

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)s  
Palm Harbor Nighthawks Recreational Soccer

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1. I registered on-line and since we have not played with the Nighthawks prior, we need to send in a copy of the player's birth certificate. How and where do we send it?
  - a. You may **mail it** to:  
Palm Harbor Nighthawks Soccer  
P.O. Box 691  
Palm Harbor, FL 34682  
or Scan it and **e-mail it** to:  
kbarbaccia@palmharbornighthawks.com
2. If this is our first year playing for the Nighthawks, can we still register on-line?
  - a. Yes. You may still register on-line, but will need to send in a copy of the registered player's birth certificate. Please reference FAQ #1.
3. We do not live in the zip codes listed on the form and on-line registration; may we still register with the Nighthawks?
  - a. Yes. The zip codes merely outline the fee for registration. They do not limit registration.
4. I just saw on a registration form the zip codes listed as within the Palm Harbor. We live in Lansbrook Village and our zip code is 34685 (which is Palm Harbor also). Why is our zip code not included?
  - a. The zip codes noted on the registration pertain to the PH fire district and your zip code does not fall under this district yet is still a Palm Harbor zip code.
5. Why are the costs different for the zip codes listed?
  - a. The zip codes (PH fire district) determine the user fee assessed by Palm Harbor Parks and Recreation. Palm Harbor Nighthawks Soccer Club, Inc. is a non-profit organization run totally by volunteers and must pay the Parks and Recreation department a user fee per player. They base this fee on inside and outside of the PH fire district zip codes.
6. Do all the age groups have practice?
  - a. No. The Rascals and the Kickers leagues do not have set practices times. Practice is allowed and is dependant on the coach players, parents and field space. We have established a Training night for all Rascals and Kickers which is led by our older club players.
7. What night do the teams practice?
  - a. The practice schedule is not set until the coaches meeting which is held the week after registration closes. The coaches determine the best night for practice based on their availability.
8. Can we request a practice night?
  - a. It is preferred that you request a night for which you can not practice. This allows the volunteer coach a level of flexibility when structuring teams and still allows us to support individual needs/limitations.
9. Are the age levels firm or can I play my child in a low age bracket?

- a. The age levels defined on the registration form are firm. You may not play an older player in a lower age group.
10. May I request that my child be with a specific coach or a friend?
- a. Yes. We do our best to support such request if it does not negatively impact the program. We do not allow set teams to play year to year.
11. How are the teams established?
- a. The teams are structured through a “Blind Draft” that is based on years of experience for each player and gender for our co-ed teams. We first assign the coaches children to their team and then work to distribute players based on years played. In the future we will do this based on a player rating established during a prior year of play.
12. When are the soccer Seasons?
- a. Palm Harbor Nighthawks run two recreational seasons per year. Our Spring Season is 7 weeks of play and two weeks of practice which starts around mid March and runs through early May. Our Fall Season has three weeks of practice prior to a ten week season which is followed by playoffs and an all-star game. This season begins in September and end in mid January.
13. What equipment will my child need?
- a. This will depend on the age level and league, but the basic items are:
- Cleats (soccer not baseball or football)
  - Shin guards
  - Ball (appropriate size)
  - Water jug
  - Shorts, sports socks and practice shirt – Shorts and socks are provided for U8 – U12 leagues.
14. My child has never played soccer before, is this okay or will he/she be out of place?
- a. This is the perfect place for your child to enter the sport. No soccer experience is required for our recreational program. The focus is fun and development.