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Fall 2021

Dear Parents and Participants,

Welcome! I am excited for Soccer & Basketball Skills to start this fall! The soccer program will be on the soccer fields at the YMCA and Basketball Skills will be in the north gym at the YMCA. I am definitely looking forward to our leagues getting back in full swing this season. Thank you for joining us!

The Y is the starting point for many young athletes learning a new sport and staying active. This program will help build confidence, positive relationships, good sportsmanship, and leadership skills in a safe and positive environment.

The soccer leagues run Saturdays (7 weeks) from September 7 – October 24. The first Saturday will be a practice and “get to know your team.” During weeks 2-7, K-6 will run a 15-minute practice/warm up and 45 minute games and Pre-K (ages 4-5) will run a 15- minute practice/warm up and 30 minute games. Each field is labeled for easy identification. Times are subject to change based on registrations per each grade level. I will individually contact participants with these changes, if needed.

Basketball Skills will run Thursdays, September 9 – October 21. Fundamental skills will be taught throughout the 7 weeks by YMCA coaches.

In the event of bad weather for soccer, decisions are made as early as possible, typically between 7:30-8:00AM. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook. As usual, please use your best judgment and parental discretion on your attendance.

Volunteer coaches are used for all league teams and are essential in the success of this program. We are always in need of coaches! Are you interested in coaching, assisting, or even just helping out? If so, I would like to encourage you to try it! The experience, many times, is just as rewarding for the coaches as it is for the children. If you are interested, you can register online; or contact me at (715) 952-9364 or email Tchristianson@spymca.org for more details.

Again, I want to say THANK YOU to all of the participants and parents for supporting our YMCA Youth Sports programs.

Kindest Regards,

Theresa Christianson
Youth Sports Coordinator



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COVID INFORMATION

While the risk of Coronavirus/Covid-19 in Wisconsin and Portage County area continues to fluctuate, the Stevens Point Area YMCA is committed to the health and safety of our staff, members, parents and spectators. We are asking that you adhere to the following guidelines for Youth Sports programming:

SYMPTOMS: Please monitor your children/family for symptoms of COVID-19. Your child should stay home if, any symptoms are observed by the participating child or anyone within the same household as the participant.

MASKS: Participants 5 – 11 years and older are **strongly encouraged** to wear masks at all times and in all locations of the YMCA.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: Please do not arrive more than 10 min prior to your scheduled game time. Participants should go directly to their field to check in and sanitize their hands. Please leave the fields promptly at the end of their scheduled game.

EQUIPMENT: Participants must bring their own labeled and filled water bottle, snacks and personal equipment. The YMCA will provide soccer balls. Soccer cleats are recommended. Baseball cleats are **NOT** allowed for soccer. Shin guards are highly recommended. Please refrain from sharing water bottles, equipment or snacks.

WHAT TO BRING:

- YMCA Jersey (Purchase new at the service desk for \$15 and can be reused for all leagues)
- Labeled water bottle, snacks and personal equipment, if needed. Please refrain from sharing water bottles, equipment or snacks.
- Soccer cleats are recommended. Baseball cleats are **NOT** allowed for soccer.
- Shin guards are required.

CLEANING PROCEDURES: Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures are in place for shared equipment after every game. YMCA soccer balls will be available to participants as needed. Participants will place "used" soccer balls in the "used" bin at the end of each game where they will be cleaned and sanitized. Hand sanitizer will be available for Coaches and participants.

SPECTATORS: We are spectators for outdoor programming. While spectating, please observe social distancing of 6 feet or more from those not in the same household and accept personal responsibility for public health guidelines.