

**Welcome** to the Huntington YMCA Youth Soccer Fall League 2017 season

The first game of the season is Saturday August 26; the last game of the fall soccer season is scheduled for Oct 14. . Cancellation of games: the league will play in light to moderate rain and muddy days (children love these days) but we will not play or practice during thunderstorms. Make-ups will be scheduled as soon as possible and May be on a Sunday as a last resort. Contact information 304-522-0616 – leave message or [teferrell@huntingtonymca.org](mailto:teferrell@huntingtonymca.org)

**Thank you** for entrusting your child to our youth sports program, it is a trust we embrace to provide a safe environment where children can grow as individuals developing good sportsmanship, team building skills, self confidence and have fun while doing so. The YMCA staff checks the grounds and the equipment for safety concerns, if you see anything out of place –please let us know by contacting staff either at concession stand or a supervisor on the grounds. First aid kit is located at the concession stand, defibrillator is located in the main building, and physical therapist from Scott Orthopedic has a tent outside the concession stand on Saturday mornings during games to help with any physical injuries

**Safety** issue that has been in the news recently is “**concussions**”. Many people think of the soccer ball striking the head; the more likely event is of the head hitting something hard, such as the ground, another head, an elbow or a knee. The Huntington YMCA Youth Soccer League is following national safety standards by forbidding its youth players from heading the ball during practice or games, as the benefits of developing these skills are outweighed by the chance of a concussion occurring by doing them wrong at an early age.

What can you do as a parent? First, there is a very good video available on line from the C.D.C (Center for Disease Control) secondly monitor your child for symptoms, both immediate and delayed headache, migraine, confusion, amnesia (about the event) , dizziness , “seeing stars”, ringing in the ears , nausea , vomiting , slurred speech, delayed response to questions, dazed, fatigue, balance issues, loss of consciousness. Remember these are just symptoms and reasons to have a physician to diagnosis your child, only a physician can do a proper diagnosis. Currently, commercial headgear is available on-line (search soccer headgear) they make no claims to reduce concussions- they will reduce the level of impact by about 30%.

**To** further your child’s safety, we do background checks on all YMCA staff/ volunteers and provide training in spotting potential abuse situations: such as, someone tries to spend time alone with child away from others. To report suspicious behavior and/or abuse contact Executive Director, Brian Byrd at 304-525-8127 or [bbyrd@huntingtonymca.org](mailto:bbyrd@huntingtonymca.org)  
Registration for Spring soccer is Feb 1-28,2018  
I hope you and your child have a fun, enjoyable season

A T Ferrell soccer coordinator

YMCA Kennedy Center Soccer  
Scott Orthopedic Soccer Complex  
U-4 CO-ED FIELD 4  
Fall 2017  
[www.huntingtonymca.org](http://www.huntingtonymca.org)

Team #411- S. Smith  
Team #412- T.J. Hargis

Team #413- J. Plymale  
Team #414- A. Copley

**All Games Played on Field #4**  
**PICTURE DAY is September 9th**

<b>August 26, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #412 vs 413 9:45 AM Team #411 vs 414	<b>September 2, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #414 vs 412 9:45 AM Team #413 vs 411	<b>September 9, 2017</b> <b>PICTURE DAY</b> 9:00 AM Team #413 vs 414 9:45 AM Team #411 vs 412
<b>September 16, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #413 vs 412 9:45 AM Team #414 vs 411	<b>September 23, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #412 vs 414 9:45 AM Team #411 vs 413	<b>September 30, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #414 vs 413 9:45 AM Team #412 vs 411
<b>October 7, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #412 vs 413 9:45 AM Team #411 vs 414	<b>October 14, 2017</b> 9:00 AM Team #414 vs 412 9:45 AM Team #413 vs 411	

**Shin guards are Required**  
**SAFETY REMINDER:**  
NO JEWELRY, NO CAST WHILE PLAYING  
DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON PROPERTY