



## SPRING FESTIVAL OF FUTURE STARS

The only option available to first and second graders for the spring season is to play in the Festival of Future Stars league. This league is made up of teams from surrounding towns with all games played at the Belmont Street fields in East Bridgewater. This league started in the spring of 2011 and has grown in size since inception.

There are around 30 to 40 teams in the league and EBYS opens registration in the late fall. We will form teams early enough so that teams can play indoor soccer throughout the winter season. Almost all spring teams play indoors through the winter. Players are not required to play indoor soccer to participate in the Festival of Future Stars. However, if your child is planning on playing indoor soccer we respectfully request that players give first priority to their spring team and coach. The idea of playing winter soccer is to prepare for the spring.

Due to the large number of teams and towns involved we ask that anyone interested in playing spring soccer register in the late fall (regardless of whether the player is planning on playing indoor soccer). We may open up registration in the early spring if we have space BUT there is no guarantee that late registrants will be placed on a team. Our ability to add players/teams is based on the number of players that register early, the number of roster spots available, the number of total teams in the league, and the ability to locate a coach (if we are adding a team). The best way to secure a spot on spring soccer team is to register in the late fall.

**Cost:** \$100 per player with a family cap of \$200 across all EBYS spring programs. Therefore, if you have one child playing in the Festival of Future Stars league and two children in the instructional league the most you will be charged is \$200. Financial aid is available to anyone that requires it. Please email the EBYS Treasurer at [treasurer@ebysa.com](mailto:treasurer@ebysa.com).

**Registration:** Opens in late August and closes in late September. Anyone that registers by the deadline will be placed on a team whether or not they decide to play indoor soccer.

**Season:** The season lasts approximately eight weeks starting in early April. There are no games the weekend of Memorial Day. The Festival of Future Stars normally runs through the middle of June.

**Teams:** All players that register by the registration deadline will be placed on a team. Teams are balanced to maintain a competitive level of play and players are selected in a September draft.

**Games:** Girls play on Saturdays and boys play on Sundays. All games are in the morning/early afternoon and all games are played in East Bridgewater. Games consist of two 25-minute halves for this age group.

**Practice:** Starts in early April and is one time per week at a day/time chosen by the coach. EBYS requests that coaches avoid Thursdays to the extent possible.



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**Extra Training:** Starts in late mid April on Thursday nights normally between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This is included in the registration fee and is run by licensed professional coaches. In addition, EBYS will occasionally offer indoor training (for an additional fee) when we have interest and are able to coordinate a consistent training day/time.

**Opening Day Festivities:** Not offered due to the number of teams involved from other towns. EBYS will may be holding a picture day in March before the season starts.

**Equipment provided:** Team shirt.

**Equipment required:** All players must have shin guards and socks to cover the shin guards. Soccer cleats are recommended but not required.