

BELLEVUE IOWA YOUTH SOCCER (BIYS)  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2026 SPRING SEASON (GRADES 5-8):

**HIGH SCHOOL COACHING:** Our goal is to have each session coached by high school soccer coaches. Over the last few years we have been able to achieve that goal with positive results for the youth athletes. Both Bellevue Community and Marquette High School coaches are invited to participate. In return, BIYS will donate a prorated amount to each participating program at the end of the season.

**GENDER SPECIFIC TEAMS:** With player development in mind, we focus on gender specific teams for spring soccer. For high school soccer, both schools have a girls team and a boys team. We feel that middle school is the appropriate time to prepare for playing in high school.

**REVERSIBLE JERSEYS:** All registered athletes will receive a reversible jersey to use for the season at the first session. All jerseys will be returned to BIYS at the last session. Jerseys will be assigned by size with numbers being randomly assigned.

**OUTDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:** For spring soccer, we prioritize outdoor sessions in Bellevue at Felderman Park. We know that it is unlikely that we can be outside six weekends in a row, but we are going to plan to be outside each week. We will have gym space reserved at Bellevue High School as a backup plan for each Sunday during our season. If we must move indoors, we will attempt to keep the indoor session times the same as the outdoor times. Unfortunately, we cannot always guarantee this.

**SCHEDULE:** For March 8th only, the athletes will be divided into three sessions: 5th through 8th grade girls, 5th and 6th grade boys, and 7th and 8th grade boys. The teams will be divided up after the March 8th sessions, and athletes will spend each of the last five Sundays with their team. Based on last year's registration numbers, we anticipate dividing the girls into two teams and the boys into four teams with the full range of grades 5-8 on each team. We do have a backup plan if three girls teams and/or five boys teams are necessary due to registration numbers, and the schedule below would be subject to change.

March 8, 2026 (Practice + Scrimmage)	March 15, 2026 (Practice + Scrimmage)	March 22, 2026 (Game #1)
2:30-4:00 5-8 girls	2:30-4:00 Boys 1&2	2:30-4:00 Boys 1v3
4:00-5:30 5-6 boys	4:00-5:30 Girls 1&2	4:00-5:30 Boys 2v4
5:30-7:00 7-8 boys	5:30-7:00 Boys 3&4	5:30-7:00 Girls 1v2
March 29, 2026 (Game #2)	April 12, 2026 (Game #3)	April 19, 2026
2:30-4:00 Girls 1v2	2:30-4:00 Boys 3v4	2:30-4:00 TBD
4:00-5:30 Boys 2v3	4:00-5:30 Girls 1v2	4:00-5:30 TBD
5:30-7:00 Boys 1v4	5:30-7:00 Boys 1v2	5:30-7:00 TBD

If we must move a session indoors, that session will focus on technical skills and small-sided scrimmages.

**WEATHER:** Mother Nature generally plays havoc with our outdoor schedule in March and April. We play in most weather conditions. Gloves, stocking caps, and layers of clothing are certainly encouraged when temperatures are cold. Two things will certainly cause an outdoor session to be delayed or move indoors: lightning and poor field conditions (including steady rain or snow).

**SCHEDULE CONFLICTS:** Middle school is a busy time for student athletes. We do understand that players may not be able to make all sessions. Even if your youth athlete will miss one or more sessions, the sessions they can attend will help their growth as a soccer player. If an athlete needs to miss a session or two, we simply ask that you let us know as soon as possible.

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