

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COVID-19 Disclaimer:

Plans are being made for the 2021 Upward Soccer Season at Kingsville Baptist Church. We have every desire that this season will go as planned. We hope that you will understand if plans must change due to COVID-19. The FAQs below are based on previous seasons and may not apply to 2021.

AWARDS

When is Awards Night?

Awards Night is Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the worship center.

What is Awards Night?

Awards Night is a time to celebrate our season.

CAR POOLING & COACH REQUEST

Can my child carpool with a neighbor or friend?

Carpool request can be made for practices on the registration form. A carpool link means that children practice at the same time. This does not mean that children will be placed on the same team. Carpool links work best for children that are the same age and gender. Carpool request are not guaranteed. A carpool request does not mean that their games will be at the same time.

Can I request a certain coach?

Coach request can be made. Coach request are limited. Coaches are limited to 2 requests each. Their children get priority. Coach requests are not guaranteed.

Can I coach my child?

Yes! We welcome parents to our coaching staff. We ask for a willingness to learn and a love of children. Soccer knowledge is not required.

COACHING

Who can coach?

Members of KBC, parents, grandparents, and other family members are invited to coach. Junior high and high school students are invited to assist.

What is expected of an Upward coach?

Soccer knowledge is not a requirement for Upward Soccer. We are looking for older teens and adults with a willingness to be a dynamic coach. A dynamic Upward Coach is one who combines a great ministry experience and a great sporting experience for every player. An Upward Coach will be expected to maintain the integrity of the Upward program and KBC by following Upward guidelines consistently. A Coach must also be a KBC member or have a solid Upward experience and church background. You will coach with a partner who will help in carrying out required tasks.

When and what is coaches training?

Coaches training is Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 9:30 AM – 12:00 noon. Coaches Training will give coaches all the tools necessary to lead a team in a successful season.

EVALUATIONS

All Children Grades 1-6 must complete evaluation drills.

Drills are optional for Pre-K & K.

Sample uniforms will be available for sizing.

Friday, February 12, 2021

Evaluations 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Evaluations 9:30AM – 12:00PM

What are evaluations?

Evaluations are the final step in the registration process. Parents have an opportunity to see sample uniforms for sizing. Players' skill level is evaluated. Skill level determines what team a player is on, but no player will be turned away. Evaluations are not try-outs. They are used to create even ability teams.

Where are evaluations?

Evaluations start on the first floor of the Children's Building (2-story building). Players then move to the soccer fields where evaluations are completed.

FEES

What are the Fees?

Regular Fee: \$65

Late Fee: \$75 after January 31, 2021

Shorts: These are optional and are an additional \$15

Scholarships: Scholarships are available. See below for additional details.

Last Day: Last day to register is February 13, 2021

What is included?

Registration fee includes water bottle, jersey, scripture cards, car magnet, socks, and end of season award. Shorts, shin guards, and cleats are not included.

Is financial assistance available?

Yes. Scholarships are available to players in need. Applications are available online or in the church office. Scholarships cover a portion of the registration fee. **MUST APPLY BY & PAY by February 13, 2021.**

We also have a cleat/shin guard exchange at evaluations.

What is the cost of uniforms?

Jerseys are included in the registration fee. Players may wear any shorts. Upward Shorts are optional at an additional \$15.

Why are shorts offered separately?

Shorts are offered separately to keep families cost down. Players can wear any style and shorts.

GAMES

When are the games?

Games begin on March 21 and are held most Saturdays throughout April and May. There are no games Easter Weekend

What types of devotions happen during the games?

Spectators will hear personal testimonies or receive written testimonies during half time at each game. Half-time devotions are for the spectators to hear. Content is designed for adult listeners. Players are to use this time to catch their breath and regroup as a team.

What time are the games?

Games are played from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Game schedules are posted on the team website.

PLAYERS

What age children can play?

Players must be four years old by February 13, 2021 thru 6th grade.

My child is in seventh grade, can they participate?

Seventh graders and older are invited to join our coaching staff.

How are age groups divided?

Teams are grouped in the following categories:

PreK – Kindergarten play co-ed

1st – 3rd Grade Boys

1st – 3rd Grade Girls

4th – 6th Grade Boys

4th – 6th Grade Girls

My child plays really well. Is there an advanced team?

No. Player ability is determined at evaluations. Children are then placed on teams so that the talent is equally distributed across all teams.

My child plays really well. But is under 4 years old, can he/she play?

No. For the safety of all children, players must be at least 4 years old to play.

Who can play?

All girls and boys, ages 4 years old – 6th grade. This is a community league and is not just for KBC members. Special needs players can be accommodated as well.

PRACTICE

What time are the practices?

Players practice one time per week for one hour. Practice times are Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday at 5:30 PM or 6:30 PM.

What happens at practice?

Practices usually consist of 20 – 25 minutes of skills and drills; 5-10 minutes of devotion & water break; 20 – 25 minutes of scrimmaging. Total practice time is 60 minutes.

What do players learn during practice devotions?

Players will be studying the character of Jesus Christ and memorizing scripture.

REGISTRATION:

Registration opens January 4, 2021. All registration is online.

Visit the church website <https://kingsvillebaptist.org/soccer-information/> to register.

UNIFORM, SHORTS, CLEATS AND SHIN GUARDS

How much is the uniform?

The registration fee of \$65 includes a reversible unisex jersey and socks. See picture below.

Are Upward shorts required?

No. Shorts are offered separately to keep families cost down. Players can wear any shorts.

What color are the uniforms?

Uniforms are blue and gray with yellow trim. Uniforms are reversible. This is an Upward decision, and it cuts down on the families' expense.



What color should the shorts be?

Shorts that are not purchased through Upward can be any color. We do not require matching shorts or any style.

Are cleats and shin guards required?

Yes, for player safety each player must have shin guards and soccer cleats. Soccer cleats are different from baseball/softball cleats. These items are inexpensive and can be purchased at several local stores. There is an exchange of used shin guards and cleats at Evaluations. Parents can check then for used items or bring in their used ones.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents can sign up to be team parents, coaches, assistant coaches, or referees.

We welcome church and non-church members to volunteer (ages 7th grade and up).

Applications can be found on the church website.

WHERE

Where are the soccer fields?

The soccer fields are located behind the church parking lots.