












# SOUTH ORLANDO YMCA YOUTH SPORTS CALENDAR FALL 2017-SUMMER 2018

Season	Early Fall 2017	Late Fall 2017	Winter 2018	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
	 	  	 	 	 
<b>Sports Offered</b> (schedules subject to change)	Soccer Basketball	Flag Football Basketball Indoor Soccer	Basketball Flag Football	Soccer Basketball	Basketball Indoor Soccer
	<b>7 GAMES</b>	<b>7 GAMES</b>	<b>7 GAMES</b>	<b>7 GAMES</b>	<b>7 GAMES</b>
<b>Early Registration Period</b> (Guaranteed Placement)	Jul 1 - Aug 6	Aug 1 - Oct 8	Nov 1 - Dec 17	Jan 1 - Feb 25	Apr 1 - May 20
<b>YMCA Member Early Registration</b>	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45
<b>Program Participant Early Registration</b>	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90
<b>Open Registration Period</b> (Space is Limited)	Aug 7 - Aug 24	Oct 9 - Oct 26	Dec 18 - Jan 18	Feb 26 - Mar 29	May 21 - Jun 14
<b>YMCA Member Open Registration</b>	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
<b>Program Participant Open Registration</b>	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>Grades</b> (Pre-K starts at age 3)	Soccer: PreK-5th Basketball: K-11th	Flag Football: PK-11th Basketball: 4th-11th Indoor Soccer: K-3rd	Basketball: PK-11th Flag Football: K-11th	Soccer: PreK-5th Basketball: k-11th	Basketball: PK-11th Indoor Soccer: K-5th
<b>Practices Begin Week of...</b>	Aug 14th	Oct 16th	Jan 8th	March 12th	June 4th
<b>Holiday Time Off</b>	Sep 1-4	Nov 19-26	None	Mar 16-25	Jul 4
<b>First Game</b>	Aug 25/26	Oct 27/28	Jan 19/20	Mar 30/31	Jun 15/16
<b>Last Game</b>	Oct 13/14	Dec 15/16	Mar 9/10	May 18/19	Jul 27/28

For more information check out our sports website: [southorlandoymca.playerspace.com](http://southorlandoymca.playerspace.com)  
or contact Patrick Jackson, Sports Director, at [pjackson@cfymca.org](mailto:pjackson@cfymca.org)



## 2017-2018 PARENT INFORMATION

### SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL, and FUTSAL

#### WHY THE Y?

The YMCA Youth Sports philosophy is unique. We emphasize good sportsmanship, teamwork, values, and fellowship with others, alongside teaching sports skills. The three most important goals as a parent and a coach are to make sure each child is safe, has fun and learns the fundamentals of each sport.

The YMCA has a modified league format to help ensure this philosophy is fostered:

- EACH PLAYER PLAYS AT LEAST HALF OF EVERY GAME
- EMPHASIS ON FUN & SKILL DEVELOPMENT BEFORE WINS & LOSSES
- MODIFIED GAME RULES THAT HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS
- REFEREES WHO 'COACH' WHEN ENFORCING THE RULES OF THE GAME

#### PRACTICE INFORMATION

Each team practices one evening per week for one hour. Practices are held Monday-Thursday, with the earliest start time being 6pm. Generally the younger the age-group, the earlier the practice. When you register, you can request a day or time that works best for your schedule, as well as requesting a particular coach or teammate. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. We provide balls and practice equipment here at the Y, and you are welcome to bring your own. Make sure you put your name on equipment you bring with you.

#### SPORTS CALENDAR

Our sports calendar runs in conjunction to the school calendar. We run our leagues from fall to summer and your child will play in the grade division they are in for that entire school calendar year, including the summer. You may choose to play your child up a division if you wish, but not down in a lower division unless a specified reason is approved by the sports department. Reminder that we give discounts for early registration as this allows us to get the teams placed quickly after that deadline. This allows us to communicate team placements more effectively. After the deadline the fee will be the regular price without the discount. Refunds can only be requested up to the first game weekend. After that, only a credit to the next season will be offered.

#### GAME INFORMATION

Games take place either on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Older teams (4th grade and up) often play more Friday evening games, whereas younger teams (PreK through 3rd Grade) tend to have more Saturday games. All teams will play seven games during the season and some seasons we may play weeknight games if needed. Teams in grades 4th & up may travel some weeks to local Central Florida YMCA's for away games. Please see our season information sheet for specific game information for each season. Game schedules will be posted on our Playerspace website the week following the first day of practices.



#### VOLUNTEER COACHES

Our coaches are background-screened volunteers who give back to their community through the sports that they love. They dedicate two hours a week to help kids develop skills, values and a love of the game.

##### Benefits of Coaching:

- > A coach will have more impact in one season than most people do in a lifetime
- > Coaches have fun with the youth in their community
- > Coaches get first pick of practice days/times
- > We hold a coaches' training each season so every coach is knowledgeable and informed

#### COACHES AND PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- > I truly understand that youth sports are intended for children and not for adults
- > I will place the well-being of the players ahead of my personal desire to win
- > I will treat each player with respect, & extend that respect to all parents, spectators and YMCA officials.
- > I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and fair play towards all players, opponents and coaches.