



YMCA OF THE COASTAL BEND

2012 - 2013 Sports Calendar

**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

*Locations: YMCA OF THE COASTAL BEND
Soccer, and T-Ball are played at St. James Episcopal School*

Check out our Sports web site: Important dates and league information including game schedules, practice schedules, registration forms, etc. can be found at: www.ymca-cc.org

2012 Spring 3on3 Soccer

Priority Registration Begins: January 9th
Registration Ends: February 10th
Coaches Meeting: February 23rd (7:00pm)
Practices Begin the week of: February 27th
Season Begins: March 10th
Season Ends: April 28th

2012 Spring Volleyball

Priority Registration Begins: March 5th
Registration Ends: March 30th
Coaches Meeting: April 12th (7:00PM)
Practices Begin the week of: April 23rd
Season Begins: May 5th
Season Ends: June 23rd

2012 Spring T-Ball

Priority Registration Begins: March 5th
Registration Ends: March 30th
Coaches Meeting: April 19th (7:00PM)
Practice begin the week of: April 30th
Season Begins: May 5th
Season Ends: June 23rd

2012 Summer Basketball

Priority Registration Begins: April 9th
Registration Ends: May 25th
Coaches Meeting: June 14th (7:00PM)
Practices Begin the week of: June 18th
Season Begins: July 7th
Season Ends: August 18th

2012 Fall 3on3 Soccer

Priority Registration Begins: July 2nd
Registration Ends: August 17th
Coaches Meeting: August 23rd (7:00pm)
Practices Begin the week of: August 27th
Season Begins: September 8th
Season Ends: October 20th

2012 Fall Flag Football

Priority Registration Begins: September 10th
Registration Ends: October 12th
Coaches Meeting: October 18th (7:00pm)
Practices Begin the week of: October 22nd
Season Begins: November 3rd
Season Ends: December 15th

2012 Fall Volleyball

Priority Registration Begins: September 10th
Registration Ends: October 12th
Coaches Meeting: October 16th (7:00PM)
Practices Begin the week of: October 22nd
Season Begins: November 3rd
Season Ends: December 15th

2012 – 2013 Northwest Basketball League

Priority Registration Begins: October 8th
Registration Ends: November 2nd
Coaches Meeting: November 15th (7:00PM)
Practices Begin the week of: November 26th
Season Begins: December 8th
Season Ends: January 26th

2012- 2013 Winter SPURS Basketball

Priority Registration Begins: November 5th
Registration Ends: December 7th
Coaches Meeting: December 13th (7:00PM)
Practices Begin the week of: January 7th
Season Begins: January 19th
Season Ends: March 2nd

**Dates are subject to change - Revised 8/25/2011*

PROGRAM FEE

YMCA of the Coastal Bend fee's is **\$50 FOR YMCA MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS**. Participants who sign up after the end of registration will be assessed a **\$10 late fee** and **will not** be guaranteed uniforms by the first game.
****Fee also includes uniform and award. Northwest League is \$65**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is the YMCA's policy and philosophy to never turn anyone away due to the inability to pay. If you would like to apply for assistance or contribute to "Strong Kids Campaign", please contact the YMCA.

PHILOSOPHY

FUN FIRST, SKILLS SECOND, WINNING THIRD. We emphasize good sportsmanship, teamwork, character values and fellowship with others – all while working to teach and develop fundamental athletic skills and knowledge. All parents of participants sign a commitment on their registration form that affirms their vow to maintain these standards in themselves and their children. We encourage positive family involvement, but expect parents to allow the volunteer coaches to provide instruction, free of interruption, to all players. Inappropriate language, gestures or actions are not tolerated. In YMCA Youth Super Sports, everybody plays at least half of the game. Additionally, in attempting to meet the individual needs of participants, the rules of our particular programs are molded and sometimes modified from the actual rules of the sport. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Sports Director.

AGE RANGE AND PLACEMENT

Initial eligibility to participate is based on age. Staff form teams by player age and skill level. Participants may not play in a younger age group. However, if a participant displays superior skill and capability, a parent may request their child move up to the next age group. We strongly recommend against moving your child up, as this can be extremely detrimental and discouraging to their development. We do not guarantee any child may move up. Also, once a player is placed they may not be moved to another team without approval of the Sports Director.

Ages for sports -	Soccer (ages 3 – 14)	Basketball (ages 3 – 14)	T-Ball (ages 3 – 6)
	Volleyball (ages 6 – 17)	Flag Football (ages 5 – 14)	

PLAYER PLACEMENT PROCESS

We do not have try-outs or cuts. Players are eligible to make a team request. No requests are guaranteed!! Request will not be met if they hinder competitive balance. In the event a request cannot be met, players are placed on another team.

THE YMCA MISSION STATEMENT

YMCA Mission Statement: To put Judeo - Christian Principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Because the YMCA is open to all faiths, but originally formed on Christian principles, before any game the coaches and players will pray.

CANCELLATION

Staff will notify coaches by phone of any game or practice cancellation. Outdoor games may be played in the rain until staff observes lightning, hears thunder, or if the rain is deemed by staff to create a hazardous environment. If any of these situations occur during the course of play, the game is cancelled. Game cancellation decisions made prior to games beginning will result in a re-scheduled game. YMCA staff attempt to provide as much notice as possible if there is a cancellation decision made.

UNIFORMS AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

As part of the registration fee, the YMCA provides participants with the current YMCA uniform. In all field sports, parents are required to provide proper footwear and safety equipment for their child. In Flag Football, parents are required to provide their child with a mouthpiece. In Soccer, parents are required to provide their child with shin-guards in order for them to play. Players may not wear cleats with metal spikes or screw-in studs. Additionally, soccer cleats must not have a "toe-cleat" in order to be wearable in a game. Players' shorts or pants must not have pockets. Players may not wear necklaces, chains, rings or other accessories that could potentially injure themselves or another player. **Players will NOT be allowed to play with any type of cast or splint.**

OFFICIALS, COACHES AND TEAM PARENTS

Referees are paid YMCA employees who are supervised by YMCA professional staff. A coach or assistant coach is a YMCA volunteer supervised by staff. Their position entails teaching the skills, techniques and concept of a sport to the team and demonstrating YMCA character values and integrity at all times. No experience is necessary in order to coach, and the YMCA provides training and materials at the request of the volunteer. A team parent is a YMCA volunteer. Their position entails organizing logistics for each team, including but not limited to: 1) arranging the food and drink schedule for the season by assigning the responsibility to a different family for each day, 2) calling to remind the parents two days before the assigned game, 3) calling two days before picture day to remind families of the day/time, 4) arranging the end of the season party and 6) distributing papers, schedules and information and making any other phone calls to the team as needed.

BECOMING A YMCA VOLUNTEER

To become a YMCA volunteer, an adult must complete the YMCA of the Coastal Bend Volunteer Application and turn in to the front desk. A background screening is done and after 2 weeks the results will be made available to the Director. If a volunteer is eligible they must get a volunteer coaches shirt for the Sports Director that they must wear for every practice and game. Otherwise, any coach without an ymca coaches shirt on must stay on the other side of the field with the rest of the parents. Eligibility is good for one year, after which a volunteer may return by completing the application/screening page.

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