



## Welcome to Citrus United Soccer Club



Dear Soccer Parent:

Welcome to the 44 TH season of Citrus United Youth Soccer Recreational Program! We are anticipating another successful year. We hope you are as excited as we are as we begin another fun filled season.

The following information should answer most of your questions. Please read it carefully and if you still have questions, please don't hesitate to visit our website at [www.citrusunited.com](http://www.citrusunited.com).

- **OPENING DAY CEREMONIES:** We will be having our Opening Day Ceremonies on OCT 28, 2023. Opening Day will include 2 individual mini games. PICTURE DAY NOV 4 th
- **EQUIPMENT:** We provide your child's uniform; this includes jersey, shorts and socks. You will need to provide soccer cleats, shin guards, and the proper size ball for your child's age (see below chart). No child will be allowed to play or practice on club fields without soccer cleats and shin guards.
  - First Kicks, U6, U8                      Size 3
  - U10, U12                                      Size 4
  - U14 and up                                      Size 5
- **FUNDRAISERS:** We will be having at least one fundraiser this year. Participating in a fundraiser is a great way to show support for your club, team and child. 100% participation is our goal. Remember to keep grandparents, friends and other relatives in mind when fundraising
- **THE DRAFT:** The Draft (a blind draw based on age and experience) will be held on September 9th, 2023, everyone is invited to attend. NO INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER THIS DATE. If you are not contacted by Monday, October 2ND then please contact the Club Administrator.
- **REMOVING A CHILD FROM THE CLUB:** Once your child is placed on a team they will not be allowed to switch teams. Please do not ask that your child be placed on a team with another player because of car pooling or any other reason; or to be placed on a specific team because you or your child has another commitment on a specific night of the week. If, once your child is placed on a team, you decide to remove your child from the Club; you must notify the recreational Club Registrar in writing. The following agreed upon fee reimbursement schedule will apply:
  - Prior to September 1, 2023 – Full fee will be reimbursed
  - Between September 1, 2023 and October 1, 2023 – 50% of your fee will be reimbursed
  - After October 1, 2023 No fees will be reimbursed
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- **PRACTICES:** Practices will begin approximately the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, coaches will be asked to solicit the team as to what days will be best for all players; however, ultimately it will be your coaches' option as to when practices will be held. U6 and U8 players are allowed to practice no more than once a week, all other age groups can practice no more than twice a week. All games will be played on Saturdays. If for some reason you are unable to attend practices on the day and time your coach has chosen you will not be able to switch teams.
  - **U6 Program**
    - We are implementing a new U6 program. All U6 teams will practice on either Tuesday's or Thursday. A Club provided trainer will be at the fields to provide the coaches with practice instructions. Every team will be following the same agenda each week.
- \*\*Please note** our U10 and up play in the Sunshine Cup League and will travel for some games to Citrus, Hernando, and/or Pasco Counties.
- **CODE OF CONDUCT:** As always, our goal remains to teach the fundamentals of soccer, and above all, instill good sportsmanship in the players. Please read the Code of Conduct given to you today and discuss it with your child. This will help the season to run smoothly and also provide you and your child with an enjoyable soccer experience.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** The Board would like to thank all of the volunteers that help our Club run so smoothly. The team mom is a very important part of our league; please let your coach know if you are interested in being a team mom. The Club is also looking for Age Group Coordinator's to ensure good communication and organization within the Club, if interested please contact the Director of Coaching.
- **REGISTRATION FEE:** The registration fee you paid today includes the following:
  - A five month soccer season
  - Uniform (jersey, short and socks)
  - End of Season tournament
  - Registration fees to the State Association/Insurance
  - Equipment (games balls, nets, cones, etc.)
  - Referee Fees
  - Paint to line fields

**Thank you for registering with Citrus United! Have a GREAT season!**

REMEMBER TO USE THE WEBSITE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON; IT WILL GIVE YOU VALUABLE INFORMATION INCLUDING ANY FIELDS CLOSINGS, OR GAME DELAYS.

**WWW.CITRUSUNITED.COM**