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What is SASA?

SASA is the Stafford Area Soccer Association. The purpose of SASA is to interest and unite Stafford county and surrounding area residents by promoting participation in the game of soccer and teaching the principles of sportsmanship, good health habits, character, athletic skills, social well-being, and team spirit. SASA provides opportunities for all levels of soccer players from the recreational (our Recreation Division) - to the developmental (our Classic Division) - to the advanced, competitive (our Travel Division). [Top of the Document](#)

Who are members of SASA?

Membership in SASA consists of players currently registered in SASA, their parents or guardians, currently registered coaches and assistant coaches and current league officers of SASA. A General Membership meeting is held annually during which a report on the status of SASA is given and elections to select officers to the Board of Directors take place. [Top of the Document](#)

Where can I find out general information about SASA?

During the season, your coach is the first source for information. If the coach does not have the answer, he or she should contact the appropriate League official.

Prior to the start of a given season, general information regarding registration dates, qualifying birthdates, fees, season dates, and latest news can be found on the SASA Web site, <http://www.staffordsoccer.com>

If you cannot find the information on the website contact the SASA Office at (540) 657-0734 or office@staffordsoccer.com [Top of the Document](#)

Who do I contact to move-up or change teams?

Please contact the current and requested Age Group Coordinator. Refer to the 'Contact Us' page for specific contact information: [Age Group Coordinators](#). SASA adheres to the VYSA guidelines regarding NOT allowing players to move down to a younger age group. [Top of the Document](#)

What equipment does my child need to play?

A great thing about soccer is that it requires little equipment to be fully enjoyed. SASA requires that shin guards are worn by all players during games and practices. Tennis shoes or soccer shoes may be worn; however soccer cleats are the recommended footwear. No metal cleats may be used. Multipurpose or baseball cleats may be used provided the center toe cleat has been removed. SASA uses a size 3 soccer balls for U6 and U8 leagues; a size 4 ball for the U10 and U12 leagues, and a size 5 ball above U12. [Top of the Document](#)

What uniform will my child wear?

The standard SASA shirt and socks are required to be worn by all players at all games, except goalkeepers who wear shirts that are distinctive in color and appearance from other players. The standard uniform consists of one blue (home team) and one white shirt, (away team) one pair of blue shorts, and one pair each of white and blue socks. The player MUST wear the jersey that is specific for his or her division (Classic or Rec). These uniforms are available for purchase at the SASA office, 235 Garrisonville Rd., Suite #102, Stafford, VA 22554. The uniforms are \$30 for the Recreation uniform and \$45 for the Classic uniform. Individual replacement pieces are available for purchase as well. The socks must completely cover the shin guard. [Top of the Document](#)

How are teams formed?

SASA Recreation teams are formed within each age division and to the very best of our ability, on the basis of geographic location. Classic teams are formed by try-out results. Returning player rights will be in effect in the season for players who wish to return to the same team on which they played in the Fall. For new Classic players, including players that did not play the previous season and players moving up to the next senior age division, returning rights do not apply and these players will form a pool from which to be assigned on the basis of age and geographic location. Travel players are invited to participate on specific teams based on age and a tryout assessment. [Top of the Document](#)

How do I find out about registration sessions?

Registration is conducted through an on-line registration system, via our website. Announcements of registration dates, times and fees can be found on the SASA Web site. We also send out e-mail notifications. (Please make certain SASA has your current e-mail address to promptly receive correspondence) Registration is twice a year, beginning in December or January for the spring season and in June or July for the fall season. [Top of the Document](#)

Can I request a specific team?

Returning rights are granted for players desiring to return to the same team on which they played in the previous season. Any special requests for placement must be made at the time of registration. Parents may request that their child **not** play for a specific coach. This request will receive favorable consideration. Other special requests must have compelling circumstances to receive favorable consideration. The decision to approve these requests rests with the appropriate Director whose decision is final. [Top of the Document](#)

Can I register late?

Rec and Classic will form a waiting list for potential players who desire to play in SASA and register after the last day of regular registration. The waiting list will be kept by the each Age Group Coordinator in the order that requests are received. Late registrants will be notified of any available roster openings. An additional late registration fee of \$20 will be assessed. Please note: Late registrants lose their returning rights and may not be able to play on a team within their geographic area. [Top of the Document](#)

What do I do if I need to request a refund?

If you require a refund please fill out a refund request form: [Request form](#). Refunds prior to the noted date will be granted for any reason, less an administrative fee of \$10.00. After this date, requests for refunds will be granted **ONLY** in the case of hardships or events beyond the control of the parents or guardians. Contact the appropriate Division Director for refund requests: RecreationDirector@staffordsoccer.com or ClassicDirector@staffordsoccer.com. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process after the request is made, late registrant fees will NOT be refunded. [Top of the Document](#)

What happens if a game is cancelled?

In the event of in climate weather or other circumstances, postponement or cancellation of SASA events including games, practices, and pictures will be announced on the SASA Web site and on the Game Cancellation Hotline, 657-2010. Announcements will be made as soon as possible to allow coaches to notify their teams. Makeup games, if feasible, will be rescheduled at the first opportunity. It is the responsibility of each coach or his or her assigned to view their schedule to note any rescheduled games. [Top of the Document](#)

What happens if there is an incident at a SASA event?

SASA requires that players, parents, guardians, coaches and spectators behave in a sportsmanlike and disciplined manner at all SASA activities. Parents and coaches sign a Code of Ethics during the registration to reinforce this requirement. In the unfortunate event that an incident requiring disciplinary action occurs, each coach has been provided with an Action Report for documenting the event and the surrounding circumstances. The Action Report is handled by the league Division Director who investigates the incident and then submits a report to the Director, Rules and Discipline, who convenes the Rules and

Discipline Committee. This Committee will review the information to date, prepare initial findings and make a recommendation to the President for a final course of action. [Top of the Document](#)

How many games are played during a typical season?

SASA conducts its soccer programs during the Fall and Spring seasons. The regular season consists of approximately 6 - 8 games. Weather does play a part in the Stafford area and often results in cancelled or postponed games. SASA strives to have all games re-scheduled and played. [Top of the Document](#)

Will my child play in every game?

As a general guideline, SASA is committed to ensuring each player receive an equal amount of playing time in every game. Recreation and Classic Team sizes are structured specifically to afford each player the opportunity to play three-quarters of each game. [Top of the Document](#)

Are game scores published?

Official game scores are maintained by the league for the U12 and older age groups in the Recreation Division and may be posted on the Web site. In an effort to emphasize the recreational, fun aspects of playing soccer in SASA, no official scores are kept for the U6, U8, U10 age divisions. No scores are maintained for the developmental Classic Division. [Top of the Document](#)

How is the league organized?

SASA is run by volunteers who are committed to the mission of SASA and contribute their personal time and energy in helping SASA achieve its mission. An executive Board of Directors is voted on at the General Membership meeting. Directors serve one year terms (from September 1 through August 31) and cannot serve in the same position for more than three consecutive terms. The SASA President is the presiding officer of the Executive Board which consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Travel Division Director, Classic Division Director, and Recreation Division Director. Other positions assist the Board in their functions to include Directors of Coaching, Facilities and Equipment, Volunteerism, and Public Relations; Registration; and Age Group Coordinators. [Top of the Document](#)

How can I get involved in helping the league?

There are many opportunities to get involved in SASA. Sign up to volunteer through the Web site during the registration process. SASA is always looking for coaches and assistance coaches. However, we have many volunteer opportunities in other areas other than coaching; administrative/office, field maintenance, fundraising, tournaments and general services. Contact the office if you have any questions regarding how you can help office@staffordsoccer.com or (540) 657-0734 [Top of the Document](#)

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What is Soccerplex?

Soccerplex represents a significant undertaking for SASA and is the future of our league. SASA has purchased 120 acres of lands and is in the process of raising funds to plan, develop and equip, almost 20 soccer fields in one location to play games and host tournaments. A Capital Campaign committee has been formed and all fund raising activities the league has announced are for the purpose of completing Soccerplex. Go to this page on our Web site for the latest information and what you can do to help:

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