



THINK DETROIT PAL

Think Detroit PAL 2010 Spring Soccer Season Important Questions and Things to Know

1. **When does the season start and end?**
OPENING DAY IS SATURDAY, April 17th and the season will run through June 5th.
2. **Where & how do I register?**
Registration must 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. We can also receive credit card payments at the Willis Office only. The primary location for registration is at 111 W. Willis, S. of Warren, between Woodward & Cass, Monday – Friday from 10am to 6pm. Registration can also be sent via the mail (111 W. Willis, Detroit, MI 48201) with a check or money order (made payable to Think Detroit PAL). 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) 841-8534. **Both Think Detroit PAL and Clark Park will be open for Saturday registrations on February 13th & March 13th from 10am – 3pm.**
3. **What is the registration fee and what is included?**
Early-Bird Registration: 10/24/09 – 2/13/10 at \$40 per player or \$30 w/ a Medicaid Card
Regular Registration: 2/15/10 – 3/13/10 at \$50 per player or \$35 w/ a Medicaid Card
Late Registration: 3/15/10 – 3/19/10 at \$65 per player or \$50 w/ a Medicaid Card
The registration fee includes a soccer uniform. 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