

Smiths Station United Soccer Association

Adult League - Spring 2021

One Club. One Culture. One Family.

Welcome to adult league soccer at Smiths Station! Our mission is to provide a platform for all adults in our community to enjoy the Beautiful Game. We strongly believe in the benefits of playing soccer; however, we also understand the diversity that our community brings to the pitch and, thus, the experience we seek while on it. This league will be structured to maximize the fun and enjoyment for every player type, from the most competitive and experienced baller to the casual, first-time player.

- REGISTRATION

- Players may register as individuals or as part of a group of up to 7. To register in a group, enter your group name in the corresponding box during registration.
- Cost: \$100 per player

Included:

- Scheduled field access for team practice
- Minimum of 8 games with certified officials and game balls
- Two Jersey shirts
- Optional training session with certified coaches

Requirements:

- Players must be at least 18 years of age
- Players must provide their own equipment, including: cleats, shin guards, shorts and any other athletic gear. See: "04 The Player's Equipment"; *IFAB/FIFA Laws of the Game*
- All participants must have a signed liability release and COVID waiver on file with Smith Station United Soccer Association

Key Dates:

- 1/9, 1/30 - In person registration date
- 2/15 - fields open for practice
- 3/21 - First games
- 5/16 - Championship Final

**Games may be rescheduled by request at least one week in advance

- SEASON OUTLINE - subject to change based on registration results

- Divisions:

- The league will be split into casual and competitive divisions
 - **Competitive:** is for those seeking the greatest challenge and the glory of competing for victory alongside teammates. There is no minimum experience or skill level to play competitive; the only requirement is your pledge of commitment to your team!
 - **Casual:** is for anyone who wants to experience the joys

of playing soccer in a friendly and laid back environment. You do it for the fun, the friendship, and some great exercise!

- Teams:
 - Teams will be auto drafted by the league
 - All players who enter the same group name during registration will be placed on the same team up to the maximum group size
 - Teams will be balanced by age and playing experience to ensure a competitive season
- Practices:
 - Days and times for field access will be provided preseason
 - Teams may choose to practice onsite at any point during allotted times
 - No restrictions will be placed on total practice time
 - Teams may arrange their own practices off premises
- Games:
 - Games will be held on Sunday afternoons with the potential for alternate make up game days
 - Game formats will be announced at close of registration
 - Season will be split into regular season and playoff games
 - Regular season bracket and playoff format will be drawn at close of registration
 - Playoff bracket will be drawn based on regular season results
 - Competitive division will play for the Smith Station Copa de Mayo title
 - Full concessions will be available
- **CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Players, spectators, and officials are expected to uphold the values of respect, equality, and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

In line with this league's goals of community, and the tradition of sportsmanship in this game across the globe, SSUSA will enforce a **zero tolerance policy** for the following behavior:

- Open disrespect or disregard towards match or club officials
- ANY physical altercations outside of the rules and play of game
- Repeated or severe verbal abuse or use of profanity
- Smoking or consumption of alcohol on premises
- Any on-field action that draws a red card

Any persons found guilty of this behavior will be ejected from the premises and banned from all club events for the remainder of the season,

pending a SSUSA board review and hearing. Players found guilty will forfeit their league registration with no refund.

- COVID CONSIDERATIONS
 - All players, officials, staff, spectators, and any other persons within the field space are subject to local, state, and federal COVID restrictions
 - We ask that all persons observe 6 foot social distancing and/or face covering where possible, especially near non-household members
 - Any behavior by any persons judged to be unsafe by league, club, or city officials may be met by a warning and/or dismissal from the park
- LAWS OF THE GAME

This league will conform to the **IFAB/FIFA Laws of the Game**, except where otherwise stated in this document.

Link to the official 2021 FIFA Laws of the Game:

<https://resources.fifa.com/image/upload/ifab-laws-of-the-game-2020-21.pdf?cloudid=d6g1medsi8jrrd3e4imp>

- Officials:
 - Head referees must be at least 18 years of age
 - Assistant referees may be under 18 for the purposes of training and development
 - Spectators and players may not address underage officials under any circumstances
- Fouls and Misconduct:
 - Slide tackling is prohibited in casual division competitions
 - On field profanity will be considered a yellow card offence
 - All red card bookings, including through yellow card accumulation, will result in the offending player's suspension for the remainder of the season, as per league Code of Conduct
- Substitutions:
 - No limit shall be placed on the number of substitutions allowed per game
 - No limit shall be placed on return substitutions; in other words, players may substitute off and back onto the field of play
 - Players to be substituted into play must stand at the center field line and wait to be called on by the officials
 - Number of players: TBD
 - Field Dimensions: Will correspond to the number of players as guided by US Soccer

ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SMITHS STATION UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained for participation in this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activity in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activity.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) **I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE** from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this activity, **THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: SMITHS STATION UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION (SSUSA)** and/or their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents, and the activity holders, sponsors, and volunteers;

(B) **INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE** the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.

I acknowledge that **SSUSA** and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

I acknowledge that this activity may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, monitors, and/or producers of the activity. These risks are not only inherent to participants, but are also present for volunteers.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this activity.

I understand while participating in this activity, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the activity holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns. The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____