



Interested in Chelsea Soccer Club? Awesome! Learn how it works.

Chelsea Soccer Club's vision is to offer a fun youth soccer experience to everyone. We prioritize inclusivity while bringing comprehensive, competitive training to kids from Chelsea and our surrounding communities.

If your child is interested in joining, you need to register your child for Team Placement Day (formerly called Tryouts) on June 8. All kids who register before Team Placement Day will be offered a spot on a team. Team Placement Day is a league requirement to form teams for the following school year.

For our youngest athletes in grades K-2, we offer a Junior Bulldog Program, with a one-season commitment (fall or spring), flexible practice schedule and decreased travel where possible.

Our coaches are licensed and paid, and a lot of fun! They work hard to lead engaging, age-appropriate practices, and provide strategic direction in games based on a developmental, tactical, and technical curriculum. Throughout the course of a season, kids learn and refine technical skills, game strategy and teamwork.

Team Placement Day

Most teams at Chelsea Soccer Club are part of the Western Suburban Soccer League, or WSSL. The state youth soccer association requires all teams in the league to hold team placement activities, or tryouts, on the second Saturday in June (June 8, 2024).

To join a team for the following school year, kids must register for Team Placement Day before June 8. Attendance at Team Placement Day is required as it will help the coaching staff correctly allocate players to their developmentally correct team.

Team Formation

In the week following Team Placement Day, the coaching staff forms teams based on a combination of factors including birth year, number of players in each age group, roster availability at each level and players' skill level. The director reaches out via email by the following Monday to offer a spot on a specific team to each child registered for Team Placement Day.

In our approach to team placement, we prioritize inclusivity and aim to make decisions that benefit all children collectively. As a result, during the team formation process, we may encounter complex decisions. This could involve combining age groups or inviting select children to participate with an older age group.



Team sizes vary by age, as the number of players on the field increases. Unless a child is asked to play with an older age group, games are played with the following number of players.

Age Group	Players
U8 & younger	4v4
U9 & U10	7v7
U11 & U12	9v9
U13+	11v11

As players accept their offered team placement or withdraw their registration, the coaching staff may adjust teams to ensure everyone who wants to play is part of a team.

Practice & Game Schedules

Our program includes a fall season, a spring season, and indoor futsal training in the winter. Fall soccer typically begins in mid-August and runs through the end of October. The spring season begins in early April and ends in early June.

Junior Bulldog participants are offered three practices on weekday evenings, with the option to attend as many as they'd like. Year-round athletes practice twice a week.

During the fall and spring, each team has approximately eight games, four home and four away. Game schedules are developed by CSC coaches, director of coaching, and the WSSL during the first couple of weeks of practice for each season. Typically, teams have one game per weekend, though some weekends may have two games and others may have none.

Away games are typically held at locations within an hour of Chelsea, with a few exceptions for our older teams. For our Junior Bulldogs, we try to schedule games locally as much as possible.

Tournaments

Depending on age, game model, and gender the number of tournaments attended by each team varies. The tournaments attended vary, with locations ranging from a half hour to four hours away from Chelsea. The director of coaching works with team coaches to select which tournament each team will attend. Tournament hosts typically schedule games 1-2 weeks ahead of the tournament.



Cost

Chelsea Soccer Club is dedicated to providing a high-quality soccer experience within our community. While our fees may differ from those of local recreational sports programs, it's important to understand what sets us apart. The majority of our expenses are allocated towards compensating licensed, trained coaches who conduct three to four sessions per week, encompassing both practices and games. Additionally, funds are utilized for renting practice and game fields, compensating game referees, and covering club administration costs.

We maintain competitive fees relative to other programs in the area, striving to ensure soccer remains accessible to all children who wish to participate. To further support inclusivity, we offer financial assistance through financial aid applications. At Chelsea Soccer Club, we take pride in our commitment to providing an enriching soccer experience that caters to a diverse range of players while maintaining affordability.