

## Spring Soccer

We have participated in the YMCA league for the past couple of years. We have been recently informed the director of the YMCA in Scott County, Rob Van Til, is leaving. He and the YMCA have been great to work with the past couple of years but I am not sure how the YMCA soccer will change or be structured in the future. After talking with the coaches, Jason and Mr. Mardell we have decided that we are going to participate in a different league starting next season. The Saint FC has grown a lot over the past couple of years and we have kind of outgrown the YMCA league. The cut off age has been 10 years old in the past and most of our players are 10 or will be very soon. The "I am 3rd" league is based in Lexington and is a large organization with a lot of teams in various sports. I have spoken with the person in charge and they are more than happy to allow us into their league. The "I am 3rd" league has several different age divisions and the teams are NOT co-ed. There are both girls and boys teams ranging from pre-K to 8th grade. This gives us opportunity to continue growing the soccer program and helps include older players. The cost for the spring season to St. John's will be \$99 per player. This fee includes uniforms. If uniforms are reused in the future the cost drops to \$85 per player. This reg fee is a little higher than the YMCA we are used to paying, but there are a total of 8 games per season instead of 6 and the games are regulation time instead of what we are used to. It works out to be more soccer for just a little bit of a higher cost. Games will be held in Lexington at either the soccer complex at LCA or at the newer one that is located close to Chilesburg Elementary on Athens-Boonesboro Rd. (Richmond Rd.). I am 3rd has lot of fields and they are in great condition. I have worked it out that we will still hold practice in Georgetown if it.

Thanks

Chris Ramsey

### **Parents,**

As you just read from Chris, we will be joining a different league for spring soccer. This decision wasn't easy and we feel like this will enhance our soccer program at the school. As I brought up in our parent meeting before Christmas, Soccer was the only program that we offered that we could play in Scott County. We

understand that this isn't close like the YMCA but with the advantages of a full game, a good quality field and more opportunities for kids in our school to play. It was decided this would be our best option even with the increased cost. One of the points that were brought up at our parent meeting was what the cost would be to the parents since our athletic handbook details the cost of playing your 1<sup>st</sup> sport, 2<sup>nd</sup> sport, and 3<sup>rd</sup> sport. Currently, the cost for playing your 1<sup>st</sup> sport is \$100, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sport is \$45, and 3<sup>rd</sup> sport is \$30. I have recently found out that in years past some parents paid more than this for playing Spring Soccer. After discussing this issue with Mr. Mardell, we both agree that we have to adhere to the athletic handbook and base the fee to play upon which sport your son or daughter will be playing. Most of the players that will play will not cover the cost to St. John's but we will be looking at our fee structure in the future for the entire athletic department going forward. I hope you understand why we are making the change to play in this league and agree with us on the cost to play. If you have any questions on this, please don't hesitate to email me at [jnoffsinger.scyb@gmail.com](mailto:jnoffsinger.scyb@gmail.com) or call me at 502-316-3352. If you don't feel comfortable calling me, I know Mr. Mardell will be more than happy to talk to you.

Thank you

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