



Soccer at St. Hilary

The St. Hilary Soccer Club offers soccer programs for students in grades K-8. The St. Hilary Soccer Club is part of the St. Hilary Athletic Association, which is a function of St. Hilary Church. It serves students of St. Hilary School, as well as non-school parishioners and those from other parishes. The following is a summary of soccer programs offered by the St. Hilary Soccer Club.

Munchkin Soccer

The Munchkin program is an introductory level co-ed program for grades K and 1. Sessions are held on Friday evenings and the program is offered in the fall and the spring. The program emphasizes fun and soccer fundamentals followed by games against other St. Hilary teams. Depending on participation levels and other factors, the Munchkin program may mix kindergarteners with 1st graders or each grade may play in their own separate Munchkin league against their peers.

All Saints Soccer

The All Saints program is a co-ed program for 2nd graders. St. Hilary teams play teams from other local Catholic parishes. All games are played on Saturday mornings in the fall and spring. In addition, these teams will typically practice one day each week during the season. The All Saints program is organized and managed by the participating parishes and is not affiliated with the Catholic Youth Organization ("CYO").

CYO and GAASA Soccer

For grades 3-8, the St. Hilary Soccer Club sponsors teams in both CYO and the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association ("GAASA").

CYO

CYO soccer is offered only in the fall. CYO teams are based on the grades and genders of the players. If registration indicates that there are enough players for more than one team for a given grade, then team composition is determined by a "draft" procedure which endeavors to create balanced teams. However, CYO rules limit roster sizes, so not all children can be guaranteed a place on a team. Games are played on weeknights and weekends against other Catholic parishes throughout the Cleveland Diocese. CYO teams typically practice one or more times each week during the season.

GAASA

GAASA soccer is offered in the fall and spring. GAASA teams are based on the ages and genders of the players. St. Hilary Soccer Club typically will sponsor teams consisting of players in grades 3-8. However, as parents continue to show more interest in participating in GAASA in younger grades, the St. Hilary Soccer Club may choose to sponsor teams consisting of 2nd grade players. In contrast to CYO registration procedures, proposed GAASA teams may be formed by parents, but will be registered by the St. Hilary Soccer Club only if the proposed team is acceptable to the St. Hilary Soccer Club. Further, the St. Hilary Soccer Club reserves the right to modify GAASA rosters at its sole discretion. GAASA rules also limit roster sizes, so not all children can be guaranteed a place on a team. Please note that children who played on a team during the preceding season are generally given the first priority to return to that team for the next season before any new child will be added to a team. Therefore, "open" registration for GAASA will only be held and publicized to the extent that players are needed for new or existing teams, as determined by the St. Hilary Soccer Club. Games are played on weeknights and weekends against other teams in the area. GAASA teams will typically practice one or more times each week during the season.



Registration Information

Registration information for the soccer programs offered by the St. Hilary Soccer Club will be made available through the St. Hilary Church bulletin and website. It is the responsibility of parents to monitor the St. Hilary Church bulletin and website for registration announcements. Due to roster size limitations, parents are encouraged to pay special attention to registration deadlines as roster availability may be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fees

Fees vary for the different soccer programs offered by the St. Hilary Soccer Club. Fees generally cover administrative, equipment and uniform costs.

Coaches

The programs offered by the St. Hilary Soccer Club cannot succeed without parent coaches who volunteer their time. The St. Hilary Soccer Club recognizes that many parents did not grow up playing soccer and may know little about the game. Nonetheless, it is critical that parents serve as coaches and assistant coaches. For those coaches who may be uncomfortable with the level of their expertise, the St. Hilary Soccer Club can provide access to coaching resources, including training. Both CYO and GAASA require coaching certifications, which are paid for by the St. Hilary Soccer Club.

Indoor Soccer

The St. Hilary Soccer Club does not sponsor participation in indoor soccer leagues.

Tournaments

On occasion, the St. Hilary Soccer Club may choose to participate in local soccer tournaments. Any tournament participation is subject to the approval of the St. Hilary Soccer Club. The St. Hilary Soccer Club will only participate in tournaments that are sanctioned by CYO (for our CYO teams) and Ohio Youth Soccer Association – North (for our GAASA teams).

For more information regarding St. Hilary soccer, please contact sthilarysoccer@neo.rr.com.