

## Recreational Overview

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**RECREATIONAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW What is the Recreational Program?** A program that emphasizes fun for all participants; age appropriate development of players, formation of equally balanced teams, and education for coaches and referees.

**Why choose Quest Soccer Club over other programs?** Included in the Program: \*

Professional Training (3 years +)

- \* 20:1 Player coach ratio
- \* Specific Goal Keeper Training
- \* Support from full time office staff
- \* Camps offered throughout the year
- \* Street Soccer
- \* Skills Training
- \* 3 v 3 Tournaments – hosted by Quest
- \* Gateway to Youth Academy (U9/U10) and Competitive Soccer (U11+)

**How long does the season last?** For each season for U7 and older we will make every effort to play 9 weeks. However, due to a limited number of available play dates, games cancelled due to rain may NOT be re-scheduled. The fall season runs from September to November, and the spring season (due to Spring Break and Easter) and runs from February to May.

**What are the ages of the brackets in recreational soccer?** Quest Soccer Club covers recreational players from 3 – 18 years of age and competitive soccer from age 10 through 18. (See attached Table) The United States Youth Soccer Association defines a player's age for registration purposes.

**When and where do we play our games?** Games are generally played on Saturdays, but some Sunday afternoon games may be scheduled. Teams in the U-11/12 age groups will play most (if not all) games at Youth Sports Complex in Deer Park , at 210 W. X Street to the Battle Ground golf course. Some games may be played in neighboring BAYSA approved soccer fields. The U13 – U18 teams will play games at Dow Park Sports Fields and/or neighboring BAYSA-approved soccer club fields – field directions to these fields are available at [www.baysa.org](http://www.baysa.org)

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**Do we wear uniforms?** Uniforms are required and consist of a Score Spain royal shirt, Score St. Luis white shirt, Score Madrid royal shorts and royal Score Elite royal socks. The Blue will be used when playing as the “home” team and the White will be used when playing as the “away or visitor” team – but always bring both jerseys. Uniform distribution will be announced when determined. Our uniform is subject to change year to year.

**What other equipment is needed?** You will be required to have shin guards, soccer shoes and furnish your own soccer ball for practice. You will also need a water bottle for practices and games. You can find shin guards and soccer shoes at many local sporting goods or general merchandise stores. We strongly advise parents to purchase a leather ball and write your last name and phone number on it. Note that different age players use different size soccer balls as follows:

U-4 through U-8 Ball Size #3 U-9 through U-12 Ball Size #4 U-13 through U-19 Ball Size #5

**What do my Club Fees cover?** Required fees cover maintenance, rental of indoor facilities when needed and lighting of the fields, expenses associated with obtaining referees, insurance coverage, cost of background checks on all adult volunteers, Professional Training for age groups U-4 and above, and capital funds.

**How long are the games?** The length of the games depends on the age bracket of the children, as follows:

U-4 and U-6 1 hour developmental session U-7 40 minutes (four 10-minute quarters) U-8 48 minutes (four 12-minute quarters)

U-9 and U-10 50 minutes (two 25-minute halves)

U-11 and U-12 60 minutes (two 30-minute halves)

U-13 and U-14 70 minutes (two 35-minute halves)

U-15 and U-16 80 minutes (two 40-minute halves)

U-17 through U-19 90 minutes (two 45-minute halves)

**What about playing time?** All coaches are required to play players a minimum of 50% of the game, if you feel your player is not receiving the minimum playing time, please contact the Quest office and ask to speak to the Director of Coaching -Recreational – Carlos DeGracia  
[c.degracia@questysc.org](mailto:c.degracia@questysc.org)

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A member of the staff will speak with the appropriate coach and find a way to resolve the situation.

**What is the team format?** Team formation is as follows: U-4 and U-6 Groups of 20 players (coed) U-7 4 v 4 No goal keeper U-8 4 v 4  
Max Team Size: 8  
4 Goal keeper Max Team Size: 8

U-9 and U10 6 v 6 Goal keeper Max Team Size: 10

U11 & U12 8 v 8 Goal keeper Max Team Size: 12

U-13 and above 11 v 11 Goal keeper Max Team Size: 18

**How are teams formed?** After registration has closed, team formations begin. If you are new, placement is decided by team needs; your neighborhood and school are also part of the consideration for placement. Team formation takes up to 3 weeks; you will be notified by your coach regarding your respective team. Please note, the Quest Soccer Club professional staff will redistribute a previous season's players from teams/coaches who have significantly weaker or stronger rosters, to maintain the fairness and integrity of the recreational program. We are required to balance all recreational teams by our governing body, STYSA. Whether new or returning, Quest cannot guarantee placement requests for specific players, friends, or coaches.

**What if I want my child to play up?** You may request your child play up in an older bracket. Approval will be at the discretion of the Director of Coaching (D.O.C.) – Carlos DeGracia [c.degracia@questysc.org](mailto:c.degracia@questysc.org) Coaching abilities.

**Who are the coaches?** Just as in most other recreational sports, the **PARENTS** are the **COACHES**. You may ask yourself, "How can I coach a team when I don't know how to?" If you have a love of working and helping children and a desire to get involved in their lives, you have the beginning qualities of becoming a great coach. Texas Rush will provide beginning training in the skills of soccer to anyone wishing to become a coach. If you are interested in coaching, please register online today! A coaching license is not required your first year of coaching. However, training modules for coaches are held statewide, details and schedules can be found at [www.stxsoccer.org](http://www.stxsoccer.org). Please visit our website at

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[www.questysc.org](http://www.questysc.org) for details about coaching classes that

your Professional Staff provides during the year. During the fall and spring we conduct short coaching clinics, this is not a course that is certified, but it is an opportunity to learn basics of coaching and age appropriate tips on coaching. Keep in mind Quest Soccer Club can only form as many teams as we have coaches. It is our desire to have every child who wants to play soccer be placed on a team. So please help us by volunteering to coach so we can be sure not to turn away players. If you have any questions regarding coaching, please contact Carlos DeGracia, Director of Coaching- Recreational at [c.degracia@questysc.org](mailto:c.degracia@questysc.org)

**When do we practice?** Practices are scheduled by the coach in conjunction with our scheduler and outlined below:

U4-U6 1 hour per week with their volunteer coach U7-U18 1 hour per week with their volunteer coach and 1 hour per week with the Professional Staff

Practices cannot be scheduled until teams are formed. We will not have a practice schedule available at the time you register your player, and your team coach will not have a practice schedule until after the PreSeason Coaches meeting. Please wait for the coach to call you regarding practices; we do not keep your coaches schedule in the office, it's based upon their own schedule. We cannot give out refunds or move your player to a different team because of practice schedules. We can advise you to review your current extra-curricular activities for your player to ensure that most evenings are open for practices and also keep in mind that your player may have games on Saturday or Sunday.

**What about rainouts?** If there is threatening inclement weather, please visit the Quest Soccer Club website. Field status is updated with the latest field information if it is a decision made prior to 4 pm. If you find that the fields are closed, call your coach or team mom to make sure that the message gets out to your entire team. If you play in the BAYSA league, please check their website for rainout information at [www.baysa.org](http://www.baysa.org)

Because we live in Texas, the weather can turn severe within minutes. The Quest Professional Staff has the authority to close fields if the weather changes and jeopardizes the safety of players, parents and coaches. At the first sign of lightning, practice and games should be halted and seek shelter

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immediately inside

the Dow Park or Northwest Park building or in your car for a minimum of 20 minutes.

**Are rainout games rescheduled?** We attempt to reschedule rainouts as the season allows; however, often because of rain, field conditions are not favorable for games and training.

**Do we have referees?** U-4 and U-6 are supervised by staff. U-7 through U10 games are refereed by certified center referees. A certified center referee and a certified linesmen/parent referee U-11 and older games. In general, parents will only make out-of-bound calls; however, the center referee can overrule your call. Don't be intimidated, the center referee can also overrule a certified linesman.

**Can I become a referee?** Absolutely! In fact, for the upcoming season, each U-7 and older team will be required to furnish a referee from their team. Classroom study and passing a written test are required to become a referee, but you will have a much better understanding of the game after completing the course. Although it should not be surprising, many coaches and players do not know the rules of the game.

Please check our web site at [www.questysc.org](http://www.questysc.org) to get the most up-to-date information regarding our club referee classes or contact Lexi Hill at

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for a list of upcoming classes.

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

**What can you do?** Quest Soccer Club needs your support to run a successful program for our kids and to minimize the cost to play. Here are a few ways **ALL** of you

#### **CAN HELP**

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#### **COACH:**

Be the head coach for one of the Recreational teams

#### **ASSISTANT COACH:**

Help the head coach at practices and games

#### **TEAM PARENT:**

Communicate between the coaches and the parents, set up snack schedule, trophy and picture pick up, end of the year party

#### **FIELD PATROLS:**

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2-hour intervals during fall and spring seasons to supervise behavior of fans, parents, coaches, and players

### OFFICE HELP:

Clerical help (filing, paperwork, data entry, etc.), answering phones (during registration the phone traffic is very busy in the Rush office), uniforms/t-shirts (organizing and distribution), etc.

### PROJECTS / EVENTS:

Helping in any number of areas for special projects/events for the recreational program and/or the club as a whole.

For additional information regarding volunteering in any capacity, contact Scott Sotelo at [s.sotelo@questysc.org](mailto:ssotelo@questysc.org) or call 281-814-4664.

**What is the refund policy?** Quest Soccer Club does offer refunds prior to team/group formation. In some circumstances a letter of credit may be issued. All requests must be submitted in writing

[Refund Form](#)

and sent to Deliah Ortiz at

[d.ortiz@questysc.org](mailto:d.ortiz@questysc.org)

along with supporting documentation. All

requests are subject to approval; a \$50 processing fee, state insurance fees paid, and accrued training time will be deducted.

**What are the Club Fees?** \*Registration Fees: U4 - U5 \$75.00 U6 \$105.00 U7 - U10 \$190.00 U11- U12 \$250.00

U13-U18 (Recreational) \$170.00

U13-U18 (Competitive) \$250.00

\*Please note: The above fees does include the uniform cost.

Uniform kit: U7 - U18 \$55/youth sizes, \$60/adult sizes (Kits include: 2 jerseys, 1 short, and 1 pair of socks)

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\*Late fees: During late registration each player is charged a \$20 late fee in addition to the other fees for

registering. (Dates are specific to each season's registration.)

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A check that is issued to the club and returned because of insufficient funds is automatically deposited a second time in an effort to clear payment. All returned checks that are not cleared after

the second deposit are subject to a \$25.00 return check fee. Stopped payments are treated as any

other returned check with identical consequences. If fee is not paid within 30 days, the player will be

removed from the program.

Any questions regarding registrations please visit our website at [www.questysc.org](http://www.questysc.org) or call 281-814-4664