

## **ORYA SOCCER PROGRAM FAQ**

### **Oak Ridge Based Teams**

Oak Ridge based teams are formed and register to play in the KSA recreational soccer league. The teams are rostered by the ORYA Director of Soccer and the VP of Recreation for KSA. We balance the teams in the interest of fair competition and will merge players as a last resort onto Kernersville based teams.

### **Recreation Soccer Philosophy**

The goal of ORYA & KSA is to offer every player the opportunity to participate in and play soccer at his or her own level of competition. Emphasis is placed on the development of soccer skills, participation and enjoying the game of soccer. All the teams in the recreation league are sponsored by local businesses and their support is vital to the overall success of our program.

The U-5/U-6 division plays 4v4 micro soccer and will move into 6v6 when they age up to U-7 and U-8. Players in the U-9 and U-10 divisions play 8v8 and once players advance to U-11 and older, they play 11v11.

Coaches in recreational soccer are volunteers, usually parents or relatives, who may or may not have a soccer background. KSA provides coaching assistance to train new coaches and there are also coaches who have worked with the league for years who are willing to mentor with a new coach if the need arises. If players wish to try to play at a more competitive level, KSA also has a Select Team program, which includes Challenge and Classic levels. In this program, skills and teamwork are stressed at a higher level.

### **Practices**

Each coach sets his or her own practice schedule depending on field availability. Generally, teams practice once a week. Teams practice at schools or fields around the town of Oak Ridge.

### **Games**

Teams generally play one game per week on the weekend (Saturday or Sunday). However, teams may have an evening game once or twice a season, or may have a weekend on which they will have a Saturday and Sunday game. This will sometimes be necessary due to field scheduling or game reschedules. Teams usually play eight games in the fall and eight games in the spring. All games are played at Beeson Park in Kernersville.

### **What to Bring to each Practice & Game**

The Kernersville Soccer Association Recreational teams will receive a uniform each year consisting of a jersey, shorts and socks. Each player will need to provide their own shin guards, cleats, soccer ball and water bottle. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn to all practices and games. Players without shin guards will not be allowed to participate.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellations of KSA home games due to weather or field conditions will be made through an announcement on the KSA online weatherboard and on the KSA weather line at 336-992-0089.

### **When is the recreational season**

When you register for the Fall and Spring season, you are signing up to be on a team that plays together in fall and again the following spring. The games in fall begin after Labor Day and usually end the last

weekend in October. The spring season generally begins in mid-March and ends in mid-May. Teams usually begin practicing two weeks before the games begin. KSA holds a recreational soccer tournament in the Spring.