



WELCOME TO ACTIVSTARS SOCCER PROGRAM

(Please Read Fully)



Every athlete is a winner at ACTIVSTARS ... since 1985 ACTIVSTARS has been one of the leaders in creating the highest quality youth programs at an affordable cost. ACTIVSTARS **believes in bringing the fun and fundamentals back into the game of soccer.** Unlike many sports organizations focused primarily on competition, our approach takes a broader view of youth development. Our coaches always promote a positive soccer environment in which kids can enjoy the game and enhance their soccer skills.

Players will learn soccer fundamentals and techniques – dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, defending, and more! Practices are FUN, and the games are exciting for players and parents. Teams are taught by coaches with extensive soccer experience. Your child will learn the fundamentals of soccer in an enjoyable way as well as discover the true fun in teamwork and learning together. ACTIVSTARS Youth Soccer programs are available for children ages 5 to 15, and each season runs from 12 to 14 weeks with a cost of only \$9/week. Welcome to ACTIVSTARS Soccer Program; we are excited for this session to begin!

PROGRAM STRUCTURE: ACTIVSTARS Soccer program is designed to work with your child's schedule and the hustle and bustle of daily life. So, our practices and games are held on Saturdays. The first part of the semester will be dedicated to skill development with the second part of the semester dedicated to games.

PRACTICE TIMES: Specific Team practice times will be assigned during orientation. Teams are split according to age & ability. If the practice time assigned to your child is inconvenient, or you have two children accidentally split into different practices, please see your coach for approval to attend a different practice time. Each class is 50 minutes long. Please arrive 10-minutes early each week for check-in!

RESTROOMS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT SOCCER SITES: Have Players use the restroom prior to coming to practice.

SOCCER GAMES: Once the game series begins mid-semester, all games will be held at a centralized off-site location where several teams will meet to play in an exciting tournament-style atmosphere. Game schedules will be handed out prior to the start of games with all the details! **Game times may vary from assigned practice times**, and games often last 50 minutes. Please allow extra time on game days, especially our awards day, at the end of the semester. All players will receive a game trophy during their last scheduled game.

SOCCER TOURNAMENTS: During the fall and spring semesters, we run a competitive Regional and State Desert Cup Soccer Tournament (AZ) for players. Teams are bracketed into silver and gold divisions based on team skill level, so we encourage all players and teams to attend! During Regionals, our top teams in each division will qualify for the Desert Cup State Playoffs. All players will receive an award for competing at our tournaments.

The Regional Tournament registration fee is \$42/player (pre-reg.) OR \$60 (late registration). The State Tournament registration fee is \$32/player (pre-reg.) OR \$42 (late registration). All details go out to students in an event handout.

- All players must register prior to the event.
- All players must have attended a **minimum of 6 classes/team** practices prior to the date of Tournament to be eligible to participate.

- **Players aged 9-15** are required to submit age verification documentation upon registration, **EACH DAY THEY PLAY.**
- Official ACTIVSTARS soccer jersey must be worn to play in the Tournament, with no exceptions.
 - No other team jerseys will be permitted; those in violation will be required to change or cannot participate.
- **Every team must have a designated PARENT COACH** who will be responsible for putting players in positions, managing substitutions, and ensuring the team abides by tournament rules.
 - **ACTIVSTARS Coaches will be acting only as referees during the Tournament.**
- All participants are also required to wear shin guards & proper athletic footwear. Cleats are not required, but if worn must be soccer cleats specifically, no front stud-like football and baseball cleats.

GET OUR APP: Download our ACTIVSTARS App for IOS or Android. Use our app to register for classes and events directly from your smart device. Check-in weekly, check class schedules, and stay up to date with the latest news and organizational announcements!

WEEKLY CHECK-IN AND PAYMENT: The only payment options available are weekly payments or total semester prepayments. At any time, parents can pay for the remainder of the semester. **Each week, parents must check-in and pay through our website portal or by using the ACTIVSTARS App.**

- **No Cash or Checks accepted at our class locations.**

Please arrive no more than 10-minutes early each week for check-in. Each week, parents are required to physically walk-in and sign-in their student on the sign-in sheet by:

- bubbling in "present" next to the student's name
- signing (parent signature)
- recording the amount paid

Sign-in sheets are located by the check-in box. If your student is prepaid, you will still need to sign them in every week of class. Students cannot sign themselves in for class; a parent or guardian must be present because a parent signature is required.

CANCELLATIONS: There are times when we may have to cancel a practice/game due to holidays, school conflict, or bad weather. If possible, an email or note is sent out the week before to inform you of the cancellation.

- In some cases, when possible, the course will be extended.
- **If your child misses a class, please check your email or call the ACTIVSTARS office or log-on to our website www.activstars.com to view missed class communication, class calendars, and possible changes to practice/game schedules.**

Practice/game cancellations due to Bad weather will be determined on the day of practice/game by your coach. Important information is also delivered via email to the address you list on your registration form.

FLOODED FIELDS: In case the field is flooded upon arrival, practice Will be moved to an alternate site on the school grounds or to a nearby site.

Generally, a sign will be posted at the field, directing players and parents to the alternate site. In some instances, you may be called or emailed directly by your coach or a class secretary.

MAKE-UP PRACTICES: We know that there may be times when your child cannot attend class. Missed classes can be made up by attending two classes back-to-back (their regular class and the class either before or after the regular class). Make-up classes must be either pre-paid or paid the day the make-up is done.

Please inform the class secretary at the check-in table that your child will be taking (2) classes, she/he will issue a make-up wristband to your student. **Remember to tell your child when he/she is doing a make-up class!**

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: All players with perfect attendance will receive a special recognition medal! Should your child miss a practice/game during the season, he/she can stay for 2 practices/games, back to back. All "make-up" practices/games must be paid the same as for a regular practice/game.

CLASS COMMUNICATION: ACTIVSTARS communicates with parents and students through written communication, primarily through email. Please be sure that we have an updated email address in our records, or you will not receive these notices, and you could miss important class information. We will also occasionally send out text messages, notes, and fliers regarding upcoming events, class cancellations, etc.

PLEASE READ EVERY EMAIL or HANDOUT YOUR STUDENT BRINGS HOME FROM EVERY CLASS!

SAFETY IS OUR # 1 PRIORITY! Please "hand" escort your child to the field. No players can leave the field without a parent. Parents must come to the field for pick-up. Exceptions to this rule apply only if a parent signs a Walker Release Form, giving the player permission to walk to and from practice/games without an adult. Please be on time for pick-up!

SPECTATORS: Parents are invited to watch practice and gameplay. Spectators must respect the coach and referee. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in being banished from practice and games. Please understand this is for your child's own benefit. It provides for a better learning environment in addition to setting a good example for the kids. We want to maintain a fun and positive atmosphere for the players and spectators.

PARENT HELP (PARENT COACHES): Parents are encouraged to volunteer as a "Parent Helper." Two or three volunteers are needed for each practice to assist the coach. Only "Parent Helpers" will be allowed to help with the practice. Please sign in **each week** as a "Parent Helper" if you are interested. Knowledge of soccer is **NOT** necessary.

MEDICAL CONDITION/DISABILITY: We encourage parents that have students with a medical condition or a disability to stay weekly with their child. Parents are also required to inform the instructor and fill out a Medical Disability Form.

ACTIVSTARS MERCHANDISE: ACTIVSTARS merchandise is purchased at wholesale prices, and the savings are passed on to you. All merchandise is ONLY available for purchase online at www.activstars.com. We appreciate your support!

PROPER GEAR: Players are required to have a soccer ball and shin guards starting week one. Players need to mark their soccer ball with their name. These items are available to purchase directly from our

website at activstars.com or player may bring their own. Soccer cleats are highly recommended.

Team uniforms and uniform packages are available online at www.activstars.com. Be sure to order early in anticipation of the start of games.

Players should not wear jewelry, chew gum, or eat candy during practice/games.

Players are required to bring their own water to practice every week. ACTIVSTARS has a water bottle available for \$7. Please put the child's First and last name on water bottles brought to practice.

RETURNS & EXCHANGES: All claims and return requests must be made within **ten business days** of receipt of goods.

- Word garments or garments with numbers or any other modifications, decorations, or customizations may not be returned.
- Any damaged goods may be returned but must follow our 10-day return policy.
- No refunds are given for apparel or gear, which has been worn or used.

Please be sure to inspect your merchandise upon receipt of your order. We maintain the right to inspect the returned merchandise to determine whether replacement or adjustment is valid. If merchandise is returned **after the 10-day** inspection period, a **15% restocking fee** will be applied.

REFUND POLICY: We **do not** give refunds for prepaid students after the third week of the semester. This is due to fixed insurance costs incurred by the fourth week. **Any refunds after the third week of the semester will be issued as class credit vouchers.** Registration fees and classes already attended will not be refunded. **Refund requests must be submitted through email to the Accounting Department, accounting@activstars.com.** No refunds are given for apparel, which has been worn or used. Merchandise must be returned to the ACTIVSTARS office. *Refunds may take as long as 4 weeks to process.*

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