

# COPA PLAY

## Youth Recreation League

- **What are the dates of competition?**
  - The Recreation League will run from March 15 through May 3rd! Game days will be on Saturdays. Game times will be between 1-5pm on those days starting with the younger ages.
  - On the weekend of March 15, we will host an Open Event for all participants to get a sneak peak of what to expect in the league. You'll receive your jersey and ball and complete some basic player testing to make sure players are placed in the appropriate level of play!
- **Do I register as an individual or a team?**
  - This league registration is individual, but we want to put you on teams with your friends. During the registration you'll be asked for your friend's names, your school and your zip code so we can group players together. Make sure to invite your friends to play with you this spring too!
- **What is the competition level?**
  - Recreation League is geared towards those players that are either new to the sport and are looking for their first experience or players that are still sampling multiple sports and appreciate a simplified schedule that is consistent on the weekend and one practice a week.
- **What should I expect?**
  - At COPA, we want every child to fall in love with the game. To do this, we need to provide a structured environment for them to grow and learn. This starts with COPA curriculum, specifically designed to develop each player's confidence and skill level. We provide structured games with their friends against different opponents in small-sided games where they'll get plenty of touches and opportunities to test out their new skills!
- **What is included?**
  - All players will receive a COPA shirt and ball. We will provide these before the league starts. Players are expected to wear their game shirt every week, bring their ball and some water. Players should also wear shin guards covered by soccer socks and no cleated shoes.
- **Can I be a parent volunteer?**
  - Parent Coaches are essential to provide the individual attention to each small team. Parent volunteers will receive a 50% refund on registration fees for their efforts during the season! Parent Coaches will receive the curriculum prior to the season to know what topics to cover during weekly training. Coaches will also manage the games, keeping the action flowing!
- **Can I play with my friends?**
  - Absolutely! Soccer is a game to share with your friends. Make sure to invite your friends to join us and list them in your registration!
- **What will I learn?**
  - Each week players will learn individual skills to improve their games and sportsmanship concepts. We'll introduce technical skills that will set them up for future success in the sport!
- **When will the schedule be released?**
  - The schedule will be finalized by the Open Event weekend the week before the first league date. Schedules will be dependent on the number of registrants in an age and level.