



Tryout Information

We want to thank you for participating in tryouts for Mississippi Rush Soccer Club. Every year we hold open and competitive tryouts for all players that want to play competitive soccer. Prior to tryouts, we do not guarantee any new or existing player a place on any team, nor do we guarantee any player a specific position on a team. Selection for any team at Mississippi Rush is solely at the discretion of our coaching staff. This decision is based on the ability, potential and commitment of each tryout candidate and how those candidates can be formed into a team.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. How many teams will be formed?** At the small side age groups that will play 7v7 and 9v9 this upcoming season we will form as many teams as we can. It is our belief believe that **player development** is the most key factor at the younger ages.

This year players that play 7v7 will be considered U9 and U10. U9 encompasses players born August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018. There may be a few players born in 2019, depending on the coach evaluation of these players at tryouts. U10 encompasses players born August 1, 2016-July 31, 2017.

This year players that play 9v9 will be considered U11 and U12. U11 encompasses players born August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016. U12 encompasses players born August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015.

We will form Jackson and Madison based teams in each age group and gender in the U9, U10, U11 and U12 age groups when possible. But these decisions are made as we see the number of players who attend tryouts. Normally there are 2-3 teams formed in each age group and community (Jackson, Madison, Flowood). In addition, we will also form a combined team made up of players from the Jackson, Madison and Flowood communities in each age and gender if the players available.

We will explore forming additional teams if the coaches believe that the numbers and talent are there. We will not form teams for the sake of forming teams. If the coaches feel additional teams will be competitive, then the option of forming additional teams will be considered.

Also of note, U12 age groups may later be formed as 11v11 teams instead of 9v9 based on the number of players at tryouts and at the discretion of the coaches in the age group. And there may be some U12 teams that play 9v9 and some that play 11v11. When choosing to play 11v11, most tournaments will require you to "Play up" to U13 as 11v11 soccer is meant for ages U13 and above. These decisions are made solely at the coach's discretion based on players who attend tryouts in conjunction with the club directors of coaching.

At the older ages for the teams playing 11v11, we will form as many teams as we can to accommodate the number of committed players on both the boys' and girls' side while keeping the teams as competitive as possible. This involves players in U13 – U19. U15-U19 players play under the MS Rush United banner. U13 and U14 players will play under the Mississippi Rush banner.

Age groups for this upcoming season can be found at the end of this document.

- 2. How many players are on each team?** On the small side age groups (U9-U12 age) playing under a US Club Soccer Roster the maximum number of players on any team can be eighteen. We place only 11-14 on the roster. Most U13 and U14 teams will have anywhere from 16-22 players. If a coach chooses to form a U12 team as 9v9, there may only be 12-14 players selected. If a coach chooses to form a U12 team as 11v11, then the roster may have anywhere from 16-22 players.
- 3. Who will inform us if our child makes a team and when?** The coach will contact the player or parent directly as soon as the coach makes selections for their respective teams. Spots will be offered on a rolling basis throughout tryouts. So do not be alarmed if your child does not receive a call after the first night, or even the second night. All coaches keep roster spots open until after the third tryout is



completed, and then they begin finalizing rosters. Coaches are not allowed to tell parents who is on their respective teams until the team is finalized. **No team is considered complete until after all tryouts are concluded and the final team list is posted online.** Once teams are posted online, they are considered final and parents should begin sending in team commitment forms and \$275 fee associated with the commitment form. This officially commits your player to the team for the upcoming season.

4. **Do you form an A team and a B team?** Yes, we form teams so that each team is made up of players with a similar talent level, so yes A and B teams are formed, that are referred to as Premier and Elite, respectively. That being the case, one team is stronger at the beginning of the year than the other. But again, the focus of all the teams in the U9-U12 age groups is **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**. Often there will be a third, "C" or select team formed in most age groups as well due to the high number of players who wish to play competitive soccer.
5. **How often do the teams train/practice?** The normal schedule is two times a week. This does depend on the tournament schedule and teams may practice more leading into a tournament. Days and times are determined by the individual coach and will be communicated directly to you via the coach and/or team manager.
6. **How many tournaments will a team play?** Each team in conjunction with their coach decides their tournament schedule upon approval by the club DOC. All teams are required to play in Crossroads of the South in the fall and the Spring Classic in the spring, both held in Jackson. The Director of Coaching may choose Club supported tournaments that are required for each team also.

Teams will be aware of these required tournaments by the end of July of each seasonal year. The norm is between 8-12 tournaments throughout the season (fall and spring combined) depending on the ages of the teams including Crossroads of the South and Spring Classic which are both hosted by our club.

Due to our geographic region, there are ample tournaments available for teams at all levels of play, all within 3-4 hour driving distance with a maximum of 6 hours at the U9-U14 age groups due to some teams attending coastal tournaments, league play for U13 and U14, as well as tournaments in Atlanta area.

Older teams U15-U19 may travel further for college showcase tournaments and league play.

7. **What makes Mississippi Rush different that other clubs?** Primarily is our commitment to **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**. We are in the business of raising fine young men and women that excel both on and off the soccer field. In the past years, the club has developed more players that have played in college and professionally than any other club. Second, our coaching staff is second to none in Mississippi if not the South. Third is the outstanding level of commitment from the club and our parents. The combination of these factors has resulted in success on the field for our team and success in life for our players.
8. **How are teams run?** Each team will have a team manager and a team treasurer appointed by the coach and approved by the club administration. A team meeting prior to the start of the season will be held to elect a travel coordinator and any other positions the individual team might want to fill.
- The team manager will coordinate the operations of the team including communication within the team and with club, applications to tournaments, uniforms, and represent the team at any organization meetings. The treasurer will oversee all money functions including the collection of fees, the payment of team expenses and provide a financial summary to the club at the end of each year. The travel coordinator will secure accommodations for the team for away travel.
9. **How are teams rostered?** All Mississippi Rush teams are primarily rostered with US Club Soccer. We prefer US Club Soccer because of its flexibility. U13-U19 teams may opt to also roster with USYS thru our association with Mississippi Soccer Association.



All premier level teams in the U13-U19 age groups will register with USYS through Mississippi Soccer. Elite and Select teams will be a coach's decision. Our younger teams, U9-U12 do not register with USYS, only US Club Soccer. Each organization carries insurance on your player.

10. **How much does Competitive – Soccer Cost?** Each team has different budgets as well as different payment plans, arranged to suit the individual team. **A reasonable estimation of the fees are as follows** (could be less than the below):

Participation Cost

- Intent to play fee - \$275 (These fees help in upkeep of the complexes, lights, water, paint, nets, goals etc.) This fee must be paid when the player agrees to join a team for the season and commits the player to paying ALL team fees for the season. This is a \$25 fee increase beginning with the 2026-2027 season, as with everything, costs have risen, and we have not raised this fee in years. This fee is comparable to other clubs in Mississippi.
- US Club Soccer Registration and Insurance Fee - \$24
- MSA (USYS) Player Fee and insurance for those that participate - \$30
- Player Participation Fees - \$950 (These fees pay for the coaching staff directly overall)
- Uniform Cost – approximately \$250 (These are ordered separately by the individual parent through a personalized link. The team managers will receive information as to how you will order and pass it along to the individual team parents)

Total Participation Cost: \$1529 (approximate)

Team Cost (Average) – Depends on amount of travel and number of players (all tournaments that the U9-U14 teams attend are no more than 3-4 hours travel distance to such cities as New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, Gulfport, Mobile, Baton Rouge, Pensacola, etc.). U13-U14 may travel more for league games, up to 6 hours. Older teams will travel further for college showcase tournaments and league play.

- Total Tournament Fees Cost (Ten Tournaments) (Shared between players, based on fourteen players, could be cheaper with more players per team) - \$500 (Average tournament cost \$600-\$700, some may be less expensive)
- Total Coaches Travel Estimate (Shared between players and shared between multiple teams in some cases) - \$300
- Friendly Game Cost (Up to ten per season, some teams may elect to focus on more training/development and scrimmages and tournaments rather than paid games – this is at the coach's discretion)- \$50

Total Team Cost - \$850 (approximate)

Total Cost per player is approximately \$2379
(This amount is split into 6-10 payments and total amount could be WAY less for some teams, this is a higher end budgeted amount, most teams average about \$1800-\$1900 a season)

**All individual travel cost, gas, food, and lodging is the responsibility of the individual player

A limited number of Scholarships may be available to help offset part of the Participation Fees only. The family is responsible for all team fees if they are on scholarship for participation fees and are expected to volunteer in exchange for any scholarship money received. Scholarship applications are due by July 20 each seasonal year and decisions are made by August 10

Further Questions?

Email mshrushsoccer@mississppirush.com and a member of our staff will get back with you.



Following extensive review and discussion, US Youth Soccer, AYSO, and US Club Soccer have collectively decided to move to an age group player formation cycle that runs from August 1 to July 31, starting with the 2026-27 season/registration year. This change was made based on additional critical feedback, data, and expert input to better align players with their school-grade peers.

Age groups for the seasonal year that begins August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027			
U4	Players born 8/1/22 – 7/31/23	U12	Players born 8/1/14 – 7/31/15
U5	Players born 8/1/21 – 7/31/22	U13	Players born 8/1/13 – 7/31/14
U6	Players born 8/1/20 – 7/31/21	U14	Players born 8/1/12 – 7/31/13
U7	Players born 8/1/19 – 7/31/20	U15	Players born 8/1/11 – 7/31/12
U8	Players born 8/1/18 – 7/31/19	U16	Players born 8/1/10 – 7/31/11
U9	Players born 8/1/17 – 7/31/18	U17	Players born 8/1/09 – 7/31/10
U10	Players born 8/1/16 – 7/31/17	U18	Players born 8/1/08 – 7/31/09
U11	Players born 8/1/15 – 7/31/16	U19	Players born 8/1/07 – 7/31/08

Mississippi Rush Younger Teams U9-U12 Sample Budget 2026-2027 (13 players)

REGISTRATION PER PLAYER:

Participation Fee (this goes to pay coaches)	950.00	
US Club Soccer Player Pass (required)	25.25	(U9, U10 and U11 will only be \$19.25)
	975.25	

This amount is in addition to the \$275 commitment fee paid upon team acceptance

ESTIMATED OUT OF TOWN TOURNAMENT COSTS:	700.00	average entry fee (could be less) - much less for 7v7 teams (average of \$550)
Coach Travel Cost (includes per diem and hotel for weekend) (\$85 a day plus hotel)	580.00	
	1,280.00	
Number of Out of town Tournaments (3 in fall, 3 in spring)	6.00	
Total Estimated Tournament Costs (Out of town)	7,680.00	

OTHER TEAM FEES:

Estimated cost of in town tournaments (4 tournaments at @ \$700 entry fee each)	2,800.00	
Online Checkin Fees for tournaments (10 per year)	200.00	
Estimated cost of Friendlies	400.00	
Coaches drawdown ticket	125.00	
Coaches extra (training gear (Balls, pennies, cones etc. as needed)	500.00	
Coach/Manager Player Pass fee US Club (2 coaches, 1 manager)	30.00	\$10 each
Manager and Coach Background Check Fee For US Club Soccer (\$26.85)	80.55	
Other manager fees	75.00	
Other Misc Fees (Field rental)	500.00	make sure to build this in, at some point you WILL need due to
Total Other Team Fees	4,710.55	

Total Team Costs	12,390.55
Number of players	13.00

953.12

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The below fees may be split between 8-10 months on some teams, and can be adjusted according to the individual family's budget as all circumstances are different.

Total for Season per Player not including uniforms

Fall 2026 - collect \$1225 total

15-Jul	325.00	collecting early will help with all the extra initial expenses
15-Aug	225.00	
15-Sep	225.00	
15-Oct	225.00	
15-Nov	225.00	
15-Dec	Merry Christmas	

Please adjust payments as needed for individual families since all financial circumstances are not the same. Teams can set up Venmo and Paypal accounts for their team accounts if you would like or collect

Spring 2027 - (budgets in spring can be adjusted as needed based on fees collected in the fall)

1-Feb	250.00	
1-Mar	225.00	
1-Apr	228.37	(last payment can be adjusted as needed or is sometimes eliminated)

1,928.37

Payments due to the club 9/1, 10/1, 11/1, 12/1, 2/15, 3/15 - \$950 x number of players divide by 6

The participation fee per player for the 2026-2027 season \$950 per player.

While teams are allowed to split the payments over fall and spring into 6 payments to the club, once a player signs on to play at MS Rush, the family is obligated to pay the entire balance.

If a player decides to quit in January, the player is still liable for the entire amount.

However, you may request special exceptions due to injury, etc. These requests should be directed to team manager to be discussed with the club treasurer and DOC.