







#### Soccer 2025

#### How do I register?

You can find a link to register online at <a href="mailto:fhyaa.com">fhyaa.com</a> on April 1st

# Where are practices and games held?

At the FHYAA fields located at 66-01 Fleet Street in Forest Hills

# How often are games and when are they played?

- Clinic (3 and 4 years old): Saturdays, Sundays mornings
- **Co-ed Under 6:** 2 games/week, Saturday and Sunday, times vary
- **Co-ed Under 8:** 2 games/week, Saturday and Sunday, times vary
- **All other divisions:** 2 games/week, rotating games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Weekday games may be added for U8 and up based on # of teams

# Can I make teammate or coach requests?

For players aged 7 and below and for girls in the Seniors (Under 15) divisions, we try to honor friend and coach requests when possible. These requests must be made at the time of registration on the form.

# How often are practices and when are they held?

Practices vary by team, but are usually once a week, per the coaches' availability and at their discretion. This will be communicated to families once teams are finalized.

# What equipment does my child need to play?

All players are required to wear shin guards. Cleats or sneakers are fine for U8 divisions. Cleats are required for all players aged 8 and up. The league will provide uniforms and socks. Uniform shirts are required for game days.

## When will I find out what team my child is on?

Teams for drafting divisions will be shared after the drafts in late June. Teams for all other divisions will be shared in July. See below for which divisions have drafts.

# What age does the all-girls league start?

Girls who are 7 and older may opt to be in the all-girls league.







# Who do I contact if I'm interested in becoming a referee?

Referees must have previously played in the FHYAA soccer program. Please contact <a href="mailto:fhsl.ref@gmail.com">fhsl.ref@gmail.com</a> if you meet this criteria and would like to apply to be a referee.

# What is the cost of the league?

The registration fee is \$300 per player for the 2025 season.

### What holidays are observed?

Fields are typically closed for Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah and no games or practices are held.

#### What is the weather policy?

We strive to play as many games as possible, but will suspend or cancel games in inclement weather. You will be notified via email, via coaches communications, and via social media. If you are not notified, please assume the game is on.

#### How can I be a coach?

There is an area to indicate that you'd like to coach on the registration form. You may also specify if there is someone you'd like to coach with. If you'd like more information, please email <a href="mailto:fhsl.coaches@gmail.com">fhsl.coaches@gmail.com</a>.

# Do I need to be a Forest Hills resident to play?

No, all players are welcome.

# How can I connect with others in the FHYAA community?

Follow FHYAA on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u>. Hang out at the fields before and after games. Grab a snack at the Snack Shack. Attend FHYAA fundraisers and events.

#### **How can I donate to FHYAA?**

You can donate on the registration form and there is an option to donate on our website.







#### Will my child play in games?

Yes, FHYAA is an inclusive community league committed to delivering the positive benefits of team sports for all children.

#### How is the league run?

The league officials (aka The Soccer Committee) is a small group of parent volunteers whose children currently play or previously played in the league. They dedicate their time with no compensation to better the community. The success of the league is defined by the volunteer coaches. The refs are all former players. In short, the league is run by the families of Forest Hills (and neighboring communities). Please be kind to all league officials, coaches, and refs!

#### What size ball is used?

- Clinic, U6, and U8 size 3
- U10, Bantam, Juniors size 4
- U12, U14, Seniors size 5

#### How can I sponsor a team?

Thank you, we need sponsors for all teams! A sponsorship costs \$350 and places your business name (or any team name you prefer) on the front of the team shirts. You also receive additional exposure via our website, emails, and social channels. You can sign up to sponsor a team <a href="here">here</a>.

# What will happen if my child misses some games and practices?

As parents ourselves, we understand that vacations happen, kids get sick, or life just becomes crazy. We encourage you to make as many practices and games as you can, so children can benefit from the league to the fullest extent. However, there are no league penalties for missing games or practices.

#### How long is the season?

The season starts in September and ends in early November. U10, U12, U14, and all girls divisions have playoffs and an all-star game.

#### How are teams created?

The following divisions will hold a draft in 2025: Co-ed Under 10, Co-ed Under 12, Co-ed Under 14, Girls Bantam (Under 10), Girls Juniors (Under 12). This means coaches select the players for their team.

Teams in the following divisions are created by the Soccer Committee largely based on a teammate and coach requests: Co-ed Under 6, Co-ed Under 8, and Girls Seniors (Under 15)







### What divisions will there be this season?

All ages are based on the calendar year. For example, if your child turns 6 in 2025, they would play in the Under 8 division. Below is a breakdown by division:

- Clinic 3 and 4 year olds (2021 or 2022 birth years)
- Co-ed Under 6 5 year olds (2020)
- Co-ed Under 8 6 and 7 year olds (2018 or 2019)
- Co-ed Under 10 8 and 9 year olds (2016 or 2017)
- Co-ed Under 12 10 and 11 year olds (2014 or 2015)
- Co-ed Under 14 12 and 13 year olds (2012 or 2013)
- Girls Bantam (Under 10) 7, 8, and 9 year olds (2016, 2017, or 2018)
- Girls Juniors (Under 12) 10 and 11 year olds (2014 or 2015)
- Girls Seniors (Under 15) 12, 13, and 14 year olds (2011, 2012, or 2013)

# What if my child decides they don't want to play after we sign up?

- Refunds may be requested by June 21st by emailing <a href="FHYAAsoccer@gmail.com">FHYAAsoccer@gmail.com</a>
- If a refund request is made before the eligible date, a full refund will be issued including any processing fees
- Any requests made after this date will not be eligible for a refund
- Refunds will be issued via the original payment method