








AVALON PARK YMCA YOUTH SPORTS CALENDAR FALL 2017-SUMMER 2018

Season	Early Fall 2017	Late Fall 2017	Winter 2018	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Sports Offered (schedules subject to change)					
	Soccer Volleyball	Basketball Soccer	Basketball Football	Soccer Volleyball Basketball	Basketball Soccer
	7 GAMES	7 GAMES	7 GAMES	7 GAMES	7 GAMES
Early Registration Period (Guaranteed Placement)	Jul 1 - Aug 6	Sep 1 - Oct 8	Nov 1 - Dec 17	Jan 1 - Feb 25	Apr 1 - May 20
YMCA Member Early Registration	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90
Program Participant Early Registration	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170
Open Registration Period (Space is Limited)	Aug 7 - Aug 24	Oct 9 - Oct 26	Dec 18 - Jan 18	Feb 26 - Mar 29	May 21 - Jun 14
YMCA Member Open Registration	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Program Participant Open Registration	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180
Grades (Pre-K starts at age 3)	Soccer: PreK-12th Volleyball: 3rd-12th	Basketball: 2nd-12th Soccer: 1st-8th	Basketball: PK-12th Flag Football: K-12th	Soccer: PreK-12th Volleyball: 3rd-12th Basketball: 4th-12th	Basketball: PK-12th Soccer: 1st-8th
Practices Begin Week of...	Aug 14th	Oct 23rd	Jan 8th	March 12th	June 4th
Holiday Time Off	Sep 1-4	Nov 19-26	None	Mar 16-25	Jul 1-7
First Game	Aug 25/26	Nov 3/4	Jan 19/20	Mar 30/31	Jun 15/16
Last Game	Oct 13/14	Dec 15/16	Mar 3/4	May 18/19	Aug 3/4

For more information check out our sports website: avysports.playerspace.com
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2017-2018 PARENT INFORMATION

SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL

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 5pm. 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. Always bring your own ball for practices. Make sure you put your name on equipment you bring with you. We can provide balls and practice equipment at the gym, in the event you forget.

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. All players should wear plain black shorts on game day. Personal balls are not needed for games.

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.



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.