

Important Information about ASC U6/U7 Clinics for Fall 09

Welcome to the Arlington Soccer Club! This flyer is for parents of players registered for our Fall 2009 U6 Clinic (kindergarten) or U7 Clinic (first-grade). Many of you are new to the ASC, and we would like to provide you with information for this Fall soccer season.

U6 Clinic. ASC U6 Clinics are from 9:00 to 10:20 AM on Saturday mornings at sites to be announced. The first session will be held on Sept. 19 and will run every Saturday through Nov. 14.

U7 Clinic. ASC U7 Clinics are from 1:00 to 2:30 PM on Sunday afternoons at sites to be announced. The first session will be held on Sept. 13 and will run every Sunday through Nov. 15

Equipment. The ASC will provide team t-shirts for your child at the first session. You will need to provide shin guards for your child to play. These can be purchased at most local sporting goods stores. Soccer cleats are optional. Some children wear sneakers. *For the safety of the children, there is no jewelry allowed on the playing field. This means no necklaces, bracelets or earrings. Earrings in particular are potentially dangerous when worn while playing soccer and must be removed without exception.* Please plan accordingly.

Team Formation. The ASC forms teams with the goal of balancing gender along with consideration for the school your child attends. The ASC attempts to place every clinic player who was registered on-time onto a team with some schoolmates. However, we limit team roster sizes at all age levels with the intent of maximizing the actual playing experience for all players. So, in fairness to all players, we do not form "school teams" and almost every team will have a mix of two or three schools. Please do not request specific teams or to play with specific friends; as such requests cannot be honored for every player, ASC policy is to not honor any such requests. Returning players will most likely be re-assigned to their former team.

ASC Philosophy. The ASC policy is for non-results oriented play at the Clinic level. We do not keep score during the games nor do we keep standings. The emphasis is on participation and having fun, and beginning to learn about the game of soccer. The ASC believes a relaxed environment is most conducive to your child having fun and developing a long-term interest in the sport. *We encourage and expect all parents to allow their children to play without pressure, to let their child play freely in scrimmages with instruction only from their coaches, and to cheer for both teams.*

First week. You should hear from your child's coach by early September and the coach will inform you as to which field you are assigned. In the meantime, please plan on playing Sept. 19 at 9:00 AM for U6 and Sept. 13 at 1:00 PM for U7. **We ask all parents and players to always arrive at least 10 minutes early each week so that Clinic can start on-time to the benefit of all players and teams.** Players arriving late at different times has a negative impact on both the ability of your child's coach to run a practice session as well as your child's clinic experience.

Site Info/Cancellations. There are directions to fields on our website at www.arlingtonsoccerclub.com as well as on page 2 of this document. If Clinic is cancelled due to inclement weather, your coach will contact you to let you know. Please do not call the ASC phone line to check for cancellations.

Clinic Format. Both U6 and U7 clinics are divided into two segments. The first consists of fun, skill-developing games in which every player has a ball. The second consists of a 3-versus-3 for U6 and a 4-versus-4 for U7 player scrimmage with no goalies (keepers) and no score kept. Often teams will have two scrimmages going on at once.

Fall 2010 Registration. Your child is currently registered only for the Fall 2009 Season. Registration for the Spring 2010 season will start in mid-October 2009. We encourage you to register via our online system for the spring season. As a parent of a returning player, you will not have to re-enter your child's information when you register for the next season. Players who register after the announced deadline may be put on a wait list and/or find themselves placed on a different team for the fall season.

Want to help or have questions? The ASC is run by volunteers. We could use your help! If you are interested in coaching, helping your team, helping with our clinic program, or have questions about the clinic program please contact ASC U6 Director Lisa Reale at u6@arlingtonsoccerclub.com, or U7 Director Steve Klosterman at u7@arlingtonsoccerclub.com. You can also call the ASC Soccer Line at 781-641-4085 and leave a message. For more information about our program visit our website at www.arlingtonsoccerclub.com

Have a fun fall soccer season!

— Lisa Real, ASC U6 Clinic Director
Steve Klosterman, ASC U7 Clinic Director