



## MUDSOCK YOUTH SOCCER 2024 Spring



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**Join Mudsock Youth Soccer for our 2024 spring soccer season.** We offer a full recreational soccer program for players 4 years old through high school who reside in the Hamilton Southeastern School District. All recreational soccer participants will be registered through the Mudsock Youth Athletics Office.

### Registration Fees

Open Spring registration will be held during the month of January 2024. Registration will be accepted online at [www.myathletics.com](http://www.myathletics.com). Spring fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- \$105 for grades Pre- K through 2<sup>nd</sup> (includes uniform costs)
- \$130 for Rec for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (includes uniform costs)
- \$120 for Rec Plus for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (optional), 7-8<sup>th</sup> and high school. Fees do not include uniform cost.

There will be a multi-player discount available for families registering three or more children. Early bird pricing will be available during the month of January. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, registration fees will increase.

### PK through 6th Grade Rec

Teams will play only Mudsock Youth Soccer Rec teams and all games will be held at locations in Fishers. Additionally, teams will have 1 practice per week. Teams will play a maximum 6 season games and there is no tournament.

### 5th and 6th Grade Rec Plus

Teams will play other local teams outside of Mudsock Youth Soccer within the NCRSL program in addition to our own teams, games will be held at Cumberland Park and various fields around northern Indianapolis. Additionally, teams will have 2 practices per week. Player information will be shared with Indiana Soccer to register teams. Teams will play a minimum of 8 season games, perhaps more depending on scheduling. A season ending tournament will be held with member teams within the NCRSL league.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rec Plus offering will only be available if the 5/6<sup>th</sup> Rec Program has a minimum number of teams. The Mudsock Youth Soccer Board has discretion to reassign players in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rec Plus division to the Rec Division without prior notification.

## 7th and 8th Grade Rec Plus

Teams will play other local teams outside of Mudsock Youth Soccer within the NCRSL program in addition to our own teams, games will be held at Cumberland Park and various fields around northern Indianapolis. Additionally, teams will have 2 practices per week. Player information will be shared with Indiana Soccer to register teams. Teams will play a minimum of 8 season games, perhaps more depending on scheduling. A season ending tournament will be held with member teams within the NCRSL league.

## High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Female & Co-Ed Divisions

Teams will play other local teams outside of Mudsock Youth Soccer within the NCRSL program in addition to our own teams, games will be held at Cumberland Park and various fields around northern Indianapolis. Teams will also have 2 practices per week. Players' information will be shared with Indiana Soccer to register teams. Teams will play a minimum of 8 season games, perhaps more depending on scheduling. A season ending tournament will be held with member teams within the NCRSL league.

Our intention is to have an all-Female Division and a Male/Co-Ed Division. Actual Divisions will be determined once registrations are complete.

## Special Requests

Teams are formed by Mudsock Youth Soccer commissioners. To be fair and make sure teams are balanced, **requests will not be guaranteed** and cannot be accommodated after teams are formed. Requests may include sibling information, physical/social/emotional needs, sizing information, etc. **Requests will not be accepted after registration has closed.** Specific day requests for practices will not be an option. One exception, a head coach may choose one assistant coach to be included on their team. If your participant plays in more than one activity or sport, Mudsock Youth Soccer cannot guarantee the absence of scheduling conflicts as each league operates independently.

Families will be informed via Sports Connect of assigned practice day after registration has closed and teams are formed. Assigned field locations are made by the league based on several factors. It is not possible to honor a specific practice location request.

## Season Highlights

The season will run for 7 weeks. Younger age teams will practice one weeknight and have a practice or a game each Saturday with one Sunday game scheduled during the season. Older age groups may have practices twice during the week and potentially a third practice or game(s) on the weekends. Every attempt will be made to reschedule any canceled games due to weather or field conditions for the following Sunday afternoon (8 days post).

## Spring 2024

Season: April – May 2024

Practices: 8 sessions weather permitting

Games: 6 games weather permitting (includes one scheduled Sunday game)



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specialist with Franciscan Physician Network, is now seeing patients in Carmel. Dr. Richardville provides a full-spectrum of care for the whole athlete, from pre-participation physicals, evaluating injuries and concussion testing to recommending proper sports nutrition, athletic training, physical therapy and surgical services. For more information, visit [FranciscanHealth.org/sportsmedicine](https://FranciscanHealth.org/sportsmedicine). To schedule an appointment, call 317-781-1133.

## Coach Information

All our teams are coached by volunteers, and most are parents of players. Please keep this in mind throughout the season. **Individuals who are interested in coaching should mark their intent to coach on their participant's registration form or contact the Mudsock Youth Athletics office.** All coaches are required to submit a background check, complete online concussion training, and attend a pre-season coach's meeting (TBD). Please also list on the registration form if you are interested in being a league sponsor, volunteering on the soccer board or as a commissioner. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches receive a complimentary coach shirt, team equipment, access to practice plans and league support. We also offer reimbursement on certain coaching licensure programs offered through US Soccer. If interested, please contact our Director of Coaching for more information.

## M.Y.S. Laws

Mudsock Youth Soccer divides players into divisions based on their current grade in school. Please register for the player's current grade during the 2023-2024 school year. Detailed, division-specific rules can be found on the Mudsock Youth Soccer site. The following standards are in accordance with US Youth Soccer recommendations.

DIVISION	ELIGIBILITY	CO-ED	PLAYERS	GAME DURATION	GOALKEEPER
PK	Age 4 as of 12/31/2023	No	4 V 4	4 X 8 Min	No
K	Kindergarten, Spring 2024	No	4 V 4	4 X 8 Min	No
1st Grade	1st Grade, Spring 2024	No	4 V 4	4 X 10 Min	No
2nd Grade	2nd Grade, Spring 2024	No	4 V 4	4 X 10 Min	No
3rd Grade	3rd Grade, Spring 2024	No	7 V 7	2 X 25 Min	Yes
4th Grade	4th Grade, Spring 2024	No	7 V 7	2 X 25 Min	Yes
5th/6th Grade	5th or 6th Grade, Spring 2024	No	9 V 9	2 X 30 Min	Yes
7th/8th	7th or 8th Grade, Spring 2024	No	11 V 11	2 X 35 Min	Yes
High School Co-ed	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Spring 2024	Yes	11 V 11	2 X 40 Min	Yes

*Players actively registered with another league's Rec, Rec Plus, or Travel program are prohibited from participating in Mudsock Youth Soccer.*

## Payments/Refunds

A player is not considered registered with Mudsock Youth Soccer until payment is received or other arrangements have been made through the Mudsock Youth Athletics office. The Mudsock Youth Athletics processing fee that is included in participant registration fees is non-refundable. Refunds will be given (minus the non-refundable fee) through February 15. After that, partial refunds will be given per the schedule below.

January 1 – February 15 – Refund after \$38 non-refundable is subtracted.

February 16 – March 15 – 50% refund after \$38 non-refundable is subtracted.

March 16 – March 31 – 25% refund after \$38 non-refundable is subtracted.

After March 31 – No refund.

Participants who sustain an injury prior to the start of the season will only be granted a refund with supporting documentation from a physician. If documentation from a physician is not provided, no refund will be given. Any injury that occurs during the season does not qualify for a refund of any amount.

## Player Equipment

**Uniforms:** Please note, for PK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Rec divisions, Mudsock Youth Soccer will provide a team jersey, shorts, and soccer socks. **It is not possible for the league to order individually sized uniforms due to the ordering process/timeline.**

For the Rec Plus divisions in grades 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, and high school, players will be ordering individual uniform kits after registration. A link to order uniforms will be emailed by the league.

All players are responsible for bringing the following items to each practice and game:

- **Shin guards:** Players may not participate without shin guards.
- **Footwear:** Soccer shoes/cleats are encouraged but not required. No player may participate while wearing shoes with a toe cleat, (i.e., baseball cleats).
- **Age-Appropriate Ball:** PK to 2nd grade: size 3, 3rd to 6th grade: size 4, 7th and up: size 5
- Ample Supply of Fresh Water

Players are **NOT** permitted to wear jewelry, including earrings, during practice or games as jewelry is a safety hazard. Placing tape or Band-Aids over earrings is not a safe or an acceptable alternative. Players should not pierce their ears near the start of the season as the earrings and other jewelry will have to be removed to play.

### Soccer Information:

**MYS Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/mudsockyouthsoccer/>

**MYS Twitter:** @MudsockSoccer

**MISSION:** To serve the youth and families in the Hamilton Southeastern community (Fishers, IN) with the opportunity to play soccer in a supportive, safe, and rewarding environment that emphasizes fun, sportsmanship, and skill development, through integrity, fairness, and equal participation, regardless of ability.



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