

## 2020 Fall Soccer Important Dates:

- **April 20 - May 1:** Online registration open - No late registration!
- **May:** Recruit coaches, determine number of teams, order uniforms
- **June:** Game and practice schedules developed
- **Week of July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Coaches contact parents/players
- **Week of July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Practices begin
- **August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Season begins
- **Week of September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Season ends

## U6 (Sept 1, 2014 - Dec 31, 2016 Birth Years):

- **NEW U6/U8 OPTION FOR PLAYERS BORN BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2014.** AYSA is giving parents the option to register their player for either the "Under-6" or "Under-8" play level.
- Games are played against other Esko teams at the fields by the Esko school playground.
- Teams are co-ed and play 4v4.
- Game schedules will be available on or before the first day of practice.
- **GAME NIGHTS:** Monday/Wednesday - Usually one game a week at either 5:30 or 6:45.
- **PRACTICES:** To be determined by scheduler with input from coach. Usually one 45 minute practice per week.
- U6 players use a **size 3 soccer ball**.
- All players are required to wear shin guards during practices and games. Players should also wear socks to cover shin guards, soccer cleats (not required), have own practice ball and water bottle.
- If players have a yellow Esko Soccer t-shirt from last year, they do not need to buy a new one.

## U8 (Jan 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2014 Birth Years):

- Games are played against other Esko and Cloquet teams and are held at fields in either Cloquet or Esko.
- Teams play 5v5.
- Game schedules will be available on or before the first day of practice.
- **GAME NIGHTS:** Tuesday/Thursday - Usually one game a week at either 5:30 or 6:45. Some weeks will have 2 games.
- **PRACTICES:** To be determined by scheduler with input from coach. Usually one 1 hour practice per week.
- U8 players use a **size 3 soccer ball**.
- All players are required to wear shin guards during practices and games. Players should also wear socks to cover shin guards, soccer cleats (not required), have own practice ball and water bottle.
- If players have a yellow Esko Soccer t-shirt from last year, they do not need to buy a new one.

## U10 (Jan 1, 2011 – Dec 31, 2012 Birth Years) :

- Games are played against other teams around the area including but not limited to Esko, Cloquet, Hermantown and Proctor.
- Teams play 9v9.
- Game schedules will be available on or before the first day of practice.
- **GAME NIGHTS:** Monday/Wednesday - Usually two games a week at either 5:30 or 6:45.
- **Most U10 teams will play a game in the afternoon/evening of Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **PRACTICES:** To be determined by scheduler with input from coach. Usually one 1.5 hour practice per week.
- U10 players use a **size 4 soccer ball**.
- All players are required to wear shin guards during practices and games. Players should also wear socks to cover shin guards, soccer cleats (not required), have own practice ball and water bottle. Esko Soccer jersey is also required.
- Uniforms are the same as last year, so players do not need to purchase a new one unless they need a bigger size.

## U12 (Jan 1, 2009 – Dec 31, 2010 Birth Years) :

- Games are played against other teams around the area including but not limited to Esko, Cloquet, Hermantown and Proctor, Superior, West Duluth, Piedmont, Grand Rapids.
- Teams play 9v9.
- Game schedules will be available on or before the first day of practice.
- **GAME NIGHTS:** Tuesday/Thursday - Usually two games a week at either 5:30 or 6:45.
- **PRACTICES:** To be determined by scheduler with input from coach. Usually one 1.5 hour practice per week.
- U12 players use a **size 4 soccer ball**.
- All players are required to wear shin guards during practices and games. Players should also wear socks to cover shin guards, soccer cleats (not required), have own practice ball and water bottle. Esko Soccer jersey is also required.
- Uniforms are the same as last year, so players do not need to purchase a new one unless they need a bigger size.
- Playoffs - all teams will be seeded in bronze, silver or gold divisions based on their season record.
- Playoffs will begin the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup>. Teams that advance to the final four in their division will play the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## U14 (Jan 1, 2007 – Dec 31, 2008 Birth Years) :

- Games are played against other teams around the area including but not limited to Esko, Cloquet, Hermantown and Proctor, Superior, West Duluth, Piedmont, Grand Rapids.
- Teams play 11v11.
- Game schedules will be available on or before the first day of practice.
- **GAME NIGHTS:** Monday/Wednesday - Usually two games a week at either 5:30 or 6:45.

- **PRACTICES:** To be determined by scheduler with input from coach. Usually one 1.5 hour practice per week.
- U14 players use a **size 5 soccer ball**.
- All players are required to wear shin guards during practices and games. Players should also wear socks to cover shin guards, soccer cleats (not required), have own practice ball and water bottle. Esko Soccer jersey is also required.
- Uniforms are the same as last year, so players do not need to purchase a new one unless they need a bigger size.
- Playoffs - all teams will be seeded in bronze, silver or gold divisions based on their season record.
- Playoffs will begin the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Teams that advance to the final four in their division will play the weekend of September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Players that try out and make the high school soccer team will not get their registration fees refunded. There are no refunds past August 1<sup>st</sup> and tryouts are not held until the second week in August.