

## 2013/2012

The game is now starting to look more like the soccer that we all see on tv. At these age groups we play 7 v 7, on a larger field with goalies in front of larger goals. However, the goalie cannot punt the ball and there are no headers. The offsides rule is now applied. In order to encourage fair play, we have a “build out line” on the field. On goals kicks and when the goalie has the ball in his/her hands, players must move beyond the build out line until the ball is intentionally dribbled or played to another player. For most games, we will have one central referee with the possibility of 2 assistant referees for training purposes. 2013 see Hays Collaboration below.

## 2010/2011

Played on a slightly larger field, the game is now 9 v 9. All rules are now applied as they are at the highest levels of play except that there are no headers allowed. US soccer rules require that players 10 and under not head the ball. Since we have 10 year olds in this division, we ask that no one head the ball. We will have 3 referees at the vast majority of games with only one central referee in a pinch.

## Hays and Surge Collaboration

For years 2010-2013 we have teamed up with Hays Youth Soccer to provide a better soccer experience for the player from across the county. This collaboration means that we will play most of our games at Five Mile Dam, however a few games will be played on the Hays Youth Soccer fields located in Buda at 100 Hays Youth Drive. We have been doing this for 3 years now and it has provided for a great all around soccer experience for our older players.

## End of Season Celebration

On the final week of the season, we have a mini-tournament for all teams. Each team will play 2 games over the course of the day. Each player will receive a medal as well as a meal ticket to be spent at the concession stand. We will have bouncy castles for the whole family as well. **The scheduled date for the event is May 6-8.** However, if we have get rained out, it will take place on May 14-15.



Welcome to Surge Soccer Club! We are so glad that you have decided to play with us this season. Whether you are new, or you are returning from previous seasons, we welcome you into the Surge soccer family. Here at Surge our chief value is best understood by our tag line - *Soccer for Everyone. We believe that everyone should be able to play this great game regardless of skill or financial concerns.*

Therefore, we are an **at-cost club**. We are a non-profit organization who strives to provide the best experience possible at the lowest possible cost. We keep our registration costs low and there are absolutely no hidden fees and no fundraising. And we offer discounts to all those who need help meeting our fees.

At the same time, we seek to offer a **community based** experience that is born from our surrounding area and supports the community we serve. It is our sincere desire that all players and families in our program are successful, not just the most skilled. We will do everything we can to make this a great life experience for everyone in the program (parents and siblings included).

In order to accomplish this we are an all volunteer program. We have no professional coaching staff and only a few hourly paid positions to help us run things smoothly. We rely on the dedication of a small group of parent volunteers who want all players to have a great experience. Every coach is a volunteer, every board member is a volunteer. Therefore, we ask you to treat them as such. Please remember that we are all here, on our free time, doing our best to make the experience as good as possible. So please treat us and your coach with the respect that deserves.

When you registered you signed a behavior policy, that policy was for both the players and the parents. Mostly, it says that you will do your best to behave in an appropriate manner when at the fields. We ask your abide by this policy. If you have any questions about the policy, it is posted on our website.

*We truly hope you have a great season!*

## 2022 Season Information

Here are a few things that will help us achieve our goals:

**Concerns:** When at the fields, if there is a problem, we ask that you would find a board member. You can find a board member by looking for someone in a maroon polo shirt. We will do our best to get your concern resolved.

**Parking:** There is ample parking in the lots located inside the park. It is unsafe to park along Old Stagecoach Road, especially for our littlest ones. If you park along the road, either inside the park or on Stagecoach, you can and most likely will be ticketed. So please use the designated parking.

**Referees:** Just like the players, most of our referees are learning. We will work with them to help make them better referees. There is absolutely no cause for parents or players to yell at referees. You do not need to approach them after the games. If you have a concern, find a board member.

**Concessions:** One of the ways that we keep our registration fees low is by selling concessions. If you are going to eat out on a Saturday anyway, we ask that you consider us, the number one option. You will pay less than you would for fast food and the money goes to help us run the league. We have breakfast tacos, hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and more. You can find a full list of concessions on the website.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located on the North side of the building nearest Old Stagecoach Road. Please do whatever you can to help us keep them clean. If you find that there is something that needs attention, please tell someone at concessions or find a maroon shirt.

**The 3 No's:** These are city park rules. Absolutely no dogs, no tobacco, and no firearms. If you are in violation of these rules, the Park Rangers can remove you from the premises.

**Payments:** If you still owe money for the season, please see us in the clubhouse or at concessions ASAP. If you have not paid, by September 18, we have the right to remove your player from the league.

### 2016/2017

In order to ease the burden on our youngest players and families, we play and practice on Saturdays only. Teams are assigned a field and an opponent. We start with a 30-45 minute practice, have a snack break, and then play a game. We start the week of September 11. Due to a field scheduling conflict, we will take a week off on September 25. The last weekend of the season we will not practice, but have two games instead.

**2017 - 9:30am**

**2016 - 11:00am**

*Due to an unavoidable coaches conflict, one game will be played at 9:30am each week. Please check you schedules carefully.*

At this age group we play something we call "new ball." We play 3 v 3, in a free flow style. This style of gameplay is designed to not waste times on things the players are not able to comprehend like corners, goal kicks, and throw-ins. Instead, it maximizes touches on the ball by rolling a new ball in at the place it exited, so that players get the most out of each game experience. Coaches will be on the field to help player participation and to roll new balls in. Parents can assist by helping to shag balls and return them to the coaches.

### 2015

Players have now graduated to a 4 v 4 on a larger field. Teams will play on two fields simultaneously. This allows us to get more touches for all players. Soccer restarts are now the same as they are in a normal soccer game with the exception of penalty kicks. Players will be asked to take throw-ins, goal kicks, kick-offs and corners. The only rule that does not apply, is offsides, though we encourage our coaches to teach fair play. The goals are small and we do not use goalies. Coaches are now on the sidelines and there is a single referee who is assisting the players in learning how to play the game.

### 2014

This season we have gone back to 4v4 on a slightly enlarged field.. All other things are the same as 2015. (see above)

**Over for Older Age Groups  
and Season Celebration Information**