



What is the Illinois Premier Alliance?

The Illinois Premier Alliance is an alliance of like-minded, community based soccer clubs. Rather than form one mega-club, each club within the alliance retains the right to manage their club in the manner they feel is best for their members. The main objective of the alliance is to offer mutual benefits to the member clubs that are greater than what they might otherwise be able to achieve on their own.

What Clubs are Included in the Illinois Premier Alliance?

In our inaugural year (2017-18), the IP Alliance included Arlington Aces Soccer Club, FC Hawks, Skomor Soccer Club, and Wheeling Soccer Academy (WSA). For the 2018-19 soccer year, SAA-Sports Club United, Joga Bonito SC, and Northern Illinois FC have been added to the alliance.

What are The Benefits of Being a Part of the Illinois Premier Alliance?

All players from each of our member clubs have the potential to experience the following benefits:

- Preseason friendlies/tournaments
- Player Sharing/Guest playing opportunities with other IPA member teams
- Winter/futsal friendlies
- Additional street soccer festivals/opportunities
- Expanded summer camp opportunities
- Additional training jersey provided to all players
- Opportunities to be demonstration players
 - IYSA/US Soccer coaching licenses
 - Illinois Premier Annual Coaching and Club Development Summit

There are additional potential benefits for players in each member club (based on age and/or ability):

- IP Select Team participation
 - NPL/NISL Premier League
 - Top Tier Tournaments (State Cup, WAGS, Muscatine, etc.)
- International Trips
- Academy (U6-U7) level festivals/friendlies
- College exposure and recruiting resources
- U23 Level Summer teams

How Does the IP Alliance Select Team Work?

Illinois Premier will form Select Teams in various age groups (usually U13 and older) to compete in higher level tournaments or leagues. Players for these teams are selected by multiple coaches from our member clubs, and players who are invited to participate on one of these teams should consider it an honor! These IP teams will not really practice together much, as all players will get their training with their normal team. The IP Select team is an opportunity to play at a higher level than our normal league, to offer an additional high level opportunity for our players that are looking for the challenge of playing at the highest level.

Is There a Cost Associated With Illinois Premier Alliance?

Yes, but we do our best to keep those costs to a minimum. If a player is chosen for one of our Select Teams, we will only charge each player the amount that will cover the cost of a uniform (2 jerseys, 1 pair of shorts, 1 pair of socks), the league/tournament fee, and a small stipend for the coach of the team.