

Great Hearts teams are now forming for fall soccer in the YMCA recreational league.

The co-ed teams are split into five main age groups:

3 and 4 years-old (Pre-K) | Small Fries
5 and 6 years-old (K and 1 grade) | 6U
7 and 8 years-old (2 and 3 grade) | 8U
9 and 10 years-old (4 and 5 grade) | 10U
11 and 12 years-old (6 and 7 grade) | 12U

Great Hearts will **not** offer Middle School soccer in the fall (spring only). We are also trying to form a 12U YMCA league team.

The early sign-up deadline is **August 30** to give sufficient time to order team shirts before the start of games on September 14. The cost is \$60 for YMCA members and \$75 for non-members. Limited signups are allowed after the deadline for an additional \$20 fee.

The season is scheduled from **September 14 to November 9** (assuming no rainouts). There are eight games in the season, played on Saturdays at fields near or at the Irving YMCA. Practice times will be determined with your coach, although GH teams typically have practices on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Practices are expected to start the week of **September 9**.

Note: The practice location is not yet finalized but is expected to be near the school. It is likely that parents will be asked for contribution of \$10/child for a practice field rental fee.

Sign up online and pay by credit card at the YMCA website [here](#). Alternatively, you can visit the YMCA in person, fill out the registration form, and pay with cash, check, or credit card.

When registering, take care to specify the school as “Great Hearts” and the correct shirt size.

Brad Bell has volunteered to serve as a liaison between the Great Hearts community and the YMCA to help organize the soccer teams and ensure the best possible experience. Contact Mr. Bell at 972.655.4123 or b_radford1@yahoo.com with any questions.

As we expect increased participation over the eight teams, we are looking for more volunteer coaches.

Note: While Great Hearts supports sports participation in the YMCA leagues, this is a YMCA activity. Since students enjoy playing on teams with their friends, GHI set up "Great Hearts" teams, coached by volunteer Great Hearts parents. However, this is not a 100 percent guarantee.