



WARREN COUNTY YMCA CO-ED Spring League Soccer 2026 (1st-3rd & 4th-6th Grades)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 2026 Spring Soccer at the Warren County YMCA. Thank you so much for signing your child(ren) up for our program! I am excited to return to the field this Spring along with my fellow coaches who will be assisting throughout the season.

Season Opening Clinic: Today, we will hold a skills clinic to open the season. The clinic will have the kids involved with different activities and working with coaches to prep for the season. We will work on some conditioning, skills such as dribbling, passing, kicking, shooting and throw-in technique, all while explaining rules and prepping the kids for what future practices & games will look like. I am trying to plan a day that members of the Monmouth College Women's Soccer Team will join us for a skills clinic day. We could not get schedules lined up for this clinic but are trying for a later date. When I have that set, I will alert you. That clinic will take the place of 1 team practice withing the next few weeks. The college players are looking forward to working with us again this Spring. They did a great job last year and we hope to have them back.

Coaches Meeting: Following today's skills clinic, I will begin building teams for the season. My goal is to attempt to make the teams as even and fair as possible so I will spend considerable time working on this on Wednesday and Thursday leading to the Coaches Meeting. The Coaches Meeting will take place this Thursday, March 26th in the Warren County YMCA AP Room. Once our volunteer coaches have their rosters, they will begin reaching out to parents and will start scheduling and organizing practice times for the season. I will also send a message out confirming teams no later than this weekend. We will allow for late sign ups for a short time so teams may get updated as needed. More volunteer coaches are always welcome. If anyone is interested in coaching a team this Spring, please let me know as soon as you can!

Games: 1st-3rd Grade League: Games (for now) will be Saturdays at 11:30am & 12:30am following the 4th-6th grade games here at the Warren County YMCA. Times are subject to possible change.

Game Dates: April 11, 18, 25*, May 2, 9, 16. 1 make-up date will be planned for if it is needed. The make-up date/time is currently TBD.

The 4th-6th Grade League: The current plan is for ALL games to take place here at the Warren County YMCA.

Game Dates: April 11, 18, 25*, May 2, 9, 16. 1 make-up date will be planned for if it is needed. The make-up date/time is currently TBD.

Picture Day: Shyvel's Photography will be returning to take team pictures this season for us! Pictures for both age groups will be done on Saturday, April 25 (the *

above) or week 3 of games. We will hand out picture forms the week prior. This will be marked on the game schedule and reminders will be sent out.

Team Shirts: Team shirts will be ordered following the coaches meeting. I plan to hand them out either at practice the week prior to game 1, or at your player's game on Saturday, April 11th, prior to the start of their game.

Cancelations: I will always try to have soccer no matter what the weather is doing. It is Spring in Illinois, which means weather can be extreme. Soccer can be played in all sorts of weather, as long as it is safe to do so. I will only cancel if I deem the weather dangerous (severe weather or weather warnings, extreme heat or extreme rain/cold, blustery wind etc.). Plan on there being soccer unless you hear from either me and/or your team's coach! Please don't bombard the YMCA with calls as I will let you know!

Equipment: Shin Guards are REQUIRED for games. Cleats are optional. Tennis shoes are allowed if you do not have cleats. I also prefer soccer socks to cover players shin guards, if possible.

Communication: I am asking that you PLEASE "opt in" to receive messages from the YMCA via Daxko Engage. To do so, simply text WCYMCA to 54539. If you choose not to do so, that's fine, however it is on you if you do not receive all/any communication throughout the season. You can stop receiving messages from the Y at any time. Please consider opting in with Daxko Engage to confirm that you get all updates during the clinic season. I sent out a message via Engage the day before the clinic. If you did not get that message, you are not opted in. Also, please save your child's coach's phone number once you receive it for communication purposes.

Finally, if you are interested in sponsoring your child's team/group/sport, the cost for the Fall Soccer season is \$200. This helps offset t-shirts, equipment, and staff/referee costs. Your logo/business or family name will be added to the back of all the shirts in the program. If interested, I will need confirmation and will need your logo artwork sent to me prior to March 27th when I order shirts. As an extra thank you, I will also have a 2x2 banner made for you that will hang outside on the baseball field fence during all Spring, Summer & Fall sports in 2026. We would love the support! Please let me know if you are interested!

I hope you find this letter helpful, especially for those of you new to the program! Again, thank you so much for allowing us to work with your children and teach them the fantastic sport of Soccer! Please email me with any questions/concerns via ben@warrencountyyymca.org . You can also call the YMCA at 734-3183 and I can talk to you when available! Enjoy the rest of your day and please enjoy the season!

Thank You,
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