



Think Detroit PAL 2009 Fall Soccer Season Important Questions and Things to Know

1. **When does the season start and end?**
OPENING DAY IS SATURDAY, September 19th and the season will run through October 24th.

2. **Where & how do I register?**
Register at the Willis Office (111 W. Willis, S. of Warren, between Woodward & Cass) on Monday – Friday from 10am to 6pm. If a child wants to participate on a SW Detroit team, their registration **MUST** be done at Clark Park, Monday – Friday from 3pm to 7pm. The phone number for Clark Park is (313) 297-9328. Registrations should include a completed & signed registration form, a birth certificate (unless already on file) and full payment. Cash, checks, and money orders (made payable to Think Detroit PAL) are accepted. Registration can be sent by mail, checks & money orders only. **The Think Detroit PAL office will be open for Saturday Registration on August 8th (last day of regular registration) from 10am – 3pm.**

3. **What is the registration fee and what is included?**
Early-Bird Registration: 4/27/09 – 7/11/09 at \$40 per player or \$30 w/ a Medicaid Card
Regular Registration: 7/13/09 – 8/8/09 at \$50 per player or \$35 w/ a Medicaid Card
Late Registration: 8/10/09 – 8/21/09 at \$65 per player or \$50 w/ a Medicaid Card
 The registration fee includes a jersey (to be returned at the end of the season), shorts, and socks. All players in the U10 divisions and younger will receive a participation award. **All players MUST HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE or proof of age on file at the Think Detroit PAL office before the season begins.**

4. **What else does my child need to play soccer?**
 - **Shin guards are mandatory.** Shin guards protect your player's shins from being accidentally kicked. They can be purchased for \$5-\$10 at any sporting goods store.
 - Soccer ball is recommended. Players improve faster when they have a ball to practice with at home. You can buy a ball for \$10 at any sporting goods store. Please note below that there are different size soccer balls for different age children (see question #6).
 - Soccer Cleats are optional; however, players have better traction on the field. If you purchase cleats, **THEY MUST BE SOCCER CLEATS** not baseball or football cleats.

5. **What is the cutoff date used to determine my child's division?**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Program</u>
Under-5	8/1/04 – 7/31/05	Little Kickers	Fundamentals and soccer activities
Under 6	8/1/03 – 7/31/05	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 8	8/1/01 – 7/31/03	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 10	8/1/99 – 7/31/01	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 12	8/1/97 – 7/31/99	Challenge	Competitive games
Under 14	8/1/95 – 7/31/97	Challenge	Competitive games
* Under 18	8/1/91 – 7/31/95	Challenge	Competitive games

* Having this age group will be determined by having enough coaches and participants

6. **What are the rules for the age groups?**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Team Roster</u>	<u>Field Players</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Under 5 (Lil Kickers)	20-30 on Saturdays Only	"FUN"damentals	45-60 minutes	#3
Under 6	5-7 Players	4 v 4 (no goalie)	8 minute quarters	#3
Under 8	6-9	5 v 5 (no goalie)	12 minute quarters	#3
Under 10	9-12	6 v 6	25 minute halves	#4
Under 12	12-15	8 v 8	30 minute halves	#4
Under 14	15-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5
Under 16	15-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5
Under 19	15-18	11 v 11	35 minute halves	#5

7. **When & where will games and practices be held?**
ALL GAMES will be played on Saturdays at Historic Ft. Wayne in SW Detroit on Jefferson at Livernois. Practices will be 1-2 times a week and will be at or near your site preference.

8. **Is there a way that I can help the league improve and grow?**
Volunteers are vital for a smooth running league. You can assist as a coach, team manager, or event assistant.

Questions? Call (313) 833-1600 or visit our website www.thinkdetroitpal.org