



## WARREN COUNTY YMCA CO-ED Fall League Soccer 2026 (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 2026 Fall 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 Fall along with my fellow coaches who will be assisting throughout the season.

**Season Opening Clinics (3):** Today, we will hold a skills clinic to open the Fall season. The clinic will have the kids involved with different activities and working with coaches to prepare 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. Today, the kids are led by the Monmouth-Roseville Titans High School Soccer Team who were gracious enough to spend the afternoon with us. Following this clinic, we will hold 2 more clinics-next Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> & Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. For both of those clinics, we will be joined by the Monmouth College Fighting Scots Soccer Team who will also work with the kids improving skills with fun activities and group play. 31<sup>st</sup> date was not originally advertised, but we were lucky enough to add an additional day for the kids. We send a HUGE thank you too both programs!

**Coaches Meeting:** Starting after today and into next week as we wait for additional registrations, I will begin building and placing kids on teams. I hope to have them set by the coaches meeting. Additional sign-ups after that meeting will be added to teams late. The coaches meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @5:30pm and will be in the Warren County YMCA AP Room. I would like all coaches at the meeting to go over rules and go through Praesidium Background check forms so we can get everything submitted in order to begin quickly! If you want to coach, but cannot make the meeting, get with me ASAP to schedule a meeting time! 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 confirming teams by the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. We will allow for late sign ups for a short time so teams/group chats may get updated as needed. More volunteer coaches are always welcome. If anyone is interested in coaching a team this Fall, please let me know as soon as you can!

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

**Game Dates:** September 19, 26, October 3\*, 10, 17 & 24. 1 make-up date will be planned if it is needed. The make-up date/time is currently planned for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade League:** The current plan is for ALL games to take place here at the Warren County YMCA (barring we get enough registrations). For now, our games will be at 9am & 10am on Saturday mornings (subject to change)

**Game Dates:** September 19, 26, October 3\*, 10, 17 & 24. 1 make-up date will be planned if it is needed. The make-up date/time is currently planned for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Picture Day:** Shyvel's Photography will be returning to take team pictures this season for us! Pictures for both soccer & flag football age groups will be done on **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** (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 at practice the week prior to game 1.

**Cancelations:** I will always try to have soccer no matter what the weather is doing. It is Fall in Illinois, which means weather can be extreme. Soccer can be played in all sorts of weather, if 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.). We will try to delay first to let a storm pass first, especially if it is quick. Thunder/Lightning results in a 30-minute delay for example. 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 August 31st 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 Fall & Winter Sports to finish off 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](mailto: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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