

STAFFORD AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

League Policies

SASA is a nonprofit organization that hosts the recreational, academy and travel soccer programs in Stafford County. The county provides the fields and other facilities for recreation and academy programs, but SASA is not a county organization – **mainly unpaid volunteers run it**. SASA board meetings are open to all and are held at 235 Garrisonville Rd., Suite #101, Stafford, VA at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. Reference the calendar, on the website, for planned meetings.

Recreational Division (RD) teams are formed primarily by geographical area.

If there are more children in an area than can fit on one team, however, your child may not end up on the same team as someone in your immediate neighborhood. In addition to using geographical area, SASA also considers the balancing of ages and the gender make-up of teams. Players registering late (i.e., after scheduled registrations have concluded) may be assigned to a team outside their geographical area if no space is available on team(s) within their geographical area. NOTE: Revolution Academy (RA) and Travel Division (TD) teams are formed (and players added) based on results from tryouts, player age etc. (not geographical areas).

Returning players are returned to the team that they played on the previous season (only fall to spring season for RA and TD) unless they are moving up to a new age division, request a or they fail to register (tryout for RA or TD) during one of the scheduled registration (RA or TD tryout) periods. **SASA reserves the right to waive this privilege**, when announced in advance, for reasons such as to realign boundaries or restructure a division or an age group because of a change in operating method. Players moving up to a new age group will be placed on a team based on geographic location (or selection and ability for RA or TD). **They may or may not end up with players from their old team.**

SASA cannot honor special requests. Since recreation teams are based on geographic area, your team's coach can provide information and addresses of other players on the team to help with carpooling, etc. Parents may request on their registration form that their child **not** play on a certain team. The league will honor such requests and place the child on another team; consequently, the team to which that child is assigned may be out of the player's geographic area.

Schedules / Make-ups. The regular season consists of approximately 6 - 8 games per season for Recreation and RA division teams; this does not include practices, etc. SASA normally will not play on Fridays and Sundays for RD & RA teams...except for tournaments or make-ups, these are family days. SASA will make every effort to reschedule games due to weather/field cancellations and other valid reasons, but in some cases games may not be rescheduled. Lack of complete schedules will not result in any refund of registration fees.

SASA Registration Fee Refunds. Prior to the start of the season, refunds of registration fees, less an administrative fee of \$10.00, may be requested and will be authorized for any reason. After the beginning of the season, refunds are on a case-by-case basis, authorized by the Division Director and only given for circumstances that are beyond the applicant's control. Refunds take approximately 30 days to process after the request is made, late fees and administrative fees will NOT be refunded.

Returned Check Charge. There will be a charge of \$35.00 for returned checks. The player cannot be assigned to a team and allowed to play until SASA receives cash for the registration dues plus the \$35.00 returned check fee.

Uniforms.

Uniform shirt and socks: The standard SASA uniform shirt will be worn for all games by all players except goalkeepers, who will wear shirts that are distinctive in color and appearance from other players. Home color is Navy. Away color is White.

B. Shoes: Tennis or soccer shoes may be worn. Metal cleats are not permitted. Baseball or multipurpose shoes will not be worn unless they are modified by removing the toe cleat.

C. Inclement/cold weather clothing: Permitted, but must be worn underneath SASA uniform items. Garments worn beneath uniform items do not have to match in color or appearance among team players. Gloves and soft caps for players are permitted if weather conditions dictate, in the opinion of the referee. Baseball caps are not approved for any player.

Coaches are responsible for parents, as well as player (and their own) behavior. Unsporting (e.g., abusive) conduct **will not** be tolerated (reference SASA Bylaws and Disciplinary Point System in the Operations Manual regarding infractions). Smoking will not be tolerated on the sideline of any SASA member event. It is the coach or team manager responsibility to enforce this policy.