

## Coaching Check List:



- ALL COACHES use [system.gotsport.com](http://system.gotsport.com) to update/complete your Red Tape:
  - Complete the Risk Mgmt/background check (renew July every 2 years)
  - Complete Concussion Training Course (renew in July annually)
  - Complete Safe Sport Training Course (renew in July annually)
  - These are mandatory for all coaches of all youth sports in Louisiana to complete. They will need to be in good standing before the 1<sup>st</sup> game or risk not being insured and game forfeiture!
  
- CODE OF CONDUCT: Found online at [www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/conduct](http://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/conduct). Review it and adhere to it.
  
- ROSTER: Make sure all of the returning players you are expecting are listed. Contact Jaime Gagnon at [jme.ss81@gmail.com](mailto:jme.ss81@gmail.com).
  
- CALL PARENTS on your team roster by DATE: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tell them the days, time, and place of your practices this season. Take their requests into consideration.
  - Tell them how you plan on getting in touch with them for practice or game cancellations (by phone, by text, by email, by app like Team Snap or LeagueApps). Make sure you have their best contact information.
  - Find a parent to be an assistant coach to be at games/practices if things come up for you.
    - If you have an assistant coach, submit their name and email address to me so we can begin the registration and red tape process for your assistant coach.
  - Ask parents if they would like to volunteer a couple of man hours to help out under the tent on a game day. See VOLUNTEERS.
  - Ask parents if their company could sponsor your team this season. See TEAM SPONSOR.
  - Tell parents about where to get their game day jerseys and the color socks to buy. See UNIFORMS.
  - Make sure they bring the proper equipment to practices:
    - Shin guards and Cleats (or tennis shoes)
    - Water bottle
    - Soccer ball of the appropriate size. See SSYS GAME RULES (online).
  - Direct parents to the Parent Info & FAQs online at <https://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/faq> for any other questions.
  
- BOOK PRACTICES: may begin now.
  - Fields are reserved online for the entire season through [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). For Youngsville teams, use YSC or Foster Park, for Broussard teams, use SJP. LHC/SSYS can be used as overflow if needed. (Practice booking will be through a separate email with a link.) Booked practices slots are effective immediately.
  - Practices can be held at any public park or school (with permission from the principal) on a first come, first served basis. Coaches who practice at a location other than SJP, SSYS, Foster, or YSC must contact Brian Martinez at [brianmartinez2799@gmail.com](mailto:brianmartinez2799@gmail.com) and fill out an insurance form.
  - To view maps to the parks you can go here: <https://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/facilities/>
  - At SSYS, you need to park by pulling all the way in and up to the barrier. No part of your vehicle should be in the road. No parallel parking.

- HELP FOR COACHES:
  - FREE COACHING CLINIC for new coaches. Be dressed to play and bring a soccer ball.
    - U4-U6; YSC #5 DATE & TIME: \_\_\_\_\_
    - U7-up; YSC #5 DATE & TIME: \_\_\_\_\_
  - You will be signed up for Soccer 101 emails by SSYS Staff. Emails come weekly on Sundays.
  
- CLEAT SWAP
  - How it works: CLEAN your gently used, outgrown cleats, TIE the laces together, and LABEL with size (masking tape on the bottom is preferable). You can donate outgrown jerseys as well.
  - TAKE HOME a “new to you” pair of cleats from the Youngsville Sports Complex Field #3 DATE & TIME: \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*Players do not need to donate a pair to pick up a pair.
  
- COACHES JERSEY
  - Head Coaches get one jersey paid for by SSYS to wear in the same cycle as the player jerseys.
  - Teams are allowed to have ONE Assistant Coach with them on the sidelines during the game. This person is chosen by the Head Coach. This Assistant Coach must complete a background check, concussion training, and safe sport certification (“red tape”) to be listed as the assistant. IF an Assistant Coach has completed their red tape AND the team has a Team Sponsor, then the Assistant Coach will also get a jersey paid for by SSYS. If the team does not have a sponsor, coaches jerseys for the Assistant Coach can be purchased at the Game Day tent for \$20.
  
- PARK RULES: \*\*Youngsville Sports Complex and St. Julien Park in Broussard rules: (Please share these with your parents, grandparents, etc.)
  - You are not allowed to bring ANY food or drink into the park including snacks for after the game. Repeated non-compliance will result in the elimination of Southside’s ability to use the complexes. You may bring water bottles to the parks; St. Julien Park does not provide soccer players with water coolers on the benches.
  - Any time the Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System predicts lightning, an alarm will sound once for 15 seconds. At that time all games are suspended, and you must immediately seek a safe shelter. Police will not allow you to stay on the fields and they will ask you to return to your vehicle to wait. Activities may resume after you hear three 5-second blasts of the horn.
  
- PHOTOGRAPHS
  - Photographs will be available for purchase this season through Burnum Massey Photography.
  
- SCHEDULES: will be online at [www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/schedules/](http://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/schedules/) approximately 10 days before the games start. Do not print out schedules as they may be subject to change. Check the night before a game online to verify that you will be going to the right field/complex.
  - **NO RESCHEDULES FOR GAMES.** *For U7-U16 games, the schedule should not be changed nor requested to be changed by a coach or SSYS member.* The schedule will remain as it is unless there is a club issue (referee shortage, double-booked field, weather event).
  - For U4-U6 games, you may ask the opposing coach to switch to a different day/time if it is convenient for both of you and you have contacted Jaime at [jme.ssys81@gmail.com](mailto:jme.ssys81@gmail.com) at least 48 hours in advance of the change for field availability.

- TEAM NAME: If you would like your team name changed on the schedule, please email Jaime Gagnon at [jme.ssys81@gamil.com](mailto:jme.ssys81@gamil.com) with your updated team name.
- TEAM SPONSOR: Each team must find someone who can donate \$150 (U4-U6 teams)/\$200 (U7 and older teams) to South Side Youth Soccer on behalf of your team. (There are other options for sponsors who want to see their names and/or logos posted up at the field; these types of sponsorships will count as your Team Sponsorship as well.) The money will go toward field upkeep, coach supplies, as well as our increased refereeing fees and is **mandatory for each team**. Please contact Brian Martinez with questions: [brianmartinez2799@gmail.com](mailto:brianmartinez2799@gmail.com)
- UNIFORMS: Uniforms shall be picked up and paid for directly at Third Coast Soccer (3501 Amb. Caffery). Each player will need to purchase a home and away jersey which will be good for 2 years (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.) Each player will also need black soccer shorts and white soccer socks. (\*Exception for teams who choose another soccer color for their entire team to wear.) Teams may not print sponsor names or logos on the jerseys. Please contact Ricky Calais with questions: [calaisricky@hotmail.com](mailto:calaisricky@hotmail.com).
- VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteer parents as game day runners under the tent on Saturdays at both parks. Duties involve finding sponsorship signs coaches, running goalie shirts out to the fields when needed, contacting the concession stand for more bench water or First-Aid, and directing spectators to their correct field. Contact Brian Martinez at [brianmartinez2799@gmail.com](mailto:brianmartinez2799@gmail.com) to sign up for a 2-3 hour time slot.
- In the Spring, we have ALL-STAR Games
  - U8-U12 age groups only. Practices & Games are the week after the last game. Times TBD.
- In the Fall, we host a Halloween Havoc Tournament
  - U4-U8 age groups play one jamboree game. This game is on your game schedule for the season though times may change for the U7 & U8 age groups.
  - U9-U14 age groups play ~3 games over the Halloween weekend. These games are not on the game schedule for the season, but make sure your parents know that you will play this weekend. (Don't schedule vacation or birthday parties the weekend of Halloween.)
- YOUR GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES:
  - Have players show up to the games a few minutes early for pre-game warmups.
  - Introduce yourself to the game official and the opposing teams' coach.
    - Make sure you are on the same page as the referee with the rules. How will "bad" throw-ins be handled? Will I be able to use free substitution (You should be able to)? Do you understand the build-out line? Prevent confusion during game time.
  - Conduct yourself in a manner worthy of a role model because that is what you are to these players. Speak to the referees civilly, many of whom are teenagers with their first jobs. No cursing. You signed a Code of Conduct agreement when you registered.
  - Coach and encourage your team during the game. Inform on and enforce rules with your players: uniform and other game play rules. Only U4-U6 coaches are allowed to blow whistles during game time. U7-U16 coaches DO NOT try and officiate the game from the sideline!! If you would like to officiate, please call the SSYS Office.
  - **Respect weaker teams. Don't allow your best players to run up the scores.**
    - For U4-U6 teams, consider pulling your players into a corner at kickoff and allowing the weaker team an opportunity to run down the field a bit before allowing your team to

attack. All players should have the opportunity to score during games. We do not keep score at this age and it's a thrill for ANY player to get a goal. What an ego boost!!

- For U7-U14 teams, we have an updated sportsmanship rule. Only a goal differential of no more than 5 goals will be kept officially on [gotsoccer.com](http://gotsoccer.com). (A 8-1 score will be recorded as 6-1.) Here are some options if you find yourself in a place where the score difference is 5 or more goals:
  - Make your team stronger by allowing weaker players a chance on offense.
  - Tell players who have scored that they can't cross the mid-line.
  - Play one player (or 2 players) shorter than the other team.
  - Make up rules for your team like you can only shoot on the goal if the ball is volleyed in the air or passed 6 times without being touched by the other team.

**Once a game has an 8 goal differential, any additional goals scored by the winning team will not count, and the game will restart with the defensive team taking a goal kick.** Verify this new rule with your referee BEFORE the game begins.

- Coaches and players must clean their bench area before leaving the sideline.
  - Have fun!!!
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- If you have any questions or concerns through the season, please contact the office: 337-453-2038 or Brian Martinez at [brianmartinez2799@gmail.com](mailto:brianmartinez2799@gmail.com)
  
  - Have a great season!

## Coaching FAQs

### South Side Youth Soccer

#### Coaching

- **Do I have to know something about soccer to coach a team?**
  - For U4-U6 teams, you don't need to know anything! The focus here is on developing skills like running with a ball, kicking the ball in the direction you intended it to go and just having fun with friends.
  - For U7 and older teams, it helps if you have seen a game before, but we give you lots of help and assistance to get you up to speed if not.
  
- **What kind of coaching help does SSYS provide?**
  - Youth Soccer 101 emails come to your email every Sunday. These are game plans and activities for your training session which include age-appropriate activities. Use it entirely or gather ideas and hold your own unique session.
  - Coaching Clinic before the season begins. This is a live training session on the soccer field where professional coaches will show you activities to use during your training sessions and answer your questions.
  - Age group coordinators and the soccer office are available to answer your questions throughout the season by email.
  
- **What perks do Recreational SSYS Coaches receive?**
  - SSYS allows our Rec coaches the ability to choose their own day, time, and place of practice in most cases. Since we have grown, we allow coaches to schedule their practice time online. They will be given access to the practice scheduling around the coaches' meeting. If practices are held at SSYS, YSC, Foster, or SJP, practices are booked online. Most fields (though not all) are HALF FIELDS that are booked. If no one shows up to practice on the other half, you may practice on the full field. Coaches are allowed to practice at any public park, school, or even their backyard as long as they have insured the area through us.
  - Coaches can recruit players to their team if there is room on their roster and the players were NOT recruited from an existing SSYS team.
  - We try to give coaches a little something extra for their volunteer time. As an "extra" perk, new coaches can pick up a ball bag, cones, mesh jerseys, and a whistle from us at the park on game day under the Tent. These extras can be obtained on a first come, first served basis.
  - Coaches may choose for their team to wear team socks other than the mandated white socks. For example, the entire team may wear hot pink soccer socks or socks with sharks on them if the coach chooses. (Sock purchases are not the responsibility of the league.)
  
- **If I volunteer to coach more than one team how does SSYS help me?**
  - For our head coaches who coach multiple teams, they are offered practice time slots before coaches who coach one team. Most practice their younger team first then their older team on the same day and they are done for the week! We will do our absolute best to make sure your two teams' games do not overlap during regular season play. Many of our families have multiple children playing and many have overlapping games. This is something that we can prevent for a limited number of families, so we choose to help our multiple-team head coaches!

- **What kind of training do I need to take in order to coach?**
  - Per Louisiana Soccer Association (LSA/"the State") regulations, before having contact with youth through sports you must complete three (3) things: a Risk Management/Background Check, CDC Heads Up! Concussion Training online course and SafeSport Certification online course (collectively called "red tape").
    - The first course is the annual (beginning in July each year) CDC Heads Up Concussion training; it takes approx. 25 minutes to watch and complete.
    - The second course is the annual (beginning in July each year) Safe Sport certification about harassment, misconduct, etc.; it takes approx. 1.5 hours to complete.
  
- **Do I have to take the background check and online training sessions again this season?**
  - Background checks are good for two years. The other red tape requirement courses are good for one year starting in July each year. Once July comes around, the certificates expire and will have to be completed again.
  
- **My neighbor/nephew/high school daughter wants to coach, can they?**
  - We allow high school students to help out during practice sessions without needing to complete all the red tape. We need an adult to manage the team. The adult will be considered the Head Coach, they will complete the red tape, receive a coaches jersey, have their name associated with the team for scheduling, and should communicate with the parents.
  
- **How many Assistant Coaches can I have?**
  - Each team can have ONE Assistant Coach. This person is allowed on the sidelines during game time if they have taken and passed their background check, concussion training, and safe sport training. If the team has a team sponsorship, the Assistant Coach will be eligible for a coach's jersey.
  - You can have any number of people helping during your practice times, but they will not be added to the system, not mandated to take the "red tape," not be able to coach from the coaches sideline, nor be eligible for a coaches jersey.
  
- **What rules do coaches have to follow?**
  - In Recreational league, coaches must play each child at the game at least 50% of the game time they are present. Please bring concerns about playing time to the age group coordinator before adjusting.
  - Enforcing regulation uniforms. Each player must have an SSYS sponsor-printed jersey for games, along with black soccer shorts, soccer socks, and shin guards. Earrings are not allowed to be worn during games. Earrings may be taped up at the referee's discretion.
  - Showing good sportsmanship. We are all here for our youth. Please do not yell discouraging things at the players, referees, or other coaches. Follow the Coaches Code of Conduct.
  - Parents and spectators must sit on the opposite side of the field than players and coaches. Coaches should encourage parents to all sit on the "parent side" of the field. U6 and older teams may only have 1-2 official coaches on the "players' side" of the field. Sometimes U4 and U5 coaches need a little more help, so we allow some adult help on the bench.
  - Game rules for each age group and the SSYS Policy must be adhered to and can be found online.

## Rosters

- **How are players assigned to teams?**
  - Players are re-assigned to the team they played on the previous soccer season (Fall/Spring) if they request to rejoin that team. All returning players have until the registration deadline date to request to be re-assigned to their returning team.
  - After the registration deadline, players are placed in order of registration date – first come, first placed by request. A player can request to play with a particular coach, player, school, or complex and we fulfill those requests in order of registration date.
  - If a coach is new to SSYS, they can request the roster of their choice up to roster max for the first season. After the first season, players are added as above – by returning to the team before the deadline date and then by order of registration after the deadline date.
  - Players can choose not to return to their returning team. These players are placed by request after the deadline date.
- **What is the roster size for my age group?**

Roster Sizes:	<b>4v4</b>	<b>5v5</b>	<b>7v7</b>	<b>9v9</b>	<b>11v11</b>
MIN	6	7	9	11	13
MAX	7	8	10	12	15
Coach requests one over Max	8	9	11	13	16

- **How do I view my roster on LeagueApps?**
  - Login to LeagueApps at [ladynamojuniors.leagueapps.com](http://ladynamojuniors.leagueapps.com)
  - Under My Staff Assignments, you will see your team name(s)
  - Click on a team name, then click on Roster in the left column
  - The names displayed are your current registered players.
- **Can a player be rostered (play on) multiple teams?**
  - Players can only be rostered on one team during a soccer season. If there is a need for a player to play on a different team than the one they are rostered to, it must be approved in advanced by the SSYS Committee.

## Uniforms

- **Where do players get their game day jerseys?**
  - Players can purchase their jerseys at Third Coast Soccer 337-534-2081 {100 William O Stutes St. Suite B near Sam's Club}. Tell the guys at the desk that you are playing for South Side Youth Soccer and they will get the two jerseys for your player. Players can try on the jerseys at Third Coast Soccer before purchase.
- **Which color jersey do players wear for games?**
  - Orange is for Home games. White is for Away games.
  - Your team is Home if you are listed first on the game schedule. Your team is Away if you are listed second on the game schedule... regardless of which park your game is held.
- **What about the rest of the uniform?**
  - Players should wear black athletic shorts purchased from any store.



- Shin guards are mandatory for practices and games.
  - Cleats or sneakers can be worn for practices or games. Baseball cleats (with a front cleat) are not allowed.
  - Game day socks are white unless the coach/team chooses another color for their entire team to wear (like hot pink or shark socks).
- **Can we add a sponsor name, team name or player names to our jerseys?**
    - No, we have jersey sponsors who pay to have the rights to their name designated as sponsors on our jerseys for four seasons. If your sponsor would like to be the uniform sponsor for the next four-season cycle, contact us at 337-453-2038.
  - **How do I get a coach's jersey? Can I get one for my assistant coach?**
    - Head Coaches get one jersey paid for by SSYS to wear in the same cycle as the player jerseys.
    - Teams are allowed to have ONE Assistant Coach with them on the sidelines during the game. This person is chosen by the Head Coach. This Assistant Coach must complete a background check, concussion training, and safe sport certification ("red tape") to be listed as the assistant. IF an Assistant Coach has completed their red tape AND the team has a Team Sponsor, then the Assistant Coach will also get a jersey paid for by SSYS. If a team does not have a sponsor and the Assistant Coach has completed the red tape requirements, a jersey can be purchased for \$20.
    - Jerseys can be picked up under the game day tent beginning with the first game. Sizes are ordered in bulk 6 months before the season starts. Sizes and jerseys are first come, first served. All "red tape" must be complete before picking up your coach's jersey.

## **Sponsorship**

- **How is the Team Sponsorship money spent?**
  - We have team sponsors to offset the costs of the league without increasing our individual player fees. Individual fees are lower due to the generosity of our team sponsors.
  - The team sponsorship money goes to players' medals, coach jerseys, coach awards, cones, mesh jerseys, ball bags, and whistles for new coaches, increased referee fees, increased referee assignor fees, increased complex fees, soccer scholarships, and fees for background checks for our coaches.
- **How can I make a bigger impact?**
  - Team Sponsors are \$150 for U4-U6 teams and \$200 for U7-U14 teams. Team Sponsors get their name on a large banner that stays up the entire season at both Youngsville Sports Complex and St. Julien Park in Broussard for more exposure.
  - We have Field Sponsorships for \$1,000 which included your company logo prominently displayed on an 8'x3' Monsoon portable billboard at the Youngsville Sports Complex for a one-year commitment of advertising.
  - We have Uniform Sponsors for four seasons (two years) with your company logo displayed on all recreational jerseys. For more information, contact us at 337-453-2038.
- **How do I turn in sponsor money?**
  - Checks and cash can be turned in to the game tent on game days, delivered to the SSYS Soccer Office, or mailed to SSYS Soccer Office, 221 Southpark Road, Suite C2, Lafayette, LA 70508.



- Online payments can be made through player registration, on our website: <https://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/sponsorship/> or by calling the soccer office at 337-453-2038.

## **Games**

- **Where can I find the game schedule?**
  - You can find the game schedule online at [www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/schedules/](http://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/schedules/) after it is posted for the season. Do not print out schedules as they may be subject to change. Check the night before a game online to verify that you will be going to the right field/complex.
- **I am a Youngsville team, why do I have a game scheduled in Broussard? Or visa-versa...**
  - A team is designated a team of a particular complex for their practices and as a place to play the majority of their games. Teams should play most of their games at their “home” complex but may travel for a small number of games to the other complex so there are a good mix of teams against instead of playing against fewer teams over and over again.
- **How do I reschedule games if I or my players have a conflict?**
  - **NO RESCHEDULES FOR GAMES.** *For U7-U14 games, the schedule should not be changed nor requested to be changed by a coach or SSYS member.* The schedule should remain as it is unless there is a club issue (referee shortage, double-booked field, weather event).
  - For U4-U6 games, you may ask the opposing coach to switch to a different day/time if it is convenient for both of you and you have contacted Jaime at [jme.ssys81@gmail.com](mailto:jme.ssys81@gmail.com) at least 48 hours in advance of the change.
  - If the minimum number of players for your age group can show up for the game, then the game needs to be played. If the coach can't be there, an assistant or parent should step up and coach the game in his/her absence. The opposing team should take into consideration the number of players you are fielding and make adjustments, though this is not mandated by SSYS. Suggestions include both teams playing short-handed (which causes the team with more players to get less playing time) or have the team with more players give a player or two to the short-handed team to play equally (thus giving all players more playing time.) The referee needs to be informed of whatever changes are implemented. If one team gives up players to a short-handed team, the game should be played for fun for the players and should go down as a forfeit loss to the short-handed team taking on extra players.
  - If the minimum number of players for your age group CANNOT show up for the game, you must follow this process:
    - 1. Contact Jaime [jme.ssys81@gmail.com](mailto:jme.ssys81@gmail.com) at least 3 days before the game is scheduled for opponent email and notification of possible game time changes.
    - 2. Contact the opposing coach and request a reschedule.
    - 3. Find a field by looking for empty practice fields online or booking on a Sunday at SJP.
    - 4. Find and pay your own referee. Do not ask Bryan.
    - 5. Confirm with Jaime to cancel your referee and change your game time.
    - 6. The winning team should turn in the score to Jaime or Brian.
  - If you need to forfeit a game within 24 hours of game play, contact Brian at 337-852-4762.
- **Where do Coaches stand during a game and where can I not stand?**
  - **U4-U6** Teams will have one coach for each team on the field with the players at all times. This means there will be no more than two adults on the field during game play. An assistant coach

or helping parent should be sitting on the bench with those players who are not currently playing. This adult should also be helping to keep track of game time.

- **U7-U14** We assign game referees at these levels. Teams will have one coach and one assistant coach on the sidelines during gameplay. Coaches for both teams will be on the same sideline with the players, opposite the parents. Coaches must stand near their bench. They may walk down the sideline from the mid-line to the nearest goal. Coaches may NOT cross the mid-line toward the opposing team's bench and their sideline, may NOT stand behind the goalkeeper's box, nor enter the field once the game is in play for any reason until and unless the referee stops the game play and motions you on the field. This means that if a player is hurt, you must wait until the referee motions you onto the field before attending to the player. Teach your players that if they become hurt or ill during the game, they should kneel to get the attention of the referee and/or the coach.
- **What do I do if the referee doesn't know some of the rules or is not making calls? Throw-ins, build out lines, pushing, tripping, etc.**
  - The coach should introduce themselves to the referee before the game and review how questionable calls will be made. Will the team with a bad throw in get another chance or will the ball go to the opposing team? What is the referee's understanding of the Build Out Lines? Is the referee quick to make physical calls or do they tend to let the players play on?
  - Many calls are allowed to be made at the referee's discretion. Shoulder-to-shoulder pushing, even resulting in a fall, is allowed. Elbowing should not be. A player who tackles the ball causing a play to trip is allowed. A player blatantly tripping a player without the ball should not be. Some referees call any hand-balls whether intentional or not, some only call those with intention. FYI, a hand-ball includes the whole arm!
  - If a coach has a problem with the referee's calls during the game, they should send an assistant or a parent to the game day tent WHILE the game is in play.
- **What happens if games are cancelled due to weather?**
  - You will be notified of game cancellations due to weather by email as soon as we know.
  - We will reschedule games cancelled due to weather one time in the season.
  - Games may be made up on Sundays or some weekday nights.

## Practices/Training Sessions

- **When can I begin booking practice sessions?**
  - If you are Head coaching multiple teams, you will be contacted to book your sessions early as a perk.
  - If you are Head coaching one team, you will receive an email from SSYS with instructions when it is time to book your practice session. Time slots are taken on a first come, first served basis.
- **How do I book practice sessions?**
  - Head coaches are given a link for SignUpGenius leading up to the booking date. Log on when it's time, look for a location, day, and time slot that fits you, and book!
- **How do I move my practice time slot if I need to change my location, day, or time?**
  - When practices are booked on a particular day at a particular time, it is booked for the team for the entire season on that day, at that time, each week. We encourage coaches to practice on that day each week so the field is not sitting there empty.

- All rebooking practices must go through the SSYS office. Coaches are not able to move or rebook practice times on their own in the system.
- **How many practice sessions can I book?**
  - U4-U8 teams may only book one practice session.
  - U9-U14 teams may book a second session through the SSYS office. Second sessions can be requested approximately one week after the first sessions are available for booking. Check your email for requesting second practice information.
- **Where can I find the practice schedule?**
  - Once posted, you can find the practice schedule online at [www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/schedules/](http://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/schedules/)
- **Where can I find a map of the fields?**
  - You can find maps of all our fields online at <https://www.southsideyouthsoccer.com/facilities/>
  - You can also find a physical map of each complex at that particular complex posted on a fence or wall.
- **What do I do if someone else is practicing on the field I booked during my booked time slot?**
  - If you are early, ask the coach when their practice ends.
  - If the coach's time conflicts with your booked time, find out the coach's last name and look online for the practice schedule. Sometimes a coach does not know where their booked field is located or is making up a practice and thought the field was empty.
  - If the field is booked by you and you are on the right field at the right time, kindly explain that you have booked the field and show the evidence.
  - If they refuse to move, please contact the SSYS Office. We will need the name of the coach.
- **How will I know if the fields are closed due to weather?**
  - Field closures happen at the Complex level. The Director of Youngsville Sports Complex makes the call for closing that complex and Foster Park. The Director of St. Julien Park makes the call for closing that complex. SSYS has control over SSYS/LHC field use only.
  - The Directors normally make the call at 3:00pm each day in question.
  - SSYS will email out to all members around 3:00pm if the fields will be closed. You can also find the information on our website home page.
- **How do I book a make-up practice session?**
  - Make-up practices are not booked.
  - You may have a practice session with your team when you and your team are available. First, look at the practice schedule online to find open fields and time slots. Those fields which are not booked (empty) can be used on a first come, first served basis to any teams looking to have a practice on that field.
- **Can my team practice somewhere other than YSC, SJP, Foster Park, or SSYS/LHC Fields?**
  - Yes. Your team can practice at any public park, school (with permission of the school's principal), or plot of land. You need to let the SSYS Office know where you will be practicing and fill out a field insurance form so we can insure the land for you and your team.

- **I want to coach! Who do I contact?**

- You can contact the Registrar Jaime Gagnon at [jme.ssys81@gmail.com](mailto:jme.ssys81@gmail.com) or indicate your willingness to coach on your child's registration to be contacted by the SSYS Office.