technical skills, psychological approach, tactical decisions, team effort and physical fitness required to enjoy soccer as a life-sport. You can enrich this opportunity by volunteering as a coach, referee, or team representative. CSSA provides training and clinics for volunteers of all experience levels.

Code of Conduct: All players, parents, coaches, referees, spectators and any other participants at games and practices are expected to comport themselves in a manner consistent with the highest levels of sportsmanship and ethical conduct, including compliance with the letter and spirit of the FIFA Laws of the Game, which are available at the CSSA office.

REFUND POLICY

- **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** except in the event of illness, injury, or relocation out of our area. A \$25.00 administrative fee will be withheld from the refund.

Sanctioning Organizations for CSSA

- CSSA and participating players are members of the Colorado Youth Soccer Association - CYSAA, which in turn conveys player membership in United States Youth Soccer - USYS. USYS is a member of the United States Soccer Federation - USSF; which is a member of the international soccer governing body: Federation Internationale de Football Association - FIFA.

Eligibility & Age Divisions

- Players are eligible if born between August 1, 1989 and July 31, 2004. Play is girls vs. girls, boys vs. boys, not coed, and is grouped by age, not school grade. For example, August 1, 1991, through July 31, 1992, birth dates are grouped together.
- Players born August 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005 may play in the 'Sparks' Kick-around program. Players born August 1st through July 31st of the following year are grouped together on teams.

Active Player Definition

- An *active* player is a player who participated in at least 75% of games **and** 75% of practices during the prior season.
- Players who signed up for the Spring season, but did not participate as an *active* player, have relinquished their opportunity to return to their Fall team.
- If space is available, an *inactive* player from the previous season will be placed on a different team, first come, first served, according to the date their registration is received in the CSSA office.

Mandatory Player Participation

- Colorado Storm Soccer Association rules require that a player be allowed to play at least half of every game. Playing time does not have to be contiguous, but must be one half of every game!*

*CSSA requires that a player attend and participate in every practice to be guaranteed this participation level.

Players are assigned to teams by CSSA based on these factors:

- All players must have registered and be placed on an official CSSA team roster to participate in any practice or games. Coaches are to strictly enforce this rule! Players not on an official CSSA roster may not participate! This is a liability insurance issue.
- Only CSSA administrators can assign a player to a team; coaches may invite players to join their team, but they cannot guarantee a place on the team they coach. Space for your child is limited by availability of teams, volunteers, coaches, referees, and practice fields. Every effort will be made to assign your child to a team located close to your home or school. CSSA will attempt to reassign returning *active* players to the same team each season.
- Transfer requests must be made in writing to CSSA, whose decision will be final. Players are expected to stay on their assigned team for the duration of the season.
- Coaches and/or parents cannot remove a child, other than their own child, from a team. CSSA office staff and the CSSA Recreational Committee help teams with problem resolution.

Games & Practices

- Home games are played at the Gates Soccer complex and at Village Greens Park.
- Teams playing in Option 1 and Interleague will play at other parks around the Denver Metro area such as City Park to the North, Aurora Sports Park to the East, or Washington Park to the West. Games are played primarily on Saturday between 8:00 am and 5:30 pm.
- Teams generally play a 7 or 8 game season preceded by 2 weeks of practice. The final number of games is determined by the number of teams entered in the division.
- Practices are scheduled at the coaches' convenience as much as possible. Limited practice field space necessitates that teams share practice fields. **Coaches will contact players with practice times and location.**

Team Volunteer Requirements

- ***Coaches, referees, assistant referees, field coordinators and team representatives are volunteers from each team. CSSA does not supply any of these volunteers. **PARENTS OF THE TEAM MEMBERS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE POSITIONS.** CSSA will hold clinics to provide instruction to parents who volunteer for the above positions.***
- Each team playing 8v8 or 11v11 must provide a USSF grade 8 or grade 9 certified center referee for four home games other than their child's games. If your team does not have certified referees willing to volunteer, your team **must pay \$125 each season to CSSA at coach's packet pickup**, so that CSSA can schedule and pay the center referee for your team's 4-game responsibility.
- Each team playing 8v8 or 11v11 must provide a certified linesman for all of their own games.
- Each team playing 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5 must provide a certified field coordinator to officiate at four of their own games.
- Each team must submit to CSSA a listing of coaches, certified referees or coordinator and a team manager prior to the start of the season.

Uniform & Equipment

- USYS and CSSA rules require that every player wear shin guards covered by knee length athletic socks for both games and practices.
- ***Players may not wear any kind of metal or plastic hair restraint, hair beads, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, or other jewelry during practices or games. IF A CHILD CHOOSES TO GET THEIR EARS PIERCED OR HAIR BEADED BEFORE OR DURING THE SEASON, THEY MAY NOT PRACTICE OR PLAY IN ANY GAMES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CHILD FEELS ABLE TO REMOVE THE EARRINGS OR BEADS.*** Tape, hats or any other covering of the ears or hair will not suffice to allow the child to play. Medical alert bracelets MUST be taped to the child's wrist. There are absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.
- The official CSSA uniform consists of a royal blue Adidas "Squadra" jersey, a white Adidas "Squadra" jersey, royal blue "Porto" team shorts and royal blue athletic knee socks. A royal blue-to-white reversible jersey will suffice as a standard jersey. Both the official and standard CSSA uniform can be purchased at The Soccer Stop (which is the only store that is authorized to reproduce the CSSA logo): at 8130 S. University Blvd., Littleton, 303-740-9300, and 12300 Cornell Ave (I-225 & Parker), Aurora, 303-755-6600. CSSA requires that all players wear at least the standard CSSA uniform for all games. **There will be a charge for the uniform since it is not included in the registration fee.**
- PLAYERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN BALL AND WATER BOTTLE TO PRACTICES.
- Being consistent with CYSA rules, the home team will wear BLUE jerseys and away team will wear WHITE jerseys.

What sizes are the teams and soccer balls?

Player's Age	Players on field	Goalkeeper	Maximum Team Size	Ball Size
Under 5 to 6	3 v 3	NO	7	# 3
Under 7	4 v 4	NO	8	# 3
Under 8	5 v 5	YES	9	# 3
Under 9 to 10	8 v 8	YES	12	# 4
Under 11 to 19	11 v 11	YES	18	U11-U12 - # 4, U13-U19 - # 5

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 2008
(EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO COACH THIS SEASON!)**

COACH NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____ NEW? _____
(Please print legibly)

ADDRESS _____ CITY, ZIP _____

WORK PHONE _____ NEW? _____ FAX # _____ E-MAIL _____
(Circle one) (Circle one)

TEAM NUMBER (CHECK ROSTER) SB JB RB-____-____ OR SG JG RG-____-____ TEAM NAME _____

Will you be coaching the Fall 2008 season? Yes____ No____ (My team knows I am not coaching) Yes____ No____

CSSA reserves the right to determine roster size.

If you are not going to coach, do you have an assistant who would take over the team? Yes____ No____

Assistant Coach's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

*****ALL TEAMS MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION*******

Last season my team was: (This will be used to place your team in the same flight or a more or less competitive flight)
 _____ More competitive than the other teams in my flight. FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES - Are you the Coach of Record of
 _____ Evenly matched with the other teams we played. a second team? Yes____ No____
 _____ Less competitive than other teams in my flight. 2nd Team Number: RB____-____ or RG____-____

For **FALL 2008** fighting purposes, what was your record this past Spring season? **Wins**____ **Losses**____ **Ties**____

Under 5 & Under 6 will play 3 v 3 without goalies. I would like my U5, U6 & U7 team to play their games at
 Under 7 will play 4 v 4 without goalies. Village Greens _____ Gates _____
 Under 8 will play 5 v 5 with goalies.

For Under 9 ('00) and Under 10 ('99) teams play 8 v 8 with goalies:
MY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO INTERLEAGUE - Play up to four games with teams from other clubs at their fields.
 in the east half of the Denver Metro area: YES _____ NO _____

Under 11 and older teams will play 11v11 in the Basic Rec Program and all teams will interleague.

Please read the enclosed CSSA Policies and Procedures. Then read and sign the statements below:

I HAVE READ THE CSSA Policies & Procedures. I will comport myself in a manner consistent with the highest levels of sportsmanship and ethical conduct, including compliance with the letter and spirit of the FIFA Laws of the Game, which are available at the CSSA office. I will not allow a player to practice or play with my team unless his/her name appears on the roster furnished by CSSA. I will not allow a player to practice or play with earrings or jewelry. I will require that players wear shinguards with knee-high athletic socks covering them at all practices and games. I will not leave my practice or game until all players have been picked up by their ride home. I understand that it is required that every player on my team play at least 50% of each game. If, for any reason, I feel a player should not play 50% of a game, I will call the CSSA office to discuss the situation with the staff before the game. I understand that only the CSSA office can add or remove players on a team. Coaches or other team parents cannot guarantee a place on the team they coach, nor can the Coach or other team parents suggest to parents of a player that the player must move to or would be better off on a different team for any reason. If there are problems on my team I will call the CSSA office and discuss them with the staff. If the staff cannot help me solve the problem, I realize that we can discuss solutions with the CSSA Recreational Committee. Under no circumstances will I physically discipline/abuse or verbally abuse any child while serving in my capacity as soccer coach. I understand that doing so will result in my removal from coaching with CSSA. If a child becomes a discipline problem I will call the CSSA office and discuss with John Madding (Director of Operations), the various options available to me as a CSSA coach to control the child.

Coach Signature _____

Make sure you fill out both sides!

PRACTICE LOCATION REQUEST

Fall 2008

Fax: (303) 799-9639

(Please print legibly)

SR. REC _____ JR. REC _____ REC _____
(All Sr. Rec teams practice at Gates)

COACH _____ TEAM NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____ TEAM NAME _____
HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ FAX # _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

If you want to practice two days a week - circle both days on the 1st CHOICE line and circle a different choice of two days on the 2nd CHOICE line. If you want to practice once a week, circle one day on the 1st CHOICE line and a different day on the 2nd CHOICE line. Please do not circle days you cannot practice! Please call John at (303)799-4045 if you have questions about the scheduling of fields. When selecting your second choice, you must change either the days or time. Practices for the early session will finish before 5:30 and the late sessions will start at 5:30 or later.

	DAYS		TIME
1ST CHOICE:	<u>MON</u> <u>TUES</u> <u>WED</u> <u>THR</u> <u>FRI</u>	1st CHOICE:	Early Late
	(Pick one or two days per week)		
2ND CHOICE:	<u>MON</u> <u>TUES</u> <u>WED</u> <u>TH</u> <u>FRI</u>	2nd CHOICE:	Early Late
	(Pick a different one or two days per week)		

For Scheduling Purposes: Are you the Coach of Record of a 2nd Team? Yes _____ No _____ 2nd Team Number: _____

**We will make every attempt to accommodate your first choice IF
this form is returned no later than May 30, 2008 or sooner! First come, first served!**

We need to know what is more important: **DAYS, TIMES, OR LOCATIONS**. Fields with M/W after them indicates the field is only available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please put additional instructions on the comment line below. You must select two different field locations. **If we receive a form that is not filled out correctly, we will return it for completion.**

LOCATIONS

Please mark 1 by your first choice, 2 by your second choice and 3 by your third choice. You MUST mark three different locations.

West Englewood/Greenwood Village

- _____ Castlewood Park
- _____ Cherry Hills Elem (M/W/F)
- _____ Cherry Park
- _____ Curtis Park (TU/TH)
- _____ Dry Creek Elem (Upper Grass Only)
- _____ Fox Hill Park
- _____ Foxridge Park
- _____ Greenwood Elem (M/W)
- _____ Heritage Elem (M/W/F)
- _____ Homestead Elem
- _____ Hunters Hill Park (East Field Only)
- _____ Medema Park
- _____ Newton Middle School
- _____ Palos Verdes Main Park
- _____ Palos Verdes Sunset Park
- _____ Palos Verdes West Park
- _____ West Middle School (M/W)
- _____ Westlands Park
- _____ Willow Creek Elem (T/TH)
- _____ Willow Creek Park

South Aurora

- _____ Antelope Ridge (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Arrowhead Elem (M/T/TH)
- _____ Aspen Crossing Elem (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Bellwood Park
- _____ Canyon Creek Elem (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Creekside Elem (M/T/TH)
- _____ Dakota Valley (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Fox Hollow Elem (M/W/F)
- _____ Hampden Run Park
- _____ Highlands Park
- _____ Indian Ridge Elem (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Mission Viejo Elem (M/T/TH grass)
- _____ Peakview Elem (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Peakview North Park
- _____ Pioneer Park
- _____ Piney Creek Village Park
- _____ Piney Creek Hollow Park
- _____ Rolling Hills Elem (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Sagebrush Elem

South Aurora

- _____ Sunrise Elem (M/T/TH grass)
- _____ Timberline Elem (M/W/F after 4:30)
- _____ Trails West Elem (M/T/TH)
- _____ Wagon Trail Park

East Englewood/ Greenwood Village

- _____ Cottonwood Elem (M/W/F)
- _____ High Plains Elem (T/TH)
- _____ Silo Park
- _____ Tommy Davis Park
- _____ Village Greens Park (after 5:30)
- _____ Vista Sunset Park
- _____ Vista Orchard Park
- _____ Vista Peakview Park
- _____ Vista Lakeview Park

Parker

- _____ Various Parker Fields TBD

Comments for Scheduler: _____

Make sure you fill out both sides!