

LPYSA Fact Sheet

Spring 2009 Season

PLAYER'S AGE – The age group is determined by the age of the player as of August 1, 2008 for these age groups: U9 Boys / U9 Girls / U12 Boys / U12 Girls / U14 Boys / U14 Girls / U18 Boys and U18 Girls. Players who are 5 by January 1, 2009 can play in our U7 Co-Ed League. If you are registering for the first time, you will need a birth certificate or another proof of age.

EQUIPMENT – LPYSA provides all coach's equipment and players' jerseys and socks. Parents must provide black soccer shorts (no pockets allowed), shin guards (mandatory for ALL practices and games) and shoes (soccer cleats, turf shoes, or tennis shoes – no metal baseball cleats). It is recommended that each player purchase their own soccer ball - size 3 for U7, size 4 for U9 and U12, and size 5 for U14 and U18.

REQUEST FOR COACHES – Requests for individual coaches are no longer accepted by LPYSA and they will NOT be passed to coaches on Draft Night. LPYSA previously had this policy and in the past have allowed requests on registration forms. But allowing these requests has caused nothing but problems and they will no longer be passed on to the coaches. Every player will enjoy whatever team he/she is on as LPYSA is a great league with fantastic coaches. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

REFUNDS / LATE REGISTRATION – Once teams have been finalized and turned into the County on April 3rd, there will be no refunds. There will be NO late registration.

TEAMS / PRACTICE – Practice days and times are at the discretion of individual coaches. Practices are scheduled to begin no earlier than **March 9th** – weather permitting. If you have not been contacted by a Coach by March 4th, call the **LPYSA HOTLINE at 301-609-7800** in case an error has occurred. Players are expected to attend all practices, if possible, or they may see limited playing time.

GAMES – Games are played mostly on Saturdays and some weeknights on fields in La Plata and surrounding areas within Charles County. Depending on the number of teams in each division, each team may have one or more night games during the season.

* Games begin on **Saturday, March 28th.**

SPORTSMANSHIP – Coaches, Parents, and Players are expected to show good sportsmanship at all games. Loud and/or rude comments are totally inappropriate at all times. The spectator's role is to enjoy the game and encourage all players to always play hard and do their best. Game officials will hold each Head Coach responsible for the behavior of their team's spectators.

VOLUNTEERS / COACHES – LPYSA is a volunteer organization and we always need help. If you can assist with administrative duties, be a coach or be an assistant coach, please sign up at registration or call us on our **HOTLINE = 301-609-7800**.

* For general information, visit our website at: **www.LPYSA.ORG**

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