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Meijer is pleased to support Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids. As a family company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in its community. By sponsoring youth sports programs like Mudsock, Meijer gets to support local kids as they learn valuable life skills, build friendships, get active and, most importantly, have fun!

**Join Mudsock Youth Soccer for our 2026 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.

#### 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.

### **Important Links:**

MYS Linktree: <a href="https://linktr.ee/mudsockyouthsoccer">https://linktr.ee/mudsockyouthsoccer</a> MYS Facebook: facebook.com/mudsockyouthsoccer

MYS Website: soccer.myathletics.com

### **Registration Fees**

Important Note: While registration is technically open until the season starts or until rosters are completely maxed out, it is very helpful for the league if you register during the January, early-bird registration window. By registering in January, we can recruit coaches earlier and identify fields so we can accommodate as many players as possible for the season.

Open Spring registration will be held during the month of January 2026. Registration will be accepted online at <a href="https://www.myathletics.com">www.myathletics.com</a>. Spring fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- \$115 for grades Pre- K through 2<sup>nd</sup> (includes uniform costs)
- \$140 for Rec for grades 3rd-6<sup>th</sup> (includes uniform costs)
- \$130 for Rec+ 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 that will be purchased separately (if needed).**

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, and waitlists may begin forming at any time.

# **Season Highlights**

The season will run for at least 7 weeks and consist of a single weeknight practice for Rec teams or two weeknight practices for Rec+ teams. Rec teams will play games on Saturdays with one Sunday game being scheduled. Rec+ teams will primarily play games on Saturday and Sunday with potential for weeknight games if needed. Every attempt will be made to reschedule any canceled games due to weather or field conditions for the following Sunday afternoon (8 days post).

The Rec and Rec+ seasons will begin in mid-April (target of April 11th) and will conclude by May 30th.

# 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 of 6 season games and there is no tournament.

### 5th and 6th Grade Rec+

Teams will play other <u>local</u> 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 6 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+ 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+ division to the Rec Division without prior notification.

### 7th and 8th Grade Rec+

Teams will play other <u>local</u> 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 6 season games, perhaps more depending on scheduling. A season ending tournament will be held with member teams within the NCRSL league.

# High School (9th-12th Grade) Female & Co-Ed Divisions

Teams will play other <u>local</u> 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 practice sessions per week. Players' information will be shared with Indiana Soccer to register teams. Teams will play a minimum of 6 season games, perhaps more depending on scheduling. A season ending tournament will be held with member teams within the NCRSL league. There will be an all-female division and a Male/Co-Ed division offered in the spring season.

\* The spring 2026 season will be our last season to offer a Rec+ program. MYS will switch to a full Rec program in the fall 2026 season, we will continue to offer a gender specific division for every grade level.

# **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 is that 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.

## **Mudsock Youth Soccer Divisions**

Mudsock Youth Soccer divides players into divisions based on their current grade in school. Please register for the player's current grade during the 2025-2026 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 12/31/2025	No	4 V 4	4 X 8 Min	No
K	Kindergarten, Spring 2026	No	4 V 4	4 X 8 Min	No
1st Grade	1st Grade, Spring 2026	No	4 V 4	4 X 10 Min	No
2nd Grade	2nd Grade, Spring 2026	No	4 V 4	4 X 10 Min	No
3rd Grade	3rd Grade, Spring 2026	No	7 V 7	2 X 25 Min	Yes
4th Grade	4th Grade, Spring 2026	No	7 V 7	2 X 25 Min	Yes
5th/6th Grade	5th or 6th Grade, Spring 2026	No	9 V 9	2 X 30 Min	Yes
7th/8th	7th or 8th Grade, Spring 2026	No	11 V 11	2 X 35 Min	Yes
High School Co-ed	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Spring 2026	Yes	11 V 11	2 X 40 Min	Yes

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

### **Coach Information**

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. Please register if you would consider being a volunteer coach for the season. Lack of coaches results in teams that have larger player counts (resulting in less playing time for players) and players that cannot participate due to lack of coaches/teams.

All coaches are required to submit a background check, complete online concussion training, and attend a preseason coach's meeting (TBD). Please also list on the online 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.

All of our teams are coached by volunteers; most of which are parents of players. Please keep this in mind throughout the season as you interact with your child's coach.

# 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 \$50 non-refundable is subtracted. February 16 – March 15 – 50% refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted. March 16 – March 31 – 25% refund after \$50 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**

Mudsock Youth Soccer will provide a team jersey, shorts, and soccer socks for all participants in the Recreational PK  $-6^{th}$  grade divisions. It is not possible for the league to order individually sized uniforms due to the ordering process/timeline for these divisions.

For the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Rec+, 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>, and high school divisions, participants will be emailed a uniform order link to purchase a new uniform kit or supplement any new shorts/jersey/socks they may need for the upcoming season. Please note, most uniforms can be reused from previous years.

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, 7<sup>th</sup> and up: size 5
- Ample Supply of Fresh Water

Players are <u>NOT PERMITTED</u> to wear jewelry, including earrings of any kind, during practice or games as jewelry is a safety hazard. Placing tape or band-aids over earrings is not a safe or 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.

### Referees

Mudsock Youth Soccer utilizes referees for all divisions beginning at 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Verbal and non-verbal abuse directed at referees will not be tolerated under any circumstances. MYS has adopted US Soccer Policy 531-9 which implements minimum suspensions for players and coaches that commit referee abuse (verbal or non-verbal). MYS will apply the same standard to all players, coaches, parents, and spectators of MYS participants. Verbal or non-verbal abuse of a referee can lead to a participant registration being cancelled or banning of spectators from all future games. MYS is and will continue to be a league focused on learning: players learning how to play and referees learning how to officiate. There are absolutely no circumstances where a referee should experience abuse, verbal or non-verbal, while on the soccer field.

More information on US Soccer Policy 531-9 can be found here https://www.ussoccer.com/rap