

LCYSA seeking soccer players

The Astorian

The Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association includes itself among local organizations affected by the coronavirus, with annual camps and games canceled over the last year.

So — to get numbers back up — the association is making an offer to parents and kids they can't refuse: No commitment, no sign-up and no cost.

The organization is telling local youth soccer players to "just show up when you can and enjoy some good spring soccer."

Running now through April 29, the association is offering training and practices from 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Training will be focused on small-sided games that "will maximize the amount of touches each player has on the ball and to knock off the rust from a long break."

Training will be open to all current fourth through eighth graders. The association is looking for eighth grade students to mentor the younger grades and help them develop skills.

Fourth through seventh graders will be working on skills and gathering interest for



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A past group of Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association soccer players.

a "classic season," which will transition at the end of spring training to start forming teams.

Classic teams will start forming in May, with hopes of beginning practices in mid-July.

Teams will have at least two tournaments this summer, one at home and one away,

followed by a 10-game season starting in September.

Teams will be formed based on player interest and the ability to staff the teams with coaches. If interested in coaching a team or helping with spring training, contact David Feeney at feen327@msn.com.

The association's board has four vacant

positions that need to be filled: referee coordinator, sponsorship coordinator, field maintenance and equipment coordinator. If interested, send a message to the club's website at cysasoccer.com.

The association asks that children are in good health and have masks with them for training.



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