

**Mason Soccer Association for Youth (S.A.Y.)  
FALL 2012**

**Guidelines/Policies/Information**

**Necessary Equipment**

Please have your child bring or wear these items to every practice and game.

- Soccer Shoes
  - Shin Guards
  - Water Bottle
  - Soccer Ball
- Size #3 - Instructional and Passers (ages 4-7)  
Size #4 - Wings and Strikers (ages 8-11)  
Size #5 - Kickers and Up (ages 12 and over)

**Illegal Equipment**

Illegal equipment consists of anything hard or metallic such as hard casts, watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and hard hair barrettes. This does not include objects like orthodontic braces or prescription glasses. At no time will a player be permitted to participate in practices or games while wearing illegal equipment.

**Uniforms**

Your child will receive uniform shirt, shorts, and socks prior to the first game. The cost of the uniform is included in the registration.

**Teams**

The SAY philosophy is to provide fair competition for all participants. To that end, we are required to randomly assign players to teams. We cannot honor requests to have a child placed with a specific coach, nor can we arrange the draw so that friends/neighbors play on the same team. The exception to this is if the head coach requests a specific assistant coach **or** a sponsor; in which case the assistant's or sponsor's child will be placed on the same team. Requests that a player **not** play on a particular team/Coach will be honored, provided there are more than two teams in that player's division. Players will not be placed to accommodate Personal schedules, no exceptions.

**Coaches**

**SAY National requires all head coaches and assistant coaches having unsupervised access to children fill out a "Volunteer Application/Screening" Form prior to being assigned any team responsibilities. Forms are available at [www.masonsoccer.org](http://www.masonsoccer.org). Please Note: SAY rules prohibit the request of both an assistant coach and a sponsor by the head coach, except in the following cases: 1) the head coach or the assistant coach is also the sponsor; 2) the head coach, assistant coach or sponsor does not have a child playing in that division. All requests for pairing of a head coach with an assistant or sponsor must be made by the head coach. The City of Mason requires coaches to complete N.A.Y.S. Certification. In the event a coach (confirmed) steps down as Head coach, child and parent will be removed from the team and placed on the waiting list with no guarantee of placement. This is to make room for the new coach and player. Head coach and assistant coach MUST each mark the form Stating they would like to placed together, *late requests will not be granted.***

**Residency**

The Mason SAY program is open for all children in the Mason school district, or those attending other schools within the Mason school district. Mason SAY is required by the City of Mason to provide information concerning each player's residency.

**Division breakdown for age groups**

Proof of age is required if your child is new to the Mason S.A.Y. Program.

S.A.Y. age cut off is July 31, 2008 thru July 31, 1994, OR Still in High School

| <b>Division</b>            | <b>Age</b>   |
|----------------------------|--|
| (U6) Instructional         | 4 or 5   |
| (U8) Passers               | 6 or 7   |
| (U10) Wings                | 8 or 9   |
| (U12) Strikers             | 10 or 11   |
| (U14) Kickers              | 12 or 13   |
| (U19) Co-ed Minors/Seniors | 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,19 (MUST still be in High School) |

**Co-ed Minors/Seniors League**

Mason SAY has initiated a program for all players, male or female, between the ages of 14 and 18. These players will compete in a co-ed league, 9 players a side. . The teams are balanced for age and gender. The focus for this league will be on fun, rather than all-out competition. **Mason SAY reserves the right to make teams to play 11 VS 11.** Our Kickers division (12-13) will be set up the same.

**Registration**

Registration fees are \$70.00 for all divisions. There is a \$200.00 maximum charge per household, in addition to any late fees that may apply.

In person registration will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 Hert. Oak Park 9-1. Please be mindful that we are guests. Mail in registrations can be sent at any time, but must be postmarked no later than May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to avoid the late fee. **Mason S.A.Y. is not responsible for lost mail.** Mail in registration will begin in April 2012 avoid the late fee and send in early.

### **Refund Policy**

There will be NO REFUND of the registration fee except for the following cases: if a written request to remove your child is postmarked no later than **10 days** from the sign up date (player drop forms available at website); your child is injured or becomes ill before the First game of the season and can not participate in any more games; or your family moves out of the Mason area before the season begins minus the cost of 32.50 (uniform fee). The refund deadline for the Fall is May 28, 2012. Refunds will **not** be given for conflicts due to practice/ game conflicts/playing another sport/lessons.

### **Code of Conduct**

The Mason S.A.Y. area has written a Code of Conduct, which applies to all districts playing S.A.Y. Soccer in that area. This document covers players, coaches, referees, and spectators. This document can be viewed on line through the Mason S.A.Y. web page [www.masonsoccer.org](http://www.masonsoccer.org). If you cannot access this document online, we can provide a printed copy at your request.

### **S.A.Y. Philosophy**

The Soccer Association for Youth (S.A.Y.) was formed to provide an organization within which children could learn and play soccer. The fact that any size player can be successful at the game and that modest expense is required to field a team makes it possible for many children to participate in organized competition. These factors, plus the enthusiasm of the children once they've played the game, have resulted in the rapid growth of the S.A.Y. program. It is the function of S.A.Y. to provide guidance and instruction for participants, and organizational structure to form leagues and schedule games, and to prescribe rules and regulations that will ensure safe, enjoyable, and fair competition.

A youth program should be as its name implies: A Program for Kids. To win at any cost may be an attitude of the highly skilled professional, but it is contradictory to the basic objectives of S.A.Y. The overall objective of S.A.Y. is maximum participation with even competition at various age levels. **Your child will play at least two quarters every game.**

### **The Mason S.A.Y. Organization**

The Mason S.A.Y. organization consists of five board members: President, Vice President, Area Representative/Coach Coordinator, Treasurer, and Secretary, plus three trustees. These are elected positions. Meetings are held the first Monday of every Month.

The location is to be determined.

### **Mason SAY Volunteer Positions**

**Uniform Coordinator** - This position will work with the sponsor coordinator and executive board to establish team colors and sponsor assignments. Duties will also include placing the uniform order with the supplier, distributing uniforms to the coaches' coordinators, and being a liaison between the uniform supplier and the executive board.

**Coaches Coordinator** - There will be one coordinator for each division. This person will be responsible for distribution of pictures, uniforms, and other information to the teams in their division. This is to be used as a central point of contact for the coaches in each division.

**Sponsor Coordinator** - This position will work with the uniform coordinator and the executive board to establish team colors and sponsor assignments, keep records of the sponsors for each season, acquire new or current sponsors for the teams, and collect and forward art work for each sponsor onto the uniform coordinator.

**Signup Coordinator** - Responsibilities will include setting dates for spring and fall player registration, creating and distributing the registration forms to the local schools, and reserving a place for registration day.

**Instructional Coordinator** - This position is in charge of the Instructional program. The executive board will work with you on all aspects of running this program.

**Referee** – Referees are paid \$10-25 per game depending on the division. We provide training for a \$15.00 fee. If you are interested, contact Bill Staten at [reng30geo@aol.com](mailto:reng30geo@aol.com).

**Division Coordinator** – This position will act as a liaison between their assigned division and the District Rep.

### **VIP CARDS**

Mason SAY Soccer will offer a \$15.00/Family discount for all Premium Members Community Center Card Holders.

You must provide proof of Membership Status.

A copy of the card must be sent with the form at the time of sign up or mail in registration. No discount will be given without this information.

Please remember we are guests in the park. Help keep it clean by removing all trash after practice and games.

Do not leave plastic water bottles on the ground, please put them in the proper cans placed about the park. Please do not leave the park, if your child is practicing.

### **WAITING LIST**

If you sign up late, there is no guarantee of placement. We do our best and will alert you if we have an available spot for your child. The number of children on the waiting list is not given out, nor is the placement of your child on the waiting list. The waiting list is held open, until after the first game of the season has been played.

You may request in writing/email to have your child removed from the waiting list at any point in time. All player drops require a written permission from a parent. This can be an email or the form provided on the website.

### **COACHING**

Coaches are all volunteers. Sometimes we have more than needed when this occurs the determination of coaches is performed through a blind draw. We try to give each person volunteering a team. Should you volunteer for two or more teams, you will be placed where you are needed the most.

### **PROOF OF AGE**

***Is required at the time of sign up or mail in. The form will not be accepted without Proof of age (i.e. passport or birth certificate).***

High School league –

Teams will NOT be drawn until after the high school has completed their try-outs in August.



**Mason Soccer Association for Youth  
FALL 2012 Recreational Sign-Up**

Online: <http://www.masonsoccer.org>  
E-mail: [secretary@masonsoccer.org](mailto:secretary@masonsoccer.org)  
Phone: (513) 459-1729

**SAY Use Only:**

Player #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
SAY Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration**

**\*\*\*Proof of Age required if your child is new to the Mason S.A.Y. program\*\*\***

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| <p><b>In Person:</b> May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Hert. Oak Park 9-1 at the shelter</p> | <p><b>By Mail:</b><br/>Send registration with payment to:<br/>Mason SAY<br/>P.O. BOX 28<br/>Mason, Ohio 45040</p> | <p><b>Late Sign-up:</b><br/><b>\$30.00 additional fee for late sign-up</b><br/>Registrations postmarked after May 19th, will be placed on the waiting list,<br/>NO EXCEPTIONS</p> | <p><b>Fee:</b><br/>\$70.00 per child<br/>Maximum \$200 per household<br/><b>\$30.00/ea additional fee for late sign-up</b></p> |
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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mason SAY is not affiliated with the Mason City Schools**

**\* Proof of age required.**

**Player Information**

|            |           |  |               |                |          |
|------------|-----------|--|---------------|----------------|----------|
| First Name | Last Name | Sex  | Date of Birth | Shirt**        | Shorts** |
|            |           |  |               |                |          |
| Address    |           | City, Zip  |               | Phone Number   |          |
|            |           |  |               |                |          |
|            |           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mason <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Deerfield Twnshp |               |                |          |
| Father     | Mother    | Secondary Phone (Optional)   |               | E-mail Address |          |
|            |           |  |               |                |          |

**Siblings**

Do you wish siblings to play on the same team? Siblings MUST be the same sex (except Instructional) and division to qualify.

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Sibling's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaching** see page 1 under 'Coaches' for more information.

Head coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Asst. Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of person volunteering to coach:** \_\_\_\_\_

If volunteering for Head Coach, please give name of preferred assistant coach (**only one**): \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have an assistant coach, you may designate a sponsor instead: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer** see page 2 for descriptions.

Uniform Coord. \_\_\_\_\_ Division Coord. \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Coord. \_\_\_\_\_ Instructional Coord. \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Coord. \_\_\_\_\_ Referee \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor** --All \$100. **Please fill out Sponsor Information Form** (available at signup or the website. Deadline **6/1/2012**)

Do you wish to sponsor a team? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical** - Please explain any medical conditions:

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| <p><b>WE HEREBY AGREE THAT THE SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH (SAY) ITS MEMBERS, COACHES OR OFFICERS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS WHICH MY CHILD MAY SUSTAIN WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND WHETHER SPONSORED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF SAY AND WE AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND TO HOLD HARMLESS SAY, ITS MEMBERS, COACHES, OFFICERS OR DESIGNATES OF ANY KIND FROM ANY CLAIM WHATSOEVER.</b></p> <p><b>PARENT OR GAURDIAN SIGNATURE</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Date</b> _____</p> | <p><b>SAY Use Only</b></p> <p>Date Rcvd: _____ Rcvd. By: _____</p> <p>Amt. Paid</p> <p>Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____</p> <p>Check # _____</p> |
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\*\*Note: Uniform Sizes are as follows: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL – varies with suppliers