



SUMMER COMPETITIVE KICKOFF MEETING



May 1, 2022

WELCOME!



- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Program Philosophy and Objectives
- ▶ Coaching and Player Expectations
- ▶ Teams and Season Schedule
- ▶ Uniforms and GGFSC Clothing
- ▶ Volunteer Opportunities
- ▶ What's Next
- ▶ Q&A

What does it mean to be a GGFSC Competitive Player?



Expectations

- ▶ Hard Work
- ▶ Team Work
- ▶ Character

Benefits

- ▶ Skill improvement
- ▶ Make new friends
- ▶ Grow your love for the game



What does it mean to be a GGFSC Competitive Player?



- ▶ Opportunity to Play
- ▶ Opportunity to Grow
- ▶ Opportunity for Fun – Love the Game
- ▶ US Club Birth Year Registration
 - ▶ Long-Term Development is the focus; shifts focus away from team and onto individual player

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▶ US Club Requirements

- ▶ All players and volunteers must register at GGFSC.com first
- ▶ US Club uses GotSoccer for national registration system
 - ▶ Username is the email address you use for your primary account at ggfsc.com

▶ Compliance

- ▶ All compliance is done electronically - if you are not fully compliant, you cannot receive a player or volunteer card and **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE PARTICIPATE**
- ▶ Instructions to be sent in the next week - may begin fulfilling requirements after that
- ▶ Compliance season runs August 1 thru July 31st - all previous entries were reset when US Club adopted the new system in April 2021
- ▶ Everybody is responsible for their (or their kids) own compliance entries - GGFSC cannot provide this

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- ▶ US Club Requirements
 - ▶ Compliance Requirements (cont'd)
 - ▶ Players
 - ▶ Disqualification Review - takes 1-2 business days
 - ▶ Form R-002 (release)
 - ▶ Headshot (update every two years)
 - ▶ Birth Verification (only once in new system) - takes 2-3 business days
 - ▶ Coaches, Managers, all adult players and volunteers
 - ▶ Headshot
 - ▶ Background check (takes 5-7 business days)
 - ▶ SafeSport
 - ▶ Disqualification review (takes 1-2 business days)
 - ▶ Birth verification (adult players only - takes 2-3 business days)

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- ▶ US Soccer Birth-Year Philosophy
 - ▶ In 2016, US Soccer changed from school-year age cutoff to birth-year
 - ▶ For instance, teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 2010, or 2005, 2009, etc.
 - ▶ This creates some unexpected divisions for those used to Rec or school soccer where classmates are usually grouped together
 - ▶ It is important to understand how these divisions are mandated across the board in competitive soccer and detect and overcome the feelings of disparity that might occur
 - ▶ For instance, a fourth grader born January-July 2012 may see other fourth grade classmates born Aug-Dec 2011 “playing up” with fifth graders while they play with third graders
 - ▶ Those fourth graders born Aug-Dec 2011 may feel like they’re playing with fifth graders and are in the minority - may not feel like they fit in
 - ▶ A player may never “play down” - this is strictly enforced by GGFSC, each tournament, and even the referees
 - ▶ These are growth opportunities! Please help manage expectations

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▶ Player Movement

▶ Every year is always a “numbers game”

▶ Max and minimum roster sizes are dictated by US Club, each tournament, and GGFSC targets, set by the DoC

▶ Soccer is unique in that on-field player numbers and roster sizes get bigger as the years go on, all the way up to U13

▶ However, the number of registered players in each age group usually attrites as age increases.

▶ This means we run into unfilled rosters and odd combinations as ages increases - one or two players can make a HUGE difference

▶ Occasionally players are moved up according to roster needs, but this is the exception rather than the rule

▶ Sometimes age groups are combined when conditions dictate

▶ Players moved or combined in one year are not entitled to movement in subsequent years - although we would like to have the numbers to support the notion, there are no “permanent teams”

Director of Coaching



- ▶ Player and Team Expectations
 - ▶ Playing Time
- ▶ Coaching Expectations
- ▶ Code of Conduct
- ▶ Communication



Teams



Girls Teams (11)

- U8/U9 GIRLS [2013-14]: 2 teams, 12 players each
- U10 GIRLS [2012]: 2 teams, 10-11 players each. 1-2 players move to U11.
- U11 GIRLS [2011]: 1 team, 13-14 players. Receiving 1-2 U10 players.
- U12 GIRLS [2010]: 1 team, 15 players. 2 players move to U13.
- U13 GIRLS [2009]: 1 team, 14 players + 1 guest player. Receiving 2 U12 players.
- U14 GIRLS [2008]: 1 team, 11 players + 1 guest player. KEEP RECRUITING.
- U15 GIRLS [2007]: 1 team, 15 players. 1 player move to U16.
- U16 GIRLS [2006]: 1 team, 12 players. Receiving 1 player from U15. Needs to utilize guest players. KEEP RECRUITING.
- U17/U18 GIRLS [2004-05]: 1 team, 13 players + 1 guest player.

Boys Teams (9)

- U8/U9 BOYS [2013-14]: 3 teams, 10 players each
- U10 BOYS [2012]: 1 team, 10 players. 2 players move to U11.
- U11 BOYS [2011]: 1 team, 13 players. Receiving 2 players from U10.
- U12 BOYS [2010]: 1 team, 13 players.
- U13/U14 BOYS [2008-09]: 1 team, 17 players. Move 8 players to U15.
- U15 BOYS [2007]: 1 team, 17 players. Receive 8 players from U14.
- U16/U17 BOYS [2005-06]: 1 team, 13 players.

Practice Schedule



May Age Group Practice Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays / Scheels

~~Sports Complex~~ **Location TBD**

5:30-6:30pm

- U8/U9 [2013-14] BOYS:
- U10 [2012] GIRLS
- U11 [2011] GIRLS
- U11 [2011] BOYS
- U12 [2010] BOYS
- U13/U14/U15 [2007-2009] BOYS

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- U16/U17 [2005-2006] BOYS
- U13+ [2009 and earlier] GIRLS










June-July Team Practice Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - Start times between 5:30 and 7 - TBD

Goalkeeper training - Date and Time TBD

Summer Competitive Schedule



Milestones	2022							
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
Summer Comp Registration								
Pre-Season Coordination								
Summer Comp Practices								
Spring Rec Season								
All American Cup (Blaine, MN)					June 10-12			
GGFSC Tournament					June 24-26			
Target USA Cup (Blaine, MN)						July 8-10		
Fishback Classic (Brookings, SD)						July 15-17		

◆ Summer Competitive Meetings
 ★ Tournaments

TENTATIVE OPTIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

June 4, 2022 - Bemidji 6v6 Paul and Babe Blowout Tournament, Bemidji, MN

June 17 - 19, 2022: Tri-City United Summer Classic Tournament, Fargo, ND

Uniforms and GGFSC Clothing



- ▶ All uniforms have been ordered, delivery by June 1
- ▶ Practice shirt - additional available for purchase
- ▶ Recommend multiple pairs of socks
- ▶ Recommended packing list on GGFSC website
- ▶ Currently trademarking logo and will develop licensing contract with local vendor(s)
- ▶ All-Pro Embroidery (EGF) offers optional clothing
- ▶ GGFSC Mascot - future contest

Volunteer Commitment and Opportunities



- ▶ 2 dibs per player (each 2-hour shift)
- ▶ Max per family of 4 dibs
- ▶ GGFSC Tournament Committee
 - ▶ Contact heather.reardon@ggfsc.com
- ▶ GGFSC Board of Directors
 - ▶ Fundraising Coordinator

What's Next



- ▶ Practices to start.... this week?
- ▶ Team rosters to be released no later than 2 weeks following start of practice
- ▶ Once notified, **complete compliance steps ASAP**
- ▶ Determine whether your player(s) can participate in Bemidji tournament on **Saturday, June 4**
- ▶ Make hotel reservations for out of town tournaments
- ▶ Notify your team manager of any tournament conflicts **ASAP** following release of teams



We look forward to another great summer on the Pitch!



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