

Rio Valley Travel Team Registration Information

July 5, 2010

Rio Valley, Laredo and Coastal Bend Division-One and Super-2 will be scheduled to play together in these two levels of play. Games will be scheduled on a home and away basis. Division 2 teams will play valley wide. Under- 11 through Under- 19 teams may register with Rio Valley and their local clubs for the 2010 – 2011 Seasonal Year in compliance with registration requirements. A team not in compliance team may be disqualified from post-season play.

At the Division One, Super II and Division II level of play, players, coaches and teams are committing to participate for the fall and spring season. Once a player joins a team, that roster spot is unavailable until after the end of the spring season unless the player transfers to another team or is properly released. **Certain signatures** are required for a player transfer or release. Rio Valley will not process Transfers and/or Releases without the appropriate signatures.

Registration rules require verification of date of birth. Proof of age shall consist of a certified United States birth certificate, any other documents that provide proof of age that is issued by the US Government or a passport. A foreign issued birth certificate along with a copy of the individual's **school official permanent record card** issued by the school registrar will also be accepted.

A second form of photo ID is required for players attending middle school or a higher level educational institution. If a second ID is not available, players must have the approval of the Rio Valley Governing Board.

Additionally, players will need to provide proof of residency. A recent utility bill (within three months of the player's date of registration) in the player's parent name is required.

Only coaches who have met the STYSA Coaching Requirements can be rostered to a team. All adults having contact with the players are required to have a background check and be registered on the team. A Photo ID and an Adult Registration Form must be submitted to process a background check for all members of the coaching staff. Requirements are available on the STYSA Website. Rio Valley assesses a \$ 5.00 Fee for every Kid Safe Applicant on a team. All select teams may register a coaching staff consisting up to four adults.

The maximum number of players on an U11 and U12 teams is 14 players. These age groups will play 8 A-side. In accordance to STYSA Rules, up to three players who are U-10 age eligible or younger are allowed on these age teams. A roster for U13 through U16 may consist up to 18 players. A roster for U17 through U19 teams may consist up to 22 players. Player and Adult Registration Forms are required to be completed only once during the fall or spring season.

Completed forms and appropriate fees can be submitted for registration. Please make sure that all the information clearly legible in order to eliminate errors. **Incomplete Forms (either missing information or fees) will not be accepted.** The procedure is as follows:

1. All teams must submit a Team Commitment to Play Form. Division-One and Division-II teams are assessed a team fee of \$ 125.00 for the fall season. Super-II team fee is \$ 175.00. Team fees are payable on-line by August 15th.

2. The Rio Valley registration player fee for the fall and spring season is \$ 80.00. New players that register for the spring season will pay \$ 60.00. Players not participating during the fall or spring season but register with Rio Valley will pay \$ 30.00. A player whose registration fee is not paid in full will not be registered. A player who is previously registered to a team may transfer to another team in compliance with the STYSA Transfer Rules and payment of \$ 40.00. Each Kid Safe applicant must pay \$ 5.00. Checks are payable to Rio Valley Youth Soccer Association (RVYSA). A money order should be submitted instead of cash.
3. No refunds are available once the season begins. Half of the player's registration fee will be refunded if request is made prior to the player's participation in first game.
4. A player registration form completed by the player's parent or legal guardian must have the residence address, city, zip code and a phone number, if available. **Proof of Residency** must be attached to the player's registration form.
5. Player's Date of Birth may be verified from club records. Players registering with another club or a new player need to submit an original Birth Certificate and a Birth Certificate Copy. A registration official will verify the Date of Birth on the Registration Form and signs that the copy is a duplicate of the original Birth Certificate. Once verified, original Birth Certificate documents will be returned immediately to the coach and/or parent and must be returned to the parent. A player whose date of birth is not verified will not receive an ID Card and will be unable to play.
6. Players attending middle school or a higher-level educational institution must provide a second photo ID (copy of the current or the previous year school ID or Driver's License).
7. Players who reside outside the STYSA boundaries (Mexico) will not be considered register and can not practice or play until after they have received STYSA approval in writing. The team through the club registrar must obtain either Permission to Play or an International Clearance (depending on the player's age). **International Clearance** or **Permission to Play** forms and instructions are available at www.stxsoccer.org in the forms section. Any player from Mexico that uses a fraudulent Texas address that circumvents these requirements will be considered an ineligible player and sanctions will be applied to both player and team.
8. In order to participate in a game, every player and coach will have to a Player Pass or Kid Safe Pass. Two (2) identification photos taken within the current calendar year must be submitted with registration applications. Photos need to be Pass Port size (1 ½ inch by 1 ½ inch). **Photos that are larger or smaller than the specified size will not be accepted.** The player's name must be written on the back of both photos and attached to the player's registration form.
9. Twelve players need to be registered by the deadlines to be considered a team for scheduling.
10. For the Spring Season, teams returning from the fall season will have to register by the STYSA Spring Cup Deadline, submit a CTP Form and any new player registration forms and fees.

Three playing levels will be offered; Division-One (highest level), Super-2 (intermediate level) and Division-2 (entry level for select teams). The Under 11 Group is considered open and teams are eligible to select their playing level. A tournament may be scheduled and teams will be separated in the different competition levels based on the previous season standings.

Once a team has registered with Rio Valley in Division One, the team will maintain the Division One status for the subsequent year and until the team fails to re-qualify or that team fails to return a roster of 50 percent plus one player or the team finishes in last place in the previous season's standings or the team is not needed to maintain a group size of four teams.

Per Rio Valley Policy, teams registered to compete, who place first or second in a district playoff or a team advances to a state playoff must compete in the next higher level of play for the next season. A team is defined as 50 % plus one player for this determination.

The fall level of play is being recommended for teams based on the spring results. Teams who have either strengthened or fallen below the definition of a core team roster may petition to move up or down a play level.

Age Group	Team Name	Spring Competition	Result	Level of Play	
U12 Boys	Atlas 99 Classic	National Cup	District; 2 nd Place	Division-One	
	Atlas 99 Black	National Cup	District; 3 rd Place	Division-One	
	Bandit 99 Gunners	Presidents Cup	District; 1 st Place	Division-One	
	Bandit 99 Spurs	Presidents Cup	District; 3 rd Place	Super-2	
	Celtic 99 Elite	Director's Cup	State; 1 st Place	Super-2	
	Sevilla 99	Director's Cup	Travel League; 1 st	Super-2	
	Galaxy 99	Director's Cup	Travel League; 3 rd	Super-2	
	Tigres 99	No Cup		Division-2	
	Celtic 99 United	No Cup		Division-2	
	McAllen Furia Roja	South Texas Cup		Division-2	
	Terminators	No Cup		Division-2	
	Mid Valley Phoenix	No Cup		Division-3	
	U13 Boys	Atlas 98	National Cup	No Tournament	Division-One
		Chivas USA 98	President's Cup	District; 2 nd Place	Division-One
Thunder 98		No Cup		Division-One	
Toros 98		No Cup		Division-One	
Gladiators 98		Director's Cup	State; 3 rd Place	Super-2	
McAllen Mavericks		Director's Cup		Super-2	
Celtic 98 Pumas		Director's Cup		Division-2	
Celtic 98 Elite		Director's Cup		Division-2	
Border Bandit 98		No Cup		Division-2	
Mid Valley Jokers		South Texas Cup	Fall D3 1 st Place	Division-2	
U14 Boys	Chivas Royal 97	National Cup	District; 1 st Place	Division-One	
	Chivas USA 97	National Cup	District; 3 rd Place	Division-One	
	Pachuca USA 97	President's Cup	District; 1 st Place	Division-One	
	Brownsville United 97	President's Cup	District; 2 nd Place	Super-2	
	Celtic 97	Directors Cup		Division-2	
	Mid Valley Rayos	No Cup		Division-2	
U15 Boys	Atlas 96	National Cup	District; 4 th Place	Division-One	

	Chivas USA 96	National Cup	State; 3 rd Place	Division-One
	Tigres YSA 96	President's Cup		Super-2
	McAllen Mavericks 96	President's Cup	State; 4 th Place	Super-2
	Boca Juniors 96	No Cup		Division-2
U16 Boys	Chivas USA 95 Red	National Cup	District; 3 rd Place	Division-One
	Celtic 95 Gold	President's Cup	State; 2 nd Place	Division-One
	Baracudas 95	President's Cup		Super-2
	Revolution 95	South Texas Cup	State; 2 nd Place	Super-2
	Chivas Royal	No Cup		Super-2
	Barcelona 95	No Cup		Division-2
U17 Boys	Thunder United 94	President's Cup	Region; 1 st Place	Division-One
	Azteca 94	President's Cup		Division-One
	Chivas USA 94	No Cup		Super-2
	Border Bandit 94	Director's Cup		Division-2
	Celtic 94	Director's Cup		Division-2
	Palermo Juniors	No Cup		Division-2
U18 Boys	Dynamo TSA 93	National Cup	State; 2 nd Place	Division-One
	Brownsville Sharks 93	Director's Cup	State; 3 rd Place	Super-2
	Celtic 93	Director's Cup		Division 2
U12 Girls	99 Brownsville United	Director's Cup	State; 1 st Place	Super-2
	99 Celtic Classic	No Cup		Super-2
	99 Celtic Elite LF	Director's Cup		
	99 Border Bandits	Director's Cup		Super-2
	99 Brownsville Galaxy	No Cup		Division-2
	99 Celtic White			Division-2
U13 Girls	98 Celtic United	Director's Cup		Super-2
	98 Valley Cheetahs	Director's Cup		Super-2
	98 Bandit Fury	Director's Cup		Super-2
	98 CF United	South Texas Cup		Super-2
	98 Liberty SC	Director's Cup		Super-2
	98 Celtic Elite	No Cup		Division -2
U14 Girls	97 United Angels	President's Cup		Super-2
	97 Celtic Elite	Director's Cup		Division-2
	97 Bandit Heat	Director's Cup		Division-2
	97 Brownsville Bad	No Cup		Division-3
U15 Girls	96 Celtic Elite	Director's Cup		Division-2
U16 Girls	95 McAllen Bullets	Director's Cup	State; 1 st Place	Super-2

If you have any questions or need a team registration packet, contact the persons below:

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