

CARLSBAD GALAXY FALL REC SEASON FAQs

When does registration open?

Registration will open on March 6th, 2017. All registration is on-line. Please [visit our registration page](#) for more information and links to our secure registration system.

When is Early Bird registration?

Early Bird Registration is from March 6 to April 7. During the early bird registration time period, registration fees are reduced to \$185 for U5 and U7 players and \$235 for U8 and above. As of April 16, registration fees will increase to \$210 for U5 and U7 players and \$260 for U8 and above.

When does registration close?

Registration will close on June 16. Registrations prior to June 16 will be guaranteed placement on a roster. Registrations received after June 16 will be charged a \$25 late fee if space is available. If all rosters are full, your child will be placed on a waiting list.

When will I find out which team my child is on?

Coaches will receive their rosters at the Coaches Meeting in late July. Your child's coach will contact you during the first week of August.

What do I need to buy for practices?

Your child will need shin guards, socks to cover them and soccer cleats.

When do practices start?

Team practices will begin during the week of August 14

When do games begin?

Games are played on Saturdays beginning September 9 and ending on November 11. Game schedules will be released in mid to late August.

What info do I need to register my player(s)?

If your child played for Carlsbad Galaxy last season, simply register, pay on-line and you are done. If your child is new to the club, you will need to mail a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport to our office. [Click here](#) for LAGSD Office details.

Why does your recreational league only play U5, U7, U8, U10 etc.?

When signing up online, the registration said my child is a U9 player. Will she still be placed on a team? Yes! The online registration tells the "true" Cal South age group of your child. Each division consists of even year teams. For example, U9's and U10's both play at the U10 level. U11 and U12 both play at the U12 level, etc. See below for age group break down:

Under 5: U5 players (born in 2013)
Under 7: U6 and U7 players (born in 2011 & 2012)
Under 8: U8 players (born in 2010)
Under 10: U9 and U10 players (born in 2009 & 2008)
Under 12: U11 and U12 players (born in 2007 & 2006)
Under 14: U13 and U14 players (born in 2005 & 2004)
Under 16: U15 and U16 players (born in 2003 & 2002)
Under 19: U17, U18 and U19 players (born in 2001, 2000 1999)

I would like to be a coach, assistant coach, or team parent. What should I do?

Firstly, THANK YOU! The success of our program depends on the spirit and energy of our volunteers. Every year we need coaches, assistants and team parents. The league relies on parent volunteers to fill these positions. If you would like to volunteer as a coach or assistant coach please [click here](#). Alternatively, when you register your child for the fall season you will have an opportunity to indicate that you are willing to volunteer. Please let your respective division coordinator know that you are interested in volunteering, no experience is necessary, we will train you! Please [click here](#) to view the video for our Coerver Clinic for Recreational Coaches.

What is required to be a coach?

First, we ask that you attend the coaches meeting in July. All requirements for coaching are set by our parent organization, Cal South. All Head and Assistant Coaches must go through Cal South Risk Management (fingerprinting). If you have already been fingerprinted through our club you do not need to do it again. Coaches are also required to have a coaching license and we offer at least one license class per season. For detailed information on the process, please contact the Director of Recreation, Gregg Cacioppo: gregg@lagalaxysd.com

What is required to be a team parent?

The team parent is the liaison between the Coach and other parents. The team parent usually puts the team roster together, assigns the snack schedule, handles Opening Day/Picture Day information and/or plans the "End of the Season Party". In addition, the coach may make other requests, such as asking the team parent to make a few phone calls reminding parents and players of practice times, game changes, etc. We ask that all team parents attend the team parent meeting that is held in mid-August.

I would like to sponsor my child's team. Who do I contact?

The registration fees do not completely cover the costs of running the recreational soccer league. The league needs team sponsors to help cover the additional costs to run the recreational league. Team sponsorships are \$350.00. Please let your coach know that you are interested in sponsoring the

team and he/she will provide you with the appropriate forms. Alternatively, you can email the LAGSD office at: info@lagalaxysd.com

How will I be placed on a team?

Considerable effort is made to balance the teams and provide competition that is enjoyable to both players and parents alike. Players are placed on teams using the following criteria:

- Balance between olders and youngers on each team
- Buddy Requests (must be reciprocated)
- By school and/or location

How many practices will there be?

Each team will typically practice once per week. We have approximately 200 coaches who volunteer each year. Depending on their work or personal schedules, coaches usually pick the best day, time and location that will fit into their schedule. Typically practices last 1 hour.

Can I make a request at sign up?

Yes, you may request to play for a certain coach or friend/neighbor. However, we can only guarantee one buddy requests and it must be reciprocated.

Can I be on a team with all my friends?

We will do our best to honor at least one of your requests. However, we cannot guarantee placement with all of your friends. Our most important goal in making placements is balancing the teams to provide competition that is enjoyable for everyone involved. This is why we can only allow one buddy request and that request must be reciprocated.

Why can't I choose who I want to be on a team with?

Unfortunately, when players and/or parents start choosing teams, the teams can become unbalanced. Volunteer division coordinators spend a tremendous amount of time putting teams together to ensure a positive, successful experience for all players.

How can I help?

There are many ways for parents to help. The Carlsbad Galaxy recreational program is run by a large group of volunteers. We invite you to join us for a memorable experience, assuring a great season for our kids. Some volunteer positions start and finish before the season starts, some may last the season, and some positions involve simply one event. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Director of Recreation, Gregg Cacioppo: gregg@lagalaxysd.com

What are my responsibilities as a parent?

You are responsible for getting your child to practices, games, and other team

functions on time (for games, this often means at least 30 minutes prior to game time) and picking up your child promptly afterwards.

Do you have an All Star program?

Yes! All Stars for ages U8 through U14 are selected in early November and go on to represent Carlsbad Galaxy at local All Star tournaments in December and January.

COACH EDUCATION

In a progressive and ongoing effort to improve recreational coach education and maximize the positive experience for our recreational players, LAGSD host a Coerver Coaching Clinic for our volunteer coaches. The clinic is put on (along with a practice planning session) in an attempt to provide our volunteer recreational coaches with essential coaching tools to provide our children with the best possible soccer education and experience.