



WARREN COUNTY YMCA
Winter Indoor Soccer Clinic 2024 (1st-3rd & 4th – 6th Grades)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our 2nd Winter Indoor Soccer Clinic here at the Warren County YMCA! Thank you so much for signing your child(ren) up for our program! I am excited to start our 2nd Indoor Soccer Clinic and I am pleased to welcome back Ramon Godina Contreras & Oniza Royeen who will be working with your youth and prepare them for soccer this Spring in a brand new way over the next 7 weeks! I will also be here most weeks assisting.

Parents/Guests – I ask of you the following, which I hope helps make this program run as best as it possibly can like it did so last year. There is not very much viewable space for our gym based on how it is built. Please be courteous to all parents who are here to watch by taking turns watching through the main window in the lobby, or through the windows in the hallway. We will have 1 set of bleachers and several chairs available to allow you to watch, but please take turns. For example, during scrimmages, if your child is not playing, allow other parents whose kids are playing at that time to have a seat in front of one of the windows so they can watch. Once your child(ren) goes in, then switch. This is all we can do with the limited viewing area we have available. You may also look through the windows of the 2 doors in the hallways, but please do not block the doors with chairs. Only stand in those spots so as to be able to quickly move when players come in and out for breaks. Please do not enter the gymnasium unless a coach allows you to avoid being hit by a ball or player. During your child's clinic time, please stay in the lobby area. If you are a YMCA member and above the age of 18, you can scan in at the desk and go workout in either the Wellness Center or Free Weight Rooms. This is for MEMBERS 18+ ONLY! Non-YMCA Members and anyone UNDER 18 will not be allowed to freely use these rooms during this program. We will have staff here to monitor the rooms. If you have children with you, they MUST be watched by you. They CANNOT run freely through the YMCA. The game room and Kidtropolis WILL BE CLOSED during indoor soccer so they may not use these rooms. If these rules are not followed, we may not be able to offer this program in the future. This program takes place after hours meaning the YMCA is technically closed to the public, so this is a privilege we have to be able to do this program and I do not want it ruined over bad behavior, or any rule breaking. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the above information.

Clinic/Scrimmages– The clinic will be set up as follows. 1st-3rd Grade will meet from 4:00-5:20pm, and 4th-6th grade will follow from 5:30-6:50pm. Each week, we will start off with warmups before going through different drills/skills. Drills working on Dribbling, Kicking, Shooting, Passing, and playing the ball off the walls will all be practiced and worked on throughout the clinic. These skills will be worked on for 30

minutes to start each week. After this, the kids will begin scrimmages where they will be placed on teams each week, so they have a chance to work with every player available. Depending on the number of sign-ups, we will split the kids into 3-4 teams that will rotate in and out of game. 2 teams will play at one time in the gym and will go for 8 minutes. Any other teams will sit out in the lobby to grab water and take a break in between scrimmage rounds. Doing this is to avoid potential injury. Kids who are not playing are at risk of getting hit by the ball in the gym if they are not paying attention. We will make sure each team plays as equal of an amount of time as possible each week. In the last few weeks, the focus will shift towards longer scrimmage times to work on in game skills.

Clinic Dates - Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1*, 8 & 15. We will have indoor soccer from 11-2pm on Saturday, February 1st due to an after hours rental scheduled for that evening. This is the only date planned to be at an earlier time. This date is marked with an asterisk (*). We will have 1 scheduled make up date if a cancellation is needed due to weather or any other cancelable issue. That date is currently TBD.

Picture Day - On Saturday, January 18 (Week 3), we will have picture day. Shyvel's Photography will be back to take our pictures. We will hand out Clinic shirts prior to pictures being done and will begin the clinic immediately following. Pictures are at your child's normal clinic time.

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 communication throughout the season. You can stop receiving messages from the Y at any time.

Finally, if you are interested in sponsoring your child's team/group in any of our sports programs, the cost for a single season/sport is \$200. This helps offset t-shirt, equipment, and staff/referee costs for the youth sports department. Your logo/business or family name will be added to the back of your child's team shirts as well as on any game schedules. If interested, I will need a confirmation ASAP! As a thank you, I will also have a 2x2 banner made for you that will hang outside on the baseball field fence for all Spring, Summer and Fall Youth Sports Seasons in 2024.

Thank you so much for reading this letter. I hope you and your child enjoy our program! If you have any questions, call me at the Y at 309-734-3183, or email me at ben@warrencountyyymca.org.

Thank You,

Ben Davis

Youth Development Director

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