



# COLUMBUS SOCCER CLUB



## NEW Fall Developmental League

(Children born between 2017 and 2020)

Hello Parents!

Thank you for your interest in the Columbus Soccer Club Developmental League. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a background on the Columbus Soccer Club and give you detail on our NEW program being offered in the fall of 2024 to children born in 2017 to 2020.

### **CSC BACKGROUND**

The Columbus Soccer Club is a nonprofit organization that strives towards promoting youth participation (both recreational and competitive) in the sport of soccer. The Columbus Soccer Club focuses on providing the best possible soccer experience for the youth in the Columbus area and instill the qualities of ambition, leadership, teamwork, respect, service to others, and the pursuit of excellence.

The Columbus Soccer Club currently has over 30 teams with approximately 400 boys and girls registered. Our current age range for the 2023-2024 (season goes from July 1-June 30) soccer year is U7 (2017 birth year) to U17 (2007 birth year). CSC holds open practice sessions (called ID Nights) the last two weeks of June to all boys and girls interested in joining a CSC team.

The Columbus Soccer Club hosts two large soccer tournaments at Wilderness Park annually. The Columbus Classic Tournament is held in June, and the Columbus Harvest Cup is held in October. Both of these tournaments on average attract between 70-80 teams across Nebraska and surrounding states. Additionally, CSC puts on a developmental league in the spring every year. This year CSC partnered with the YMCA to put on the Rookie Soccer League in the NEW Columbus Fieldhouse.

### **CSC DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE**

The Columbus Soccer Club is excited to start this NEW program which will allow for your children to get involved in CSC at an earlier age. This program will operate under the League America with the Nebraska State Soccer. This league is designed to introduce kids to the fundamentals of soccer in a positive, fun, educational, and low-stress environment. All practices and games will take place on Thursdays at Wilderness Park Soccer Complex (pending weather). If a game is cancelled, we will look to reschedule them on a different day.

The age groups for boys and girls in this program is U5 (2020 birth year), U6 (2019 birth year), U7 (2018 birth year), and U8 (2017 birth year). There are two seasons per a year (Fall, 2024 and Spring, 2025) for this program which will run for five-six weeks long. The fall league will be from August 15 to September 19, 2024. The spring league will take place in late April and May of 2025.

Additionally, U7 (2018) and U8 (2017) boys and girls will have the option to compete in additional tournaments (Columbus, Fremont, Norfolk, etc.) if a coach decides to register for them.

With this being the first year of this program, we will likely make adjustments to this program in the future to make sure your child has the best possible experience.

## **CSC DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE DETAIL**

**(Open to children of all skill level)**

**-FALL LEAGUE DATES:** August 15, 2024 to September 19, 2024 (Thursday Evenings)

- Practice and games will be the same day.
- Games cancelled due to weather will be made up.

**-DIVISIONS:** U5 (2020 Birth Year), U6 ( 2019 Birth Year), U7 ( 2018 Birth Year), & U8 (2017 Birth Year)

**-LOCATION:** Practices and Games will be played at Wilderness Park Soccer Complex.

**-COST:** \$50/player for the Fall League (Each player will receive a CSC shirt).

**-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** June 9, 2024 (Coaches and Parents will be notified of their team by July 8, 2024).

**-PLAYERS/TEAMS:** Children will be randomly assigned to teams.

**-U5 (2020) / U6 (2021) FORMAT:**

3v3 (No Goalie)

U6 Field Size with 6'x4' Goals

Size 3 Soccer Ball

ALL teams will practice for approx. 20 minutes and then play a game consisting of 4 – 6 minute quarters.

Away team will wear pinnies over their CSC shirt (CSC will provide these).

**-U7 (2018) / U8 (2017) FORMAT:**

5v5 (No Goalie)

U8 Field Size with 10'x8' Goals

Size 3 Soccer Ball

ALL teams will practices for approx. 20-30 minutes and then play a game consisting of 4 – 10 minute quarters.

Away team will wear pinnies over their CSC shirt (CSC will provide these).

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- 1) ***Does my child need to be really good at soccer to play in the CSC Developmental League?*** No. Children of all skill level are encouraged to participate in this league. The goal is to make this a positive and fun atmosphere for all kids while starting to teach them good soccer technique and habits.
- 2) ***Is this the same league as AYSO?*** No. This league is being ran by the Columbus Soccer Club.
- 3) ***Is my child able to participate in AYSO and the CSC Developmental League?*** Absolutely. CSC Developmental League games are on Thursday evenings while AYSO games are on Saturday morning.
- 4) ***Are coaches able to have additional practices outside the schedule league games on Thursday?*** Yes. Coaches will need to coordinate with the CSC President to schedule an additional practice at Wilderness Park.
- 5) ***Are coaches able to sign their team up to compete in tournaments?*** U7 and U8 teams are able to sign up for tournaments. It is recommended and encouraged that they consider signing up for the Columbus Classic Tournament in June and the Columbus Harvest Cup in October. Unfortunately, U5 and U6 teams are only able to do the fall and spring league.

## **NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- CSC partners with Time for Change (1465 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Columbus, NE 68601 / 402-563-4969) in offering financial assistance to families. The one page application is easy to fill out. Contact Time for Change or CSC President Scott Jarecke for the application (in English or Spanish).

## **INCENTIVES FOR COACHES AND PARENTS**

- ⇒ Head Coaches of teams in the CSC Developmental League will receive a CSC shirt. Coaches must complete the online SafeSport Training.
- ⇒ Head and Assistant Coaches of teams in the CSC Developmental League will be reimbursed their child's registration fee if they become a certified referee AND ref a minimum of 5 Nebraska Youth Soccer League (NYSL) games or CSC Tournament games at Wilderness Park in 2024. If interested, please contact CSC President Scott Jarecke.
- ⇒ Parents of a child on a team in the CSC Developmental League will be reimbursed their child's registration fee if they become a certified referee AND ref a minimum of 10 Nebraska Youth Soccer League (NYSL) games or CSC Tournament games at Wilderness Park in 2024. If interested, please contact CSC President Scott Jarecke.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to CSC President Scott Jarecke @ [columbussoccerclubpresident@gmail.com](mailto:columbussoccerclubpresident@gmail.com).

THANK YOU!

Columbus Soccer Club Board of Directors