



MADISON 56ers VOLUNTEER / SERVICE PROGRAM

Madison 56ers Soccer Club relies heavily on support from club families for the success of its many events and programs. By contributing their time and talents to more than 1,500 unique jobs each year in support of team and club activities, club families help make sure our tournaments and teams are well-organized and fun for all. Thank you for all that you do in support of Madison 56ers!

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Each Madison 56ers family is required to contribute 2 service shifts or jobs per year. This is a family requirement - those with multiple players in the club still only need 2 jobs each year. Service program requirements are the same for scholarship and non-scholarship families.
- Service shifts may be completed by parents or by high-school age players, provided the job is appropriate for the age/maturity level of the volunteer. Students may use shifts to earn both 56ers service credits and fulfill school/religious/honor society service hour obligations.
- The annual service program aligns to the soccer season; credits are accumulated beginning August 1 through July 31 of the following year.
- The 56ers use SignUpGenius to administer the service program sign-ups and tracking. Parents are responsible for signing up for individual jobs in SignUpGenius to claim credits.
- Service credits are earned in support of club needs, including:
 - Madison 56ers tournaments (each family is requested to work at least one tournament shift);
 - Team jobs (manager, treasurer, coordinator roles);
 - Club events and administrative support (golf fundraiser, facilities maintenance, etc.)
- Some teams organize team-building events to volunteer at local charities outside of training time. These events do NOT qualify as club service jobs.
- Families are responsible for monitoring progress on service obligations. The 56ers will distribute quarterly progress reports for parents to verify that club



records match their own. Any discrepancies should be reported as soon as possible to allow for timely corrections.

- Families who opt to not participate in the service program may buy out some or all of their shifts at a cost of \$75 per shift/credit.
- Any families who do not complete 2 shifts by the end of July will be charged \$75 for each missing shift. These fees must be paid before players can be registered for the next playing season.
- The service program is designed to make sure events run efficiently by matching club members to critical work tasks. It is not intended as a fundraising mechanism - we would much rather have you donate your time!
- When 56ers must cancel events for which volunteers have signed up for service hours (for example, a tournament canceled due to bad weather), families will still receive the associated credits.
- Families will NOT receive credit for volunteer shifts they sign up for, but do not attend (e.g. no-shows). Please look for the volunteer check-in desk and make sure to sign-in when you arrive for your shifts!