

Minneapolis United Soccer 2019 Summer Rec Program

Games and Practice Schedules

14 game season. June 3th - July 25th

Two games per week:

Girls on Mon/Wed; Boys on Tues/Thurs

All games are played on the north end of Pearl Park

NO GAMES ON July 3rd, 4th and 5th (holiday).

Equipment/Other

All players should have their soccer ball clearly marked with their name, a water bottle, shin guards, and outdoor shoes or cleats.

All players should bring their own balls for practice.

Size 3: Pre K, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Graders

Size 4: 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Graders

Size 5: 7th, 8th & 9th Graders

Game Information and Rules

- Parents should sit on one side of the field, both team's players and coaches on the other side.
- 1st & 2nd grade teams play 3 v 3.
- 3rd grade teams play 4 v 4.
- 4th to 9th grade teams play 6 v 6.
- 1st & 2nd grade team coaches can be on field with kids, others cannot
- 3rd to 9th Grade teams have referees. No scores kept, no tournaments, no cards.

Equal Playing Time, Fun and Fair

There should be equal playing time for all, regardless of talent. From the MYSA manual: "Each player plays at least ½ of each game except for reasons of injury, illness or discipline."

This is a Recreation league. No scores are kept. No standings are compiled. Games are supposed to be fun and encouraging to all players of all skill levels. Players are not assigned to teams based on ability.

Referees

Referees are current and former soccer players from rec and traveling. While they are paid by MU they are not "professional", but are learning how to ref, just as the kids are learning how to play. Many of our refs are certified by MSRC.

No coaches or parents are allowed to say anything to the referees regarding calls made during the game.

The Head Referee (blue referee shirt) can answer questions and address any concerns after a game.

The Referees on site will be the point people in case of bad weather or canceled games.

Team Photos: Girls on June 18 Boys on June 19 (Rain dates -June 19 & 20. Individual team photo times will be announced by the end of May. All players are expected to attend and be a part of the TEAM picture.

Inclement Weather, Wet Fields and Heat

Weather is unpredictable. Games will NOT be made up if cancelled.

Games will be cancelled if there is heavy rain, any lightning, standing water on the fields or if the heat index is too high.

If the 6pm games are cancelled, ALL games that night will be cancelled.

- We use Twitter to send out SMS alerts for game changes due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. You do not need a Twitter account and you will not get a Twitter account by registering for text alerts. This account will ONLY be used by Minneapolis United for emergencies and last-minute announcements.

To subscribe to text alerts, text the following to the number 40404: follow @MURec

You will know if you succeeded because Twitter will respond with a few introduction texts, including the last MU Rec tweet.

- Check the Minneapolis United web site for weather cancellations. We use AccuWeather.com as our measure.
- Call 612.547.9090 to hear a recording regarding the weather

We follow MYSA Guidelines for heat index. However, it is ultimately up to each family to make the decision to play or not.

Cleanup

PLEASE help clean up your area when finished. There are numerous items left behind nightly. Water bottles and trash are a huge problem. We want to keep our relationship with Pearl Park on a positive note so we can continue our program with the use of their fields.

Lost and Found

Items will usually be brought out nightly and placed by the table on the west side of the fields. Cleaning up your area nightly will help keep the items down to a minimum. In the Lost and Found box is a first aid kit for you to use.

Appropriate Behavior

Please cheer positively! "Great job", "That was a great pass", "Good effort", "Nice save" is preferred as opposed to "Shoot the ball", "Pass it now", "Get the ball", "Run, run, run" etc. As the kids are trying to learn how to play it will be very important to let them try to "problem solve" on their own. They really need to learn to think and play. Parents yelling to their kids and trying to give them instructions can confuse the player and put stress on them as they are trying their hardest to think through what they should be doing.