2021 FORCE/FCLC Super Y Frequently Asked Questions

Scheduling Questions

When does the season start / finish?

Practices will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Spring season which is likely to be 6/14/21. Games are likely to begin the weekend of June 25-26. The season is expected to finish August 8.

Will the season conflict with other Force / Club programs?

We will coordinate schedules so there are no conflicts or overlaps between Super Y & the regular club season.

The only exception would be if a club team wins State Cup or Presidents Cup and advances to USYS Regionals or Nationals. In this event, a weekend of Super Y games may need to be rescheduled to allow the FORCE team to attend Regionals.

When will we see a game schedule?

Game schedules will be released in April.

When & where are practices?

Practices will be on weekday evenings (Mon-Thu) and will take place in either Crystal Lake, Grayslake or Gurnee. Half of the practices will be in Crystal Lake and the other half will be in Grayslake and/or Gurnee. You can expect to practice 2 times per week, although this may fluctuate to 1 or 3 times per week depending on holidays and game schedule.

Are there games every weekend?

No. There will be no games the weekend of July 4th. Additionally you can expect to have another 1-2 weekends off. Our goal is to have Super Y games on no more than 4 weekends (giving you 3 weekends off)

What if we have conflicts with summer vacation or other pre-planned events?

We will try our best to create a game schedule that works for all families. To do this we collect a list of black out dates from all team members before we schedule the games. It's impossible to create a conflict free schedule for everyone, but we try our best to work around the black out dates.

If you anticipate missing multiple weekends, you should contact Super Y Director Kristian Rockall before committing to play.

Please note there are no pro-rated fees should a player have to miss a portion of the season due to vacations.

Roster / Team Selection Questions

Do I have to play for Crystal Lake Force or FC Lake County to play on a Super Y team?

No. Any competitive player can play in the Force/FCLC Super Y program, as it doesn't conflict with your regular club season. Once Super Y season concludes, players then return to play with their primary club.

How big will the roster be?

For 11vs11 teams (which pertains to all teams 08 and older for 2020) we plan on rostering between 16-18 players.

For 9vs9 teams (09 birth year) we plan on rostering between 13-15 players.

Can my player play up an age group?

You can request this in your tryout application, but the decision for players to play at an age group will be solely at the discretion of the Super Y coaching staff & Program Director. Sometimes we will combine 2 age groups in order to form a team.

Why are two birth years combined for the High School age teams?

The Super Y league combines two ages for their High School age divisions. This is a league decision and not something we have control over as a club.

Why are some age groups not listed for tryouts?

The depth of our player pool is not deep enough at some ages. Super Y have instructed us to only host tryouts at ages where we have a deep player pool, with a further recommendation to only form teams that would have the quality to compete well at the Regional level.

Is it possible to have two teams of the same gender & age level?

This is possible but unlikely. On rare occasions the depth in our player pool could be deep enough to create an A & B team at an age level. The Super Y Directors will approve this only if the B team is strong enough to compete at the Super Y level.

Cost Questions

How much is the program & what does it include?

The Super Y 2020 program fee is expected to be \$540. The fee includes between 8-10 games, 12 team practices (min 2, max 3 practices in one week) and one goalkeeper training session per week for the keepers.

What about uniforms?

Players will purchase a special Force Super Y kit for around \$50. This includes 2 x jerseys, 2 x socks, 1 x shorts. FC Lake County based players will have the FCLC logo on the sleeve of their uniform.

What other additional costs are there?

Families are responsible for all additional costs (transportation, hotels, meals) during out of state travel. Teams will all stay together at the same hotel and will be coordinated by the team manager.

Travel Questions

What are the travel commitments?

A Super Y team can expect to travel out of state 1 time and no more than 2 times in one season.

For an out of state weekend you will typically play 2-3 games (similar to a tournament).

Where are the out of state games?

Super Y games are hosted in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

When & where are the National Championships?

National Championships are held in early December in Florida each year. Teams qualify for the National Championships by winning their division in the summer, or by earning a wild card bid.

For the 2021 season, 2010 and older age groups will be eligible to qualify for the National Championships!

Coaching Questions

Who coaches the Force/FCLC Super Y teams?

Members of the Force & FCLC coaching staff will coach the Super Y teams. Coaching assignments will be selected by the Super Y Director & FCLC Technical Director.

When will coaches be announced?

The aim is to announce the coaches within 14 days of the completion of the tryout date. Please note, the coaching assignments are subject to change after the initial announcement.