



# Soccer Program Details



Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. What are the mandates from U.S. Soccer?

U.S. Soccer has mandated that all soccer teams be defined by birth year instead of school year. With this change, Novi Parks has adjusted both the travel and house soccer programs to match this mandate. The following chart details the change:

Birth Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021
2016				U5
2015			U5	U6
2014		U5	U6	U7
2013	U5	U6	U7	U8
2012	U6	U7	U8	U9
2011	U7	U8	U9	U10
2010	U8	U9	U10	U11
2009	U9	U10	U11	U12
2008	U10	U11	U12	U13
2007	U11	U12	U13	U14
2006	U12	U13	U14	U15
2005	U13	U14	U15	U16
2004	U14	U15	U16	U17
2003	U15	U16	U17	U18
2002	U16	U17	U18	U19
2001	U17	U18	U19	
2000	U18	U19		
1999	U19			

The next chart details the U.S. Soccer Standards at the listed age divisions. These standards are mandatory for the WSSL Recreational and Select programs; however, the House Soccer program may have slight differences.

	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13+
Field Length (yards)	25-35	55-65	55-65	70-80	70-80	100-112
Field Width (yards)	15-25	35-45	35-45	45-55	45-55	50-75
Number of Players	4v4	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Times (min.)	4x10	2x25	2x25	2x30	2x30	2x35
Break Times (min.)	5	10	10	10	10	15
Ball Size	3	4	4	4	4	5
Offside	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## 2. What do the program formats look like?

The Novi Parks sponsored leagues are formed and operated on the principles of good sportsmanship, fair play, healthy activity, and other policies pertaining to all-around community understanding and development. The success of the soccer program relies on the great support of volunteer coaches.

Novi Parks makes every attempt to honor requests based on the questions asked during registration. However, due to the amount of registrations received along with other variables, **requests are not guaranteed**. Refunds will not be issued when preferred practice nights are not available and refunds will not be issued for players who request specific teams/coaches and do not get assigned according to their requests.

### 2.a. Tiny Tikes Soccer

- This is a 3-year-old soccer league. Players must be 3 years old by the first session.
- The league cost is \$29\* for a Novi resident and \$37\* for a non-resident.  
\*\$15 jersey fee if family does not already have a Tiny Tikes Soccer jersey
- Volunteer coaches will receive \$25 credit to their family accounts after the season.
- Participants will play in 4 total sessions.
- Sessions will take place in a 45 minute time slot (includes practice and game).
- The games are in a 4v4 or 5v5 format with no goalies.
- Shin guards are recommended.
- Program mementos are included in the registration fee.

### 2.b. House Soccer

	Coed U5 Coed U6	Coed U7	Coed U8	Boys U9-U10 Girls U9-U10	Boys U11-U12 Girls U11-U12
<b>Number of Players</b>	4v4	5v5	7v7	7v7	9v9
<b>Roster Maximum</b>	8	10	12	12	15
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Playing Times</b>	4 x 8 min.	4 x 10 min.	4 x 10 min.	4 x 12 min.	4 x 12 min.
<b>Ball Size</b>	3	3	3	4	4
<b>Offside</b>	No	No	No	No	No

- The cost per season for U5-U6 is \$99 for Novi residents and \$119 for non-residents.
- The cost per season for U7+ is \$129 for Novi residents and \$154 for non-residents.
- Volunteer coaches will receive \$25 credit to their family accounts after the season.
- Uniforms include one jersey, shorts, and socks.
- Covered shin guards are mandatory and jewelry will not be allowed.
- All participants will receive a season memento at the end of the season.
- Teams will practice once during the week at Novi area soccer fields.
- U5-U6 play 5 games and U7+ play 7 games during the season (weather permitting).
- Games are played at ITC Community Sports Parks and are generally on Saturdays; however, there may be some weekday games.
- Teams will remain together from the Fall to the Spring (provided the coach returns).
- Players will use the same uniforms issued in the Fall for both the Fall and Spring seasons. Players new to the program in the Spring will receive a new uniform.

**2.c. Travel Soccer: Novi Parks Soccer Club**

	U7 & U8	U9 & U10	U11 & U12	U13 & U14	U15-U19	U15-U19 (Small Sided)
<b>Number of Players</b>	4v4	7v7	9v9	11v11	11v11	7v7
<b>Roster Maximum</b>	8	12	15	18	18	18
<b>Goal Keeper</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Playing Times (min.)</b>	4x10	2x25	2x30	2x35	2x40	2x35
<b>Break Times (min.)</b>	5	10	10	15	15	15
<b>Ball Size</b>	3	4	4	5	5	5
<b>Offside</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**2.c.i. WSSL Recreational: Thunder**

- There are no tryouts for Thunder teams.
- Teams are formed if there is a volunteer coach and enough players interested.
- There is no limit on the number of teams that can be formed per age division.
- The cost per season is \$175 for a Novi resident and \$210 for a non-resident.
- Uniforms include home & away jerseys, shorts, and socks.
- Coaches will receive \$25 credit to their family accounts after the soccer season.
- Covered shin guards are mandatory and jewelry will not be allowed.
- All participants will receive a season memento at the end of the season.
- Teams will practice twice during the week at Novi area soccer fields.
- There will be 8 games (4 home, 4 away).
- Games are generally on weekends; however, there may be some weekday games.
- Teams will remain together from the Fall to the Spring (provided the coach returns).
- Players shall use the same uniforms issued in the Fall for both the Fall and Spring seasons. Players new to the program in the Spring shall be issued a new uniform.

**2.c.ii. WSSL SELECT: Lightning**

- Each age division can have up to two teams.
- A second team will be created if there is player interest and a volunteer coach.
- Every SELECT team must hold a tryout.
- Tryouts occur in June and are for the upcoming Fall and Spring seasons.
- The SELECT league cost is \$349 for a Novi resident and \$399 for a non-resident. This includes both the Fall and Spring seasons. Full uniform is sold separately.
- Coaches will receive \$75 credit to their family accounts after the soccer year.
- Uniforms include home & away jerseys, shorts, and socks.
- Players will use the uniforms issued in the Fall for both the Fall and Spring seasons.
- Covered shin guards are mandatory and jewelry will not be allowed.
- Awards will be given to Division Champions.
- Teams will practice twice during the week at Novi area soccer fields.
- There will be 16 games (8 in the Fall and 8 in the Spring).
- Coaches will work with opposing teams and Novi Parks to initially schedule games.

### **2.c.iii. Tryout Procedure for SELECT Teams**

Tryouts are held at a pre-determined time/location set by WSSL and Novi Parks. The sessions will be conducted by the coaches and every player interested in playing on the team MUST participate in the tryout. Players need to pre-register for *SELECT Soccer Tryouts – NPSC Lightning* at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) prior to the tryout date. There is no cost to pre-register for the tryout. Coaches may conduct a secondary tryout to further evaluate players and/or assess players that cannot make the original tryout date.

NOTE: Coaches are NOT required to hold a secondary tryout.

Immediately following the primary or secondary tryout, coaches will turn in a list of players they would like to have on their team to the Recreation Programmer. The list should contain 3-5 alternates. The Recreation Programmer will then send out official offers via email. To accept an offer, players must turn in a signed WSSL Player Registration Form, copy of the child's birth certificate, and register for the league at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) within one week of being offered.

### **Age Divisions with Two Teams**

Coaches will turn in a complete list of player rankings following the tryout. If a player is on both lists, then the Recreation Programmer will determine player placement based on the following factors:

- Player/parent input on which team he or she would like to play on
- Returning players to a team from the previous year
- Roster needs based on number of players
- Position ranking on the coaches' lists

**Novi Parks maintains the right to add/remove players from teams.** If possible, the teams will be kept within two divisions so players can passcard between teams.

*Novi Parks will not sponsor teams into the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program.*

### **3. What happens if a House Soccer division does not have enough players for at least 3 teams?**

These divisions will have fewer than 24 players at the registration deadline date. Everyone within the division will participate in one large group. There will be one practice/scrimmage per week at Novi area soccer fields, as well as 7 games (weather permitting) at ITC Community Sports Park. Games will generally take place on Saturdays; however, there may be some weekday games. The players will be split into two teams for the games. Teams will change from week-to-week so the kids can play with and against different players each week. The field size and format of the games will be dependent on the number of players that register for the division.

**4. How does the House Soccer program compare to the WSSL Recreational program?**

	House Soccer	WSSL Recreational
<b>Price Per Season</b>	\$129	\$175
<b>Weekly Practices</b>	1	2
<b>Number of Games</b>	7	8 (4 home & 4 away)
<b>Opponents</b>	Other Novi House Teams	Neighboring Communities
<b>Uniform Fee (included with registration)</b>	Jersey, Shorts, Socks (\$20)	Home & Away Jerseys, Shorts, Socks (\$30)
<b>Offside</b>	No	Yes
<b>Referees Needed</b>	Center	Center & 2 Assistant Referees
<b>WSSL Fees</b>	No	Yes (included in registration fee)

