Area youth soccer begins first season

The Capital Area Youth Soccer Association began its first year of operation with most leagues' play beginning the end of September.

The group was formed in June in order to coordinate youth soccer activities in this area. It will promote soccer through coach and referee clinics, help new leagues to form and to determine area champions who will advance to the state championships.

In only four years the number of youngsters over 4,000, according to Roger Gulle, president of the new organization. "As fast as soccer has grown in this area, we just had to have some coordinating body to help each other," he said.

The Association is composed of 11 leagues. Those leagues and the people to contact in each about registration are: Town and Country Optimist Soccer Association, John Barringer, 258-2724; South Austin Boys Club, Patrick Guarino, 444-6369; Northwest YMCA, 459-9720; Westlake, Jim Lindsay, 327-4969; Lampasas, Clayton Duke, 556-5567; Georgetown, Dick Geer, 863-2448; East Austin Optimist, Jim Bowie, 926-3385; University Hills Optimist, Curtis Dickson, 451-2511; Lade Travis, Jim Hanson, 261-6613; Round Rock, Larry Gregorri, 255-6080; Downtown YMCA, 476-6705.