



# Spring 2012 Melbourne Eau Gallie United Soccer Club

[www.megusoccer.com](http://www.megusoccer.com)

## Recreational Player Registration Form

(NOT for competitive team registration)

Player Name (first, mi, last) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previous Club & Season of Play: \_\_\_\_\_ *birth certificate required for first time registrants*  
 Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_ EMail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMED CONSENT/INSURANCE NOTICE

FYSA RECOMMENDS THAT PLAYERS NOT REGISTER TO A TEAM WHOSE AGE GROUP EXCEEDS THE PLAYER'S NORMAL AGE. It is FYSA's policy that all players compete at a level they are capable of both physically and developmentally. For a player to move up more than one normal age grouping will require approval from the affiliate's director of coaching or agent of record, and the FYSA Director of Coaching.

**INSURANCE NOTICE:** All injuries must be reported within 90 days of the date of the injury.

**INFORMED CONSENT:** I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, agree that we will abide by the rules of MEGU Soccer, the state association (FYSA) and all its affiliated organizations. My/our child wishes to participate in soccer during the season of this registration. I/we realize risks are involved in my/our child's participation. I/we understand that the risk to my/our child includes full range of injuries from minor to severe, and the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. I/we accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

Parent/Guardian

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I/we understand that MEGU is a volunteer organization; MEGU requires each player to pay a \$15 non-volunteer fee at the time of registration. Each family must volunteer a MINIMUM of two hours per player registered in order to be eligible for a refund of the \$15 volunteer rebate\*.

----I expect to volunteer and be eligible for the \$15 volunteer rebate refund– feel free to contact me as needed.

----I prefer not to volunteer– please do not contact me for volunteer assignments.

----Contact me regarding a coach or board position- and possible fee waivers for my children.

**Recreational Fee: \$115.00 for U10-U19 teams OR \$90.00 for U6-U8 (U6 must be 4 by 8/27/11).**

**Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Registration is not complete until full payment and documents are rec'd.**

**Registrations submitted after this date will be considered as space becomes available, and must include a \$15 late fee.**

Mail to: MEGU Soccer Club

P.O. Box 120125

W. Melbourne, FL 32912-0125

Or drop off at: Dick's Sporting Goods\*\* (Melbourne Square Mall, 1700 W New Haven Ave, Melbourne)

\*\* Dick's Sporting Goods is a drop off point only, and is in no way responsible for this registration; do not address questions/comments to their staff.

**Be sure to include the following with this application:**

- Signed application
- Birth certificate copy (all players not previously registered and verified with FYSA)
- Check or money order payable to MEGU Soccer (no cash please):
  - o \$115 (U10-U19) or \$90 (U6-U8 only) registration fee
  - o plus additional \$15 if postmarked after 1/31/2012
  - o includes refundable \$15 volunteer rebate

Do you have questions? See our FAQ's at [www.megusoccer.com](http://www.megusoccer.com) or E-mail [megurecreg@gmail.com](mailto:megurecreg@gmail.com)

**REFUNDS:** MEGU will refund your registration fee if unable to provide an age appropriate team for your child. Board must approve all other refund requests. There will be a \$15 charge for withdrawal after players have been registered with FYSA. \*\$15 volunteer rebate will be refunded upon completion/verification of volunteer hours. Refunds must be approved by MEGU's president, volunteer/concessions coordinator or recreational registrar.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players at least 4 prior to season start date and no older than 18 years old by August 1, 2011 are eligible to register providing they are not currently registered or under suspension/ bad standing with any USYSA affiliated association, club, or team.

**TEAM PLACEMENT:** In order to provide balanced teams, MEGU's registrar will place players randomly within their age group. If there are any special accommodations needed for your child, please note on application. Teams will be formed approximately 2 weeks prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> game. Coaches will contact players at that time. **You will not be contacted to confirm registration prior to that time.** You may request additional info from [megurecreg@gmail.com](mailto:megurecreg@gmail.com)

**SEASON (GAME) DATES:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**REGISTRATION:** includes FYSA/BYSL fees, uniform (shirt, short, socks), referee, field use, maintenance.

**Trophies, pictures, other equipment are not included.** Your check may not be deposited until start of season.

## **FYSA CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Players**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper resisting the temptation to retaliate.
- I will always exercise self control.
- Conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game", and in adherence to FYSA rules.
- While traveling, shall conduct themselves so as to bring credit to themselves and their team.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

### **Coaches/Volunteers**

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players
- I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will be demonstrate knowledgeable of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
- Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.
- Coach's actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs
- I will accurately and completely complete the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

### **Parents/Spectators**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all time.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.

### **Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:**

- 1st offense suspension minimum thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years
- 2nd offense suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of Ten (10) years
- 3rd offense suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years

**NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in FYSA's rule section 600 before the implementation of any suspension.**

## **Frequently Asked Questions about MEGU Recreational Soccer**

See [www.megusoccer.com](http://www.megusoccer.com) for additional info!

### **What Is MEGU's Recreational Soccer Philosophy?**

The most important aspect of recreational soccer BY FAR is that the players have fun! The goals for your player, team, and coach should be:

- Have fun!
- Meet and make new friends
- Take part in a healthy activity
- Learn some soccer skills
- Have some more fun!

### **Is soccer safe?**

We try to keep soccer injury free, but it is a contact sport. Injuries do happen. And there is arguably at least as much physical contact in soccer as most other contact sports. This is why you sign the waiver on the registration form each season. You can help reduce risk. Always be sure your player has shin guards and shoes on during play or practice.

Provide them with LOTS of water (dehydration is a common risk in sports). Older players should stretch properly before games/practices. When games are called due to lightning, remove your child from the field to a solid structure immediately.

### **How Are Teams Selected?**

There are no tryouts or selection processes in recreational soccer. All players, by rule, play at least half the game. Players are more or less randomly placed on teams by the registrar.

**I think my child has the skills, determination, and maturity to focus on competition instead of just recreation.**

### **What can I do?**

MEGU also has a very accomplished Competitive Division, including Premier and State Cup teams. If your child is 8 years of older, tryouts are held once a year at the beginning of June. See website for additional info ([www.megusoccer.com](http://www.megusoccer.com))

### **How Old Must My Child Be To Play?**

All children must be 4 years old prior to start of season by FYSA rules

### **Do I need to supply proof of age?**

A copy of the player's birth certificate must be on file for new players; a previously player who has had his/her birth day previously verified by FYSA does not need to do so again.

### **Are there geographic boundaries for registration purposes?**

No.

### **Can my children all be placed on the same team?**

Yes. Please note the other sibling's name on the other's registration form, and your wish to have both placed on the same team, and if they are in the SAME age group, we will try to accommodate.

### **Can my child be placed on the same team with his friend?**

This may happen by chance. Please note in your registration form if you need certain placement due to transportation issues.

### **In What Age Group Is My Child?**

Our recreational teams are in two year age groupings. It is recommended that each player play within their age group. Some exceptions (WITH STATE APPROVAL) may be made that allow players to play "up" into an older age group, but a player may not play "down" into a lower age group.

## **2011-2012 Age Group chart - Recreational Program**

### **Birth Date Range Recreational Age Group**

8/1/05 thru 7/31/07 U6  
8/1/03 thru 7/31/05 U8  
8/1/01 thru 7/31/03 U10  
8/1/99 thru 7/31/01 U12  
8/1/97 thru 7/31/99 U14  
8/1/95 thru 7/31/97 U16  
8/1/92 thru 7/31/95 U19

**How is the game played?**

For more details, reference FYSA's handbook. Visit [www.FYSA.com](http://www.FYSA.com)

## **Basic Recreational Game Specifications**

### **Age Ball Size Length of Game**

U6 #3 Jamboree/Festival format with multiple games for about 40 min.

U8 #3 40 minutes (4-12 minute quarters)

U10 #4 50 minutes (2-25 minute halves)

U12 #4 60 minutes (2-30 minute halves)

U14 #5 70 minutes (2-35 minute halves)

U16 #5 80 minutes (2-40 minute halves)

U19 #5 90 minutes (2-45 minute halves)

### **Where will my child practice and play?**

Home games are held on Saturdays (and occasionally Sundays) at Southwest Park, off Florida Av (between Dairy and Babcock) in south Melbourne. Age groups U10 and up will have travel games throughout Central & South Brevard. Field maps are available on our website. Practices are held at a location selected by the coach.

### **When will we practice?**

Practices times and days are set by the coach in communication with the team. Typically, player team assignments are made prior to practice days being selected. While it is the responsibility of the parent to coordinate practice time availability, we will work with you if possible to adjust team placements based on extenuating circumstances. Please inform registrar if this is the case AFTER the coach has contacted you at beginning of season. Simply noting conditions on your registration form will not cause this to happen.

### **How do I know if practice/game is cancelled due to weather?**

Call the coach. Soccer is an all weather sport. The club only cancels games when the city advises that Southwest Park has been closed due to conditions. Otherwise, FYSA policy regarding lightning applies: "FYSA requires that all participants observe the "30/30 rule" in regards to lightning. If lightning is seen and thunder is heard within 30 seconds, then the match must be suspended immediately and all participants must seek appropriate shelter (not under trees) until such time as no strikes are observed with thunder within 30 seconds for a period of 30 minutes. No one should be allowed back onto the fields until this time has expired". Please visit [www.megusoccer.com](http://www.megusoccer.com) for field closures information.

### **What does my registration fee cover?**

The registration fee is for one season (fall or spring) and includes the uniform consisting of shirt, shorts, and socks; referee fees; insurance through FYSA; game field use fees; coach training; maintenance and field equipment expenses. Trophies, photos, and end of season parties are additional expenses agreed on by the team parents and are not included in registration. Fees include a refundable \$15 volunteer fee (refundable upon completion of 2 volunteer hours/player)

### **What do I need to supply?**

Each player should have a proper size ball (see chart), shin guards (**mandatory**, MUST be worn to all practices and games) and appropriate footwear. Soccer cleats are recommended, but sneakers are also acceptable. Water must also be brought to each game and practice. Love, affection, positive support is also required.

### **How much does my child's coach get paid?**

We don't pay him or her, they are volunteers who give their time, patience, and equipment for the sake of the children. In fact, all club officers are also working for free to ensure your child has a place to play soccer. The only paid positions in the soccer club are referees (not actually club members) and trainers (including the Director of Coaching).

### **How can I sign up to be a coach (or a board volunteer)?**

Want to join us? E-mail the Club Registrar and/or Director of Coaching ([megurecreg@gmail.com](mailto:megurecreg@gmail.com); [soccerinthesun23@aol.com](mailto:soccerinthesun23@aol.com)) and tell them what you would like to do.

### **That's a lot of work. Can I just shout my coaching instructions from the touchline?**

Sorry, we recommend only positive encouragement come from the touchlines. Remember, not only does the typical player block out all touchline voices, if you do manage to catch the player's attention, you are deviating it from the field where it belongs. Rules also restrict all individuals not properly rostered to a team to the spectator side of the field; the technical side is for registered coaches and players only. Please also note that the coach is responsible for the behavior of both his team and his team's spectators, and can be held responsible for their actions. Please see the FYSA Code of Ethics at <http://www.fysa.com/AboutFYSA/codeofethics> for more info.

### **What if I want to assist my child's coach?**

If mutually agreed upon with the coach, a parent is welcome to assist. However, any trainer, assistant or substitute coach, or adult who may find himself working unsupervised with the children must be registered as a volunteer with FYSA (see registrar for form).