



Pearland Youth Soccer Club (PYSC) is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. PYSC operates under rules and regulations created by Bay Area Youth Soccer Association (BAYSA). BAYSA operates under rules and regulations created by South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA). PYSC holds monthly club meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Currently we are meeting at Casa Ole in Pearland at 7pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. One representative from each team should be present at each meeting.

Our soccer year consists of a Fall and a Spring season.

The fall season is the more competitive season. Tryouts are held in May for the fall teams. During the fall season, 8-10 games are played, standings are kept and play-offs are held (U9 and older). Practice usually begins late July. Games are held September-November. Older teams may advance to playoffs held in December and January.

The spring season consists of 8 games, no play-offs. Teams usually begin practicing mid-February. Games are held March-May.

### **LEVELS OF PLAY**

**Division IV** – All teams **U10 and under**. Division IV is entirely recreational soccer. Players must be 4 years old on August 1 to play in the fall or spring.

#### **U11+ Soccer Divisions Explained**

There are four different levels of soccer available to players 10 and older (U11), a recreational level (Division III) and three different competitive levels (Division I, Super II, and Division II).

**Division I** is the most competitive level and is designed for the most committed and skilled player. Division I soccer is administrated and controlled by the Eastern District Division One Association (EDDOA). Teams are formed from the

most skilled players, who must earn a playing position by trying out for the respective team. Training is demanding and is year round. Consistent with the highest competitive level of play, the time commitment of the player (other sports or outside interests beyond soccer are expected to be minimal) and the respective monetary cost are greater than other levels of play. Division I teams must qualify to play in the Division I program. As should be expected, performance is a major priority and one consequence of this demand is that a player is not guaranteed a specific amount of playing time in Division I games.

**Division II** consists of two separate levels of competitive teams, Super II and "Blue".

**Division II (Blue)** is a competitive level of soccer designed to address two essential needs: 1) to provide an opportunity for players who aspire to eventually play Division I a place to play and to develop their skills and techniques and 2) to provide a competitive alternative to players who do not want to make the time commitment to Division I play. Division II soccer teams compete as club teams (PYSC) in the Bay Area Youth Soccer Association (BAYSA) program. Players must tryout to earn a position on Division II teams. Training is a part of Division II and will require additional fees. Teams do not have to qualify to play in the BAYSA Division II program. Playing time (50% per game) is a BAYSA rule.

**Super Blue or S2** is a separate league within the current Division II program. It originated as a division of play for those teams that failed to qualify for Division I. Consequently, the skill level, time commitment, cost and team competition are a transition from Division II to Division I. S2 teams play in a league that encompasses all of greater Houston and surrounding areas, consequently many of the games involve more travel time. Administration of the S2 program is under the control of EDDOA. Team selection for U11 S2 teams will be part of the EDDOA selection process for Division I teams. Qualifying tournaments in August will be used to select 24-36 teams. These teams will compete in the fall and in late October the top 12 will be designated Division I and the remaining 12 teams will become S2. U12 and above teams desiring to play S2 must meet qualifying requirements (final four team at Eastern District fall Play-offs) and may have to play in a qualifying tournament in early August. Currently, playing time in S2 competition is set at 50% per game.

Both Division I and Super II teams play their games at designated sites within the greater Houston area. There is a commitment to more traveling for games with these teams. "Blue" competitive teams play home games at Pearland but do travel to away games within the Bay Area Youth Soccer Association (BAYSA). All three competitive teams require tryouts for players to earn a position on the respective team. Div 1 and S2 are considered full year options. Training is 10 months of the year.

**Recreational teams (Red) or Division III** do not require tryouts. They play their games within BAYSA and generally follow a format similar to the teams that the players were on as U10 age group. Players do not have to try-out to be on a red team.

### **Specific information in each age group**

**U5/U6** – This program is great for the younger kids. Practice is held one day a week (usually Thursday). Games are every Saturday morning (9am and 10am). Currently practices and games are held at the soccer fields next to the Pearland library on Liberty Drive. Teams play a 3v3, dual-field format, no goal keeper. Scores are not kept. All players must play 50% of the game. We do have future plans to expand this program to the West side of town. Medals are provided by the club to all players at the end of each season.

**U7/U8** – This age group plays a 4v4, dual-field format, no goal keeper. Scores are not kept. Currently practice and home games are held at Independence Park on Liberty Drive. Games are played with surrounding BAYSA clubs (Alvin, Manvel, South Belt, Space City, Galveston County, and North Channel). Usually during a season a team will receive 3-4 home games and 3-4 away games. Medals are provided to all players in the **fall season only**.

**U9/U10** - This age group plays a 6v6 format with a goal keeper. Team formation rules do apply. The fall season usually consists of an initial 4-5 games scheduled randomly with other BAYSA clubs. After the initial round of games, teams are re-bracketed according to their standings into 3 divisions; Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The last 4-5 games are played within the appropriate division. Play-offs are held for the U9 and U10 age groups (usually the weekend before Thanksgiving).

**U11 and older**- Currently all U11 and older teams play an 11v11 format. This may change in the near future due to STYSA regulations. Tryouts are held in May for all of our competitive teams. Tryout information is usually posted on our website in April. Players who wish to play on a recreational team do not need to attend try-outs.

### **Coaching information**

All of our teams are coached by parent volunteers. After an initial one year grace period, coaches **must** obtain an age-appropriate coaching license in order to continue coaching throughout STYSA. For more information on coaching licenses, please visit [www.baysa.org](http://www.baysa.org). Please consider coaching your child's team (if you do not already do so). Every season we desperately need coaches, especially in the younger age groups (U5 –U10).

## Training information

PYSC provides soccer trainers for almost every age group. A trainer is provided to assist the coaches at the U5 through U10 age groups. The trainers are no additional cost to the player at this age group. The trainer holds an age-appropriate training session one day a week. This day is usually voted on at our July-August club meeting.

All teams U11 and older may choose to utilize the trainers for **additional fees**. The fees are paid in addition to your registration fees.

Currently our fee schedule is as follows:

### Fall 2007 fees:

U5/U6 **\$90**

U7-U10 **\$105**

U11 and older **\$135** (Additional trainer fees may apply)

Fees include a uniform (jersey, shorts and socks), BAYSA fees, referee fees, field maintenance and administrative charges).

### Spring 2008 fees:

All returning players (ONLY from Fall 2007 season) **\$60**

U11 and older players may have additional trainer fees.

**New players – see fees listed above for Fall 2007**

In order to receive the discounted spring fee, players must wear the same uniform that was issued in the fall. If a player needs a new uniform, new player fees will apply.

Click here for our [Refund Policy](#).

If you wish to register for the Spring 2008 season, please click **HERE**. ( Please note that Spring registration will be open online in January).