

2025 Outdoor Soccer League May 19 to July 19

<u>Overview</u>

The YMCA's Outdoor Soccer program introduces children ages 3 to 6th grade to the fundamentals of soccer. Outdoor Soccer will be played (practices and games) at the YMCA Pavilion Fields. Outdoor Soccer is a fast paced game that teaches players great ball control and footwork.

Divisions

Ages 3 & 4 Ages 5 & 6 Grades 1st & 2nd Grades 3rd & 4th Grades 4th - 6th

Practices

- Practices will begin the week of May 19 at the Valpo YMCA Pavilion.
- Your child will practice only once per week, on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
- Shin guards and cleats are recommended.
- The YMCA Pavilion is equipped with restrooms.

<u>Games</u>

- Games will be played on Saturday mornings beginning as early as 8:00am.
- Games will be held at the Valparaiso Family YMCA on 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12 & 7/19

<u>Pictures</u>

Pictures are TBD.

<u>Coaches</u>

Like almost all youth sports organizations, the YMCA depends on volunteer coaches to lead our teams. We believe strongly in the impact a volunteer can have on a child and encourage all parents who are able, to volunteer.

For information on the responsibilities of a volunteer coach, please contact the Sports Director, Kevin Freyenberger, at kfreyenberger@valpoymca.org or at 219-462-4185 at extension 239.

Volunteer Coach Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 at 5:30 pm at the Valpo YMCA Pavilion

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Outdoor Soccer Division Overview

<u>Bitty Division Age 3 – 4</u> <u>5 – 6</u>	6 year olds
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- Ball size: Size 3Size 3
- Goal size: 3' x 5'......4' x 6'
- Defense: 2 kids (no goalie)2 kids ("1 goalie" + 1 defense)
- Out of bounds: Kick ball in.....Kick ball in
- Games-Four 6 minute periods

Youth Division 1st & 2nd grade

- Ball size: 4
- Goals: 4' x 8'
- Players on the field: 6 (one will be the goalie)
- Defense: 2 or 3 kids (goalie + 1 or 2 defense)
- Out of bounds: Throw-in from sideline; goal kick or corner kick from endline
- Practice: 45 minutes
- Games: Four 7 minute periods

Youth Division 3rd – 6th grade

- Ball size: 4
- Goals: 5' x 10'
- Players on the field: 6 (one will be the goalie)
- Defense: 3 kids (Goalie + 2 defense)
- Out of bounds: Throw-in from sideline; goal kick or corner kick from endline
- Practice: 45 or 60 minutes
- Games: Four 8 minute periods