



# Knox County YMCA Junior High Intramural/Recreational Soccer Program Fall 2019

- Program Description**..... This a an intramural and recreational program. The program teaches basic skills and game philosophy of soccer. This is ideal for beginners and/or players looking for a less competitive league. All players in Galesburg register through the Knox County YMCA. Then, they are put into teams based on the school they attend.
- Registration**..... Anytime at the Knox County YMCA or [www.knoxymca.org](http://www.knoxymca.org)  
LAST DAY to register AUGUST 27, 2019
- First Practices**..... Monday, August 12, 2019 – 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
**(at YMCA)** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 – 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Thursday, August 15, 2019 – 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Friday, August 16, 2019 - 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.
- Practice times may change as season progresses and will be determined based on team coaches. Practices and games will only be cancelled at the time they are to begin if play would be dangerous. Dress appropriately and come to all practices and games.
- Team Selections**..... Friday, August 23, 2019, following practice.  
Coaches are only present during team selections. The coaches for each school (Churchill and Lombard) will decide rosters for A and AA teams, with AA being the more competitive division of the two.
- Parents Meeting**..... Thursday, August 29, 2019, following team practice.  
**(mandatory)** This is a chance for parents and coaches to meet. Coaches will discuss league structure and rules.
- First Games**..... Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019.  
Schedules will be handed out to coaches August 27.
- Tourney Dates**..... Week of October 7, 2019 (tentative)
- Uniforms**..... Team T-shirts and socks will be provided by the YMCA to team members to be kept at the end of the season. T-shirts and socks will be color coordinated for each team/school.

Volunteers are always welcomed. If you have any questions regarding the program.  
Contact your coach or the Knox County YMCA.

## League History and Philosophy

**History:** Our over 35 year-old Junior High Intramural soccer program started as a cooperative venture involving the Boards and Staff of the Knox and Warren YMCA, Costa, and Community Unit School District 205. The Galesburg Exchange Club, Maytag, Lombard Booster Club, and the Churchill Booster Club have donated soccer goals, nets, and equipment for our use. The league has now expanded to include a number of teams from surrounding communities.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Junior High Intramural soccer program is to teach the participants basic skills, good sportsmanship, fair play, and other life values. The YMCA mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

**Basic skills** are taught by volunteer coaches. It is most important to come to the practices to learn as much as possible.

**Fair play:** It is nice to win, but having fun and learning skills is more important. Fair play and valued education are at the head of our list of objectives. Cooperation, self-esteem and respect of others are basic for fair play. Participants will be involved in looking at alternatives and considering consequences in decision-making in all areas of life where important values are being developed.

**Parents' participation:** The referees (most of whom are volunteers) are there to control the game, not to be yelled at. Set a good example for the players by cheering for them and letting the coach and referee do their jobs. If you are not satisfied with just cheering, then volunteer to help. Adults volunteering will make the program better, and we need a lot of willing assistants. Contact your school's head coach, the YMCA, or your school principal.

**Waiver/Equipment:** All soccer players must meet the guidelines listed below.

- ! Must have a parent/guardian fill out the online registration or registration form.
- ! Shin guards are required for all players. Soccer cleats or gym shoes may be worn. No metal cleats. No baseball/football cleats (cleats that have a cleat on the toe).

# Knox County YMCA Junior High Intramural Soccer Program Registration Form

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**Participants Name                      Home Phone                      Parent/Guardian Work Phone**

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**Address    City    Zip**

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**Email Address                      Emergency Contact                      Emergency Phone**

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**Birth Year                      School Attending                      YM YL AS AM AL AXL  
(Shirt Size: Circle one)**

Have you played on a soccer team or league before? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes                      No                      How Long

Are you a beginner? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes                      No

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby agree to release, and discharge the YMCA from any  
(print name)  
liability, and covenant not to sue for any and all loss or damage, personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, whether caused by any negligence, either active or passive of the YMCA, or otherwise. Furthermore, I agree to assume all risk involved with YMCA programs, realizing that all learning experiences involve risk.

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(Signature)                      (Relationship to Participant)                      (Date)

I have read the League's History and Philosophy hand-out and agree to teach my child to respect these standards and agree myself to adhere to these standards.

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(Print) Parent/Guardian                      (Signature) Parent/Guardian                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would like to be a volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I cannot volunteer this year. Please contact me next year.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I do not wish to be a volunteer