

APRENDE JAGUARS BOYS SOCCER CANDIDATES



BOYS SOCCER

BEFORE ANY PLAYER MAY PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE REGISTRATION PORTAL

Registration Checklist: ALL ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED

1. Athletic Packet (Online)
2. Athletic Packet: Additional Information (Online)
3. Brain Injury Concussion Form (Online)
4. Sports Physical (Upload Online)
5. Coach's Letter Signed (Front Office)

Registration Portal: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

**REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY
NOON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024**

The \$150 fee for cut sports is due on the first day of practice, Tuesday, January 14th if your student makes the team.

It is soccer season! Soccer begins very soon and those wishing to represent Aprende on the soccer field must prepare quickly. We have compiled this information packet in hopes that it will help both you and your child prepare for the try-out period.

Philosophy

As coaches, we believe that fundamentals and commitment to the sport are important. This not only enhances the individual and team skills, but also works to help avoid injuries. Winning is great and is an objective, but not the goal. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for each player to acquire basic skills, confidence, attitudes, and knowledge that will lead to future play and enjoyment.

Dates of Tryouts

Tuesday, January 7 th	3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday, January 9 th	3:30-5:00 pm
Friday, January 10 th	3:30-5:00 pm
Monday, January 13 th	3:30-5:00 pm

All cut sports will consist of a VARSITY and a JUNIOR VARSITY squad. Tryouts are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys.

PARENT MEETING: There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all players and their parents/guardians after practice on Tuesday, January 14th at 5pm.

Athletes are to report to the soccer field dressed out for tryouts (the locker room will be open). Parents are responsible for their child's transportation home from tryouts. We will be looking at taking 16 players on each team. Bring soccer gear and plenty of water to tryouts. Final cuts will be posted the morning after tryouts on Tuesday, January 14th.

Criteria for making the Team

In fairness to both players and parents, we will review the following criteria in the selection of the team members:

- **Attitude**

...toward the sport of soccer, school, teammates, coaches, instruction, and new situations. Does the player truly want to be the best he can be? Does the player go the extra mile to put the team before himself? Is the player ready to take on the responsibilities of representing Aprende on the field?

- **Abilities/Skills**

...how well can the player handle the soccer ball, pass, chip, shoot, trap, play defense, dribble, head, throw in, play goalkeeper, etc?

- **Potential**

...how hard is the player willing to work to overcome weaknesses? How much is the player willing to learn? Does the player actively seek information pertaining to soccer? Does the player have a deep desire to be on the soccer field?

- **Strategic Knowledge**

...does the player have a basic understanding of the sport of soccer (i.e. passing patterns, maneuvering defensive and offensive units, mid-field buildups, overlapping shot and pass selections, etc.)?

What Happens If I Make the Team?

Once teams are selected, practices will take place **after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays from 3:30-5:30 pm**. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation from practices. Students are required to be at each practice and to be on time. Exceptions are limited to unavoidable absences. Once the season starts, practices will be held on non-game days. Games will be on Mondays/Thursdays. Athletes are expected to attend every game. Schedules will be provided once the rosters have been filled. All transportation to games is provided by the Kyrene School District. **Parents will need to provide on time transportation home from games and practices.**

Those players who will represent Aprende Middle School's soccer teams should be prepared to practice on Tuesday, January 14 from 3:30-5:00 pm. We will have a parent meeting immediately following practice @ 5:00 pm.

Eligibility and Academic Standards

An Aprende soccer player must exemplify the ideal student/athlete. Grades will be checked every Friday. Time management becomes a skill all student athletes must master. The earlier in their athletic career that students master time management, the better. These skills will be discussed throughout the season and, with the help of parents, we are certain all players will have a successful season both on the field and in the classroom.

We are looking forward to a great season with lots of fun and learning. Although it is a short season, much can be accomplished if we are willing to work for it. Please remember that practices must be attended. Parents, family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend all games.

Thanks for your time, understanding and support!

Aprende Soccer Coaches

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**Aprende Boys Soccer
24-25 Q3 Season
Coaches' Letter**

Please sign and return this form to Ms. Vergara in the front office no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, December 20th.

We understand the policies concerning tryouts and season play for soccer.

Please indicate grade of student: 6th Grade ____ 7th Grade ____ 8th Grade ____

Please **PRINT** student's name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

I have also read the following Health & Safety Information located at <http://www.kyrene.org/Page/1116> on the Kyrene School District website.

Parent & Athlete Concussion Information Sheet
AIA Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy
Hot Weather, Heat Stress & School Safety
Hazing Policy
Opioid Handout
Cardiac Arrest Handout

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____