



Shakopee 2024 Competitive Soccer

New Parent Meeting

SSA Vision

- (1) - Develop players in all phases of the game.
- (2) - Provide a positive playing environment for players to grow.
- (3) - Foster an enjoyment and passion for the “beautiful game”

This handout is designed to educate parents on the SSA soccer year, team formation and competitive divisions, financial considerations, and communication chain so you know what to expect and can maximize your SSA experience.

Time Commitment

Fall	Mid-Aug - mid-Oct. 2-3x/week. 6 games (1 game a weekend), 1-2 practices a week, 1 fall tournament
Winter Training	Nov - mid-March (15wks) 1-2x/week One weekday and/or one weekend day at TOCA or Champions Hall for all teams
Spring/ Summer	Mid-April - end June/mid-July, 3x/week 10-12 games (weekdays), 2 practices a week, 2 tournaments 50% games are home at Soccer Complex 50% are away in any metro suburb

Expectations for Players and Parents:

- 90+% attendance at games and trainings, advance communication about absences
- Arrive on time – with all required equipment
- Show respect to coach, teammates, opponents, officials, and self
- Give your best effort
- Discuss any concerns with Team Manager first (avoid regrettable emotional confrontations)
- All players, parents and team leaders will understand and support SSA guidance and policies -- especially SSA [Player and Parent Code of Conduct](#)
- SSA Competitive Team Formation Policy at: <http://www.shakopeesoccer.com/page/show/1964007-tryouts-more-information>

What if player plays a different winter sport?

SSA strongly encourages players to come to winter training when they can. This is the best time to improve individual skills and where we see the biggest improvements.

Coach Philosophy and Training Goals:

- Make sure all players get the attention, proper training and direction to better themselves as individuals and as teammates
- Make the game fun, but also appreciate the competitive side of the game
- Make sure every player gets the excitement to want to play and continue in the game
- Create a fun and positive, yet also competitive, environment that cultivates fundamental skills acquisition, leadership, and personal growth

What Players and Parents Can Expect from Coach:

- Will be organized and well prepared for games and practices
- Will show respect to players, parents, opponents, and officials
- Will communicate effectively with players and parents and be approachable for questions or concerns (coach’s preferred method is phone / email / face to face / team meeting)
- Will motivate players effectively and appropriately
- Will complete and provide at least two evaluations for each player
- Will adhere to SSA Code of Conduct and will understand and support SSA policies and guidelines

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Financial Considerations Associated with Competitive Soccer

2024 Basic Fees

Tryout Fee:

The club charges a tryout fee of \$55* which is used primarily to pay for the fields and the evaluators.

*Supplemental Tryouts fee is \$30

Seasonal Fees:

Fall Season: TCSL supports a Fall Season for ages U9-14. This is a short, 6 game season which starts just after Labor Day and ends about the second week of October.

Winter Training: From mid-November through mid-March, SSA provides on average two skills training per week. One team skills training and one Futsal training. The location of Winter Training will be TOCA in Burnsville or Champions Hall in Eden Prairie and Futsal is in the school gyms in Shakopee.

Summer Season: TCSL supports a Summer Season for ages U9-19. Competition begins in May and ends in July.

Basic fees for each age are on the SSA Competitive page:

<http://www.shakopeesoccer.com/page/show/2000016-2016-17-fees>

Approximate costs per team will vary by season as follows:

Season	Cost Per Player
Fall	\$275
Summer	\$645-\$930

PLEASE NOTE:

- Summer Competitive Fees **INCLUDE** the Winter Training **AND** the Summer Season
- Fall Season is a separate fee

Tournament Fees

All tournament fees are in addition to regular team fees. The tournament fees are equally divided between all rostered players. Tournament fees range from \$50 - \$200 per player depending on the tournaments the team participates in.

Your team will be expected to participate in weekend tournaments during the regular season.

Fall Teams are encouraged to participate in 1 tournament.

Summer Teams are encouraged to participate in 2-3 tournaments.

Your coach and team manager will be responsible for registering your team. Any fees associated with the tournament - including possible incremental coaching fees - will be communicated to you in advance of the tournament.

Coaching Fees

Coaching fees are included in the registration fee and is not an additional cost. Teams will be required to pay for coaching expenses for tournaments. These expenses include lodging, transportation, gas and meals.

The Coaching Directors are responsible for the identification and assignment of qualified coaches for all of our competitive soccer teams.

Financial Assistance Fund

SSA Sponsorship dollars are used to provide discounted registration fees to those in need. A financial aid request form is available from the website for submission and consideration. Financial aid may be available for up to 50% off of the registration fees. The guidelines for qualification are based on state or county aid, free and reduced lunch program or hardship request. Each application is reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval. Please submit all applications to amyblack@shakopeesoccer.com