

# Mason Soccer Association for Youth (S.A.Y.)

## Fall 2010

### 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. The cost of replacement uniforms is \$26.50 if the size is incorrect due to the coach or parent, no charge if a SAY error.

#### 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.

#### 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, 2006 thru July 31, 1992, OR Still in High School

Division	Age
(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 new 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, on a reduced-size (Strikers) field. The teams are balanced for age and gender. The focus for this league will be on fun, rather than all-out competition.

#### Registration

Registration fees are \$65.00 for all divisions. There is a \$170.00 maximum charge per household. Must still pay the late fee.

In person registration will be on MAY 22, 2010 at MASON COMMUNITY CENTER,PARKING AT MUNICIPAL BLDG..

Mail in registrations can be sent at any time, but be postmarked no later than MAY 22,2010 to avoid the late fee. **Mason S.A.Y. is not responsible for lost mail.** Mail in registration will begin in APRIL, 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 second 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. The refund deadline for the Fall is June 1,2010. Refunds will not be given for conflicts due to practice/ game conflicts.

## **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. Players in the Strikers division and older may also referee. Players 10 and 12 will referee Instructional games. If you are interested, contact Bill Staten at [rreng30geo@aol.com](mailto:rreng30geo@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 \$5.00/player discount for all VIP Community Center Card Holders.

A \$10.00 discount for families signing up more than 2 players. You must provide proof of VIP 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 second 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**

If this the first time your child will be playing Mason SAY Soccer, you are required to send a copy of their birth certificate or passport. This must be received no later than one week from the cut off date of MAY 22, 2010. If not received by this time, your child will be placed on the waiting List. No exceptions. You may mail or fax this information to Mason SAY Soccer. (Fax 459-9146)

### **PRACTICE TIME/GAME DAYS**

Practice days and times are set by the coach, not Mason SAY Soccer.  
Times are 5:30-6:30 or 6:30 – 7:30.

Instructional is one night per week of practice with games on Friday or Saturday.  
Passers and above are two times a week with games on Saturday.  
ONLY the head coach determines Friday or Saturday games for Instructional players.  
Players are not permitted to move between teams to accommodate personal scheduling  
Conflicts.



**Mason Soccer Association for Youth  
Fall 2010 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\*\*\***

<p><b>In Person:</b> Saturday May22,2010 Mason Community Cntr. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>By Mail:</b> Send registration with payment to: Mason SAY P.O. BOX 28 Mason, Ohio 45040</p>	<p><b>Late Sign-up:</b> <b>\$30.00 additional fee for late sign-up</b> Registrations REC'D after May 22, 2010, will be placed on the waiting list, NO EXCEPTIONS</p>	<p><b>Fee:</b> \$65.00 per child Maximum \$170 per household <b>\$30.00 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 <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, please): \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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

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

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

**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.**

**PARENT OR GAURDIAN SIGNATURE**

**Date**

**SAY Use Only**

Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Rcvd. By: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Paid

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*\*Note: Uniform Sizes are as follows: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL – varies with suppliers