



THINK DETROIT PAL

Think Detroit PAL 2012 Spring Soccer Season Important Questions and Things to Know

1. **When does the season start and end?**

OPENING DAY IS SATURDAY, April 28th and the season will run through June 16th.

2. **Where & how do I register?**

Register at the Think Detroit PAL Office located at 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) 841-8534. Registrations should include a completed & signed registration form, a birth certificate (unless already on file) and full payment. Cash, credit, checks, and money orders (made payable to Think Detroit PAL) are accepted. Registration can be sent by mail, checks & money orders only. **Think Detroit PAL & Clark Park will be open for Saturday Registration on February 25th (last day of early registration) also March 24th (last day of regular registration) from 10am – 3pm.**

3. **What is the registration fee and what is included?**

Early-Bird Registration: 10/25/11 – 2/25/12 at \$45 per player or \$35 w/ a Medicaid Card
Regular Registration: 2/27/12 – 3/24/12 at \$55 per player or \$40 w/ a Medicaid Card
Late Registration: 3/26/12 – 3/30/12 at \$70 per player or \$55 w/ a Medicaid Card

The registration fee includes a jersey, 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	8/1/06 – 4/18/08	Little Kickers	Fundamentals and soccer activities
Under 6	8/1/05 – 7/31/07	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 8	8/1/03 – 7/31/05	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 10	8/1/01 – 7/31/03	Classic	Fundamentals and non-competitive games
Under 12	8/1/99 – 7/31/01	Challenge	Competitive games
Under 14	8/1/97 – 7/31/99	Challenge	Competitive games
*Under 19	8/1/92 – 7/31/97	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 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