



# NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS-SAN ANTONIO

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What sports does NYS offer?** NYS offers the following sports: Baseball, Cheer, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, and Volleyball. Most sports are played four times a year which we call seasons - fall, winter, spring, and summer. Most of our programs are coed except for volleyball (girls only).

**What ages can you register for NYS sports?** NYS offers sports for children 3 to 17 yrs old. There are specific age groups within a sport. Read the season flyer for specific ages by sport.

**How does my child's age determine which age group he/she will be assigned to?** NYS follows the school calendar year which is currently Sept. 1, 2021. For example, anyone who is 8 yrs old before this date, will be placed on a team with the 6-8 yr old's. If that child turns 9 in October, they can remain on the 6 - 8 team up to the next fall season. At that time the child will be moved up to the next age group.

**Can I move my child up to an older team if he/she has advanced skills?** A parent can decide to move their child up one age group due to higher skill level, more competition or to play with friends or a coach who has moved up. No child can move down an age group.

**How are teams formed?** Teams are formed by age group, closest elementary school or zip code proximity, and by friend or coach request. Each season, NYS can adjust age divisions as necessary. NYS has the right to add players to any team until the maximum number of players is met for the sport to allow each child at least 50% playing time.

**Can a player remain with their coach from season to season?** Yes. Many teams return season after season with the same roster of players. Some teams move from one sport to another during the year as well. When registering please include the coach's name.

**Does NYS assign practice times and locations?** No. The coach and parents will discuss and agree on practice day(s), time and location that is suitable for most parents on the team. It's always difficult to sync everyone's schedules, so adjustments may need to be made to your personal schedule at least once a week.

**Does NYS assign practice facilities?** For basketball and volleyball, NYS works with local school districts during the school year to reserve gym space. We coordinate closely with the team's coaches to see which gyms will work for them. For outdoor sports, we encourage teams to utilize city, HOA parks, and neighborhood green areas to conduct practices. Typically, teams practice 1-2 times per week. NYS does not restrict the amount of practice time.

**Are all NYS coaches volunteers?** Yes. All coaches are parent volunteers! We ask parents to get involved with their child's team by volunteering as a head coach, assistant coach, team parent or scorekeeping. There are many vital roles to play on a team and these positions are filled by parents. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help children learn and have fun.



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**What role do I play as a parent?** As a parent, we ask all of our parents to be supportive and encourage all players from both teams during the games. Coaches are volunteering their time and we ask parents to assist your coaches and respect the decisions they make. Finally, during the games, respect the decisions made by the officials and site coordinators.

**Do I need to purchase any equipment?** To keep registration fees affordable, NYS does not provide personal sports equipment for each player. Players may wear shorts or sweats of any type as long as it doesn't have pockets or belt loops. Appropriate footwear by sport is recommended. NYS provides a jersey for each player and provides the necessary practice equipment to coaches for baseball. The following equipment will need to be purchased based on sport:

**Baseball/T-Ball** - Baseball glove, protective cup is recommended for ages 6 and up

**Basketball** - Mouthguard is highly recommended

**Flag Football** - Mouth guard is mandatory to play

**Soccer** - Shin guards are mandatory

**Volleyball** - Knee pads are mandatory

**Does NYS provide jerseys?** Your registration fee includes a sports jersey. For baseball, we provide the cap and a jersey. Some teams may decide to order custom jerseys which is an additional expense to parents to order. NYS is not involved with custom orders. The coach and team can discuss the options with you.

**When will game schedules be available?** Game schedules are posted on Wednesday before the first Saturday of games. NYS wants to ensure everyone has the most accurate information before the season starts! Game schedules are available online at [nysonline.org](http://nysonline.org).

**Are we required to fundraise or pay any team fees?** NYS does not require parents, players, or teams to fundraise to pay any additional fees to participate in our programs. Any fundraising is done solely by team discretion.

**How do I find out if a game is cancelled due to inclement weather?** Please be sure to follow us on Facebook since game cancellations will be announced on Facebook. NYS will do our best to reschedule cancelled games due to weather. We may schedule games during the week or add extra games during the weekend. We will discuss with coaches as needed.