



QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY INDEPENDENT YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. HANDBOOK

Organization Name

This organization, officially named Queen Anne's County Independent Youth Soccer Association, Inc., shall be known as the QA Soccer Club, herein after referred to as "QASC."

Objective

The objective of QASC shall be to encourage children to have ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, respect and lifetime involvement in sports and physical activity. QASC is intended to provide the opportunity for children, to play at a high level of competition. QASC will be subject to and abide by the rules and regulations of United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA).

Expectations

All players, parents/guardians, and coaches are expected to abide by the league's Code of Conduct, Bylaws and other policies. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or banning completely from the league.

Program Structure

QASC is open to all players three years age to fourteen years of age as of September 1 of the given year, and offers the following age groups:

- 3-4 Coed
- 5-6 Coed
- 7-8 Coed
- 9-11 Boys
- 9-11 Girls
- 12-14 Boys
- 12-14 Girls

Registration

To be a member of QASC, players must be fully registered, including payment, annually. Registration must be received and confirmed prior to participating in and QASC practices,

games or other QASC events. Players must be a resident of Queen Anne's County or the surrounding counties.

Registration may be done online, by mail or in person, during the league's designated registration period. Late registration is possible at an increased rate and based on availability. No players may be registered after Opening Day.

Refunds

Refund requests must be submitted in writing via email to info@qasoccerclub.com.

QASC will refund registration fees at the following rates, upon request:

- 100% of registration fees if expenses have not been incurred by the league
- 50% of registration fees if expenses have been incurred by the league
- 0% of registration fees once rosters have been distributed to coaches

QASC will issue all refunds by Opening Day of any given season.

Teams

Registration in full, including payment, must be completed before a player is assigned to a team. Team assignments will be done at random based on player ages. Requests are not considered beginning with the 7-8 Coed age group and above. Home field requests are not guaranteed. Teams are formed by the QASC Board and switching teams is not permitted. Coaches will have their own child(ren) and one Assistant Coach and their child(ren) on their team.

Registrants must play for their assigned team only. No outside players are permitted to participate in any QASC related practices or games. Games played with unregistered or ineligible players will result in a forfeit for the team using that player.

Fields

QASC has assigned fields at Rt. 18 Park in Centreville, Church Hill Park in Church Hill, and Sudlersville Park in Sudlersville where practices and games are to be held. For practices, fields are first come, first serve. Scheduled games take priority over practices. It is the responsibility of all coaches to check game schedules accordingly.



Practices

Coaches will assign practice days and times at their own discretion. Each team must practice at least once a week for the duration of the season, assuming field are open and accessible.

Games

The league will assign games times and locations. If a team cannot field a team with the minimum numbers of players necessary to start the game within ten (10) minutes of its scheduled start time, that team will forfeit the game. If a game ends in a tie, then a tie is what is recorded. There will be no overtime period during regular season play. Teams are discouraged from running the score up.

Rules Applicable to All Age Groups

Each age group must follow the specific rules published by the league; however, the following rules apply to all age groups:

- No slide tackling is permitted
- Each player should have access to play at least half of each game
- Teams and spectators shall be on opposite sides of the field
- Spectators must be at least two (2) feet off of the sideline, behind the white spectator line if applicable
- Spectators must sit between the two penalty areas
- Coaches must stay between the penalty line and the midfield line on their side of the field
- Coaches are not allowed on the field of play, unless otherwise directed by the referee (7-8 Coed age group and above)
- No more than two (2) coaches are allowed on the team sideline for one (2) team at once
- No player, coach, or spectator may be on the end line or behind the goal area while a game is in play
- Players and coaches must shake hands at the conclusion of each game

Standings

Standings are to be kept for the following age groups only:

- 7-8 Coed
- 9-11 Boys
- 9-11 Girls
- 12-14 Boys
- 12-14 Girls



Awards

Each participant in the 3-4 and 5-6 age groups will receive a participation award.

Tournament

There will be an end of season tournament held for the 7-8 Coed, 9-11 Boys, 9-11 Girls, 12-14 Boy and 12-14 Girls age groups. The seeding of the tournament will be based on the standings kept by the league. In the event of a tie, the following tiebreakers will be used: head to head competition, goals for, goals against. The tournament will be a single elimination tournament, where the Champion and Runner Up only in each age group will receive awards.

Uniform and Apparel

All players will be provided with a uniform prior to Opening Day, including a jersey, shorts, and soccer socks. Players must wear the assigned uniform during all games.

Shin guards must be worn at all games and practices. They should always be worn under the soccer socks and remain covered. Cleats are not required for the 3-4 Coed and 5-6 Coed age groups but are encouraged. All age groups 7-8 Coed and above, must wear cleats. Cleats cannot have a toe spike (i.e. baseball cleats).

Players may not wear any jewelry or other personal decoration, except a medical identification bracelet, which should be taped. QASC discourages players from wearing eyewear not intended for sports. Any eyewear worn should be secured with a sports strap.

Players wearing a hard cast, splint, or other such devices are not permitted to participate in practices and/or games. Any braces necessary should be soft in nature.

Any sports tape used outside of the uniform must be the same color as the player's socks.

