Youth Sports Leagues Frequently Asked Questions

Mather Sports Complex | 3755 Schriever Ave., Mather CA 95655

What is the expectation of this program?

Our goal is to teach life lessons through teamwork, sportsmanship, active movement and skill development. This is a Recreational program and we stress this with all coaches and parents. Winning is not important, having FUN is.



What is the player evaluation process?

This non-competitive process, made up of various fun skill exercises, give CRPD staff the opportunity to evaluate players based on ability and skill level. This is done in order to create teams as fairly and balanced as possible. The evaluation clinic is mandatory. Advanced notice should be given for any schedule conflicts.

How are teams chosen?

Based on the evaluation outcomes of each participant, CRPD staff creates teams of 8-12 as fairly and balanced as possible. The goal is to have diverse levels of skill and abilities on each team. Teams will be created based on the side of town you live on to assist with making practice locations closer to your home.

Can I make special requests?

Special requests, such as playing with a friend, carpooling, requesting a specific coach will be considered AFTER the consideration of creating fairly and balanced teams. NO GUARANTEES that we will be able to fulfill these requests. This rule is necessary to offer an organized, fair and efficient program for all parents, participants and coaches. Coaches will be allowed to have their child and two (2) assistant coaches' children on their team. Request can be made at time of registration both online and in-person.

How and when am I notified what team my child is on?

Approximately one week before practices are scheduled coaches will be given their teams. At this time, coaches are required to contact their players to notify them of their first practice time. If after two weeks from the evaluation day, you have not heard from a coach please contact the Cordova Recreation & Parks District, Mather Sports Center at 916.362.1704.

How Experienced are the coaches?

This program strongly relies on volunteer coaches. Without a volunteer coach, we may not have a team to place your child. Our coaches come with all levels of experience, from very knowledgeable to first timers. We do conduct a coach training to provide practice plan ideas and game strategies. ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN APPLICATION ON FILE, FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK CLEARANCE, AND COMPLETED CONCUSSION PROTOCOL TRAINING PRIOR TO COACHING WITH THE CORDOVA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT.

How can I become a volunteer coach?

You may contact the Mather Sports Center at 916.362.1704. There are Volunteer Coach Packets available online at www.teamsideline.com/cordova and at the front desk of the Mather Sports Center.

When and where will practice be held?

Volunteer coaches choose their practice time, day and location based on their availability. Players are guaranteed one day of practice per week, in Flag Football and Street Hockey teams may practice up to two times weekly. Basketball and volleyball leagues will practice one day a week, based off of gym availability.

Do I have to attend any parent or coaches' meetings?

Coaches are required to attend the coaches' meeting. Coaches are provided tools and educated on the expectations of the CRPD's Youth Sports Programs. Coaches will hold a pre-season team meeting with parents.

Do we play in the rain?

Practices that are played on grass fields may be cancelled due to rain. Games may be cancelled and/or are subject to change in date, time, and/or location due to weather and field conditions. Weather cancellations and

field condition updates will be posted on www.teamsideline.com/cordova 1-hour prior to the start of the game. You may also contact the Mather Sports Center at (916)362-1407, Option 5, for an update on field conditions.

Where can I find the league rules and game schedules?

Youth and adult sports league rules, schedules and registration deadlines can all be found on www.teamside.com/cordova.

Who should I contact if I have any more questions?

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