

OHIO PREMIER FUTBOL CLUB

Member Information & Policies 2023–2024 Season



Welcome to OPFC (Ohio Premier Futbol Club)! This document serves to provide you with general information about OPFC, our rules and guidelines for the upcoming season.

MISSION

Our club goals continued to be centered around player development and team performance. OPFC is dedicated to developing creative, fundamentally sound players. OPFC's qualified professional coaches will enhance the technical, tactical, physical, and social skills of your sons and daughters. OPFC players will play at the highest competitive youth level preparing them to excel in high school, college and beyond.

CORE VALUES

OPFC maintains core values that make us unique as a youth soccer club — **Positivity, Hard work, Intensity, Discipline, Organization (PHIDO)** We are committed to helping each player become the best he/she can be. As a not-for profit, OPFC's focus is on players, not profits.

COMMITMENT

OPFC is a full-year soccer club with a commitment from August 2023* through to June 2024. Once you have accepted a roster spot, you are expected, along with your teammates to be fully committed to OPFC and agree to pay all fees associated with your team. We budget for staff and pay for winter indoor costs and spring activities months ahead of time, so you are responsible for full annual payments, irrespective of your participation in winter or spring. **November 2023 for high school athletes.*

PRACTICES, GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

Players are expected to attend all practices, and games and tournaments for which they are rostered. All players are expected to play the indoor sessions. **Club fees cannot be reduced if players do not participate in indoor sessions.**

Practices

Teams will practice twice weekly. Fall practices will begin the first or 2nd week of August and continue through the early June of the following year. High school teams will begin practices following the conclusion of their high school seasons.

Games

The season begins mid-August and ends around the second week of June. OPFC participates in multiple leagues including Great Lake Alliance (GLA)/Nation Premier League (NPL), the Great Lakes Conference (GLC), and the Great Lakes Futsal League. In the premier GLA/NPL and GLC leagues games are played in local and out-of-town locations: Ohio, New York, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Indoor games are held at a variety of Northeast Ohio locations including Akron, Strongsville, and Lorain. League and

Leagues

The Great Lakes Alliance, a US Club National Premier League (GLA/NPL) — a regional premier league covering Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Western New York, West Virginia as well as Western and Central Pennsylvania.

The Great Lakes Conference, a US Youth Premier League (GLC) is one of 13 conferences that fall under the scope of the National League and operate at a multistate level — providing high-level competition on a consistent basis at a targeted local level (New York West, Pennsylvania West, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Kentucky).

In both leagues, U10 through U14 will play an approx. 15-game schedule *throughout the year*, August to June. U15s through U19s will begin after the high school season. There will be some travel involved for away games. Except for a few weeknight games, most games are played on Saturdays/Sundays. **Specific dates and details to come.**

U15s–U19s will play an approx. 11-game schedule. A mandatory 3-day GLA_NPL College Showcase is part of the season. These teams will play 1 game a day (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) in Canton. **Specific dates and details to come.**

The GLA Playoffs will be at the Pro Football HOF Sports Complex **the first weekend in June**. The GLA-NPL Division Champions U13 –U19 advance to the NPL Finals in July in Commerce City, Colorado. GLA Premier Division Champions U13 –U19 advance to the Midwest Regionals which will take place at Libertyville, Illinois in late June.

The Great Lakes Futsal League – an indoor futsal league under US Youth Futsal. Games are played in Akron, Strongsville or Lorain. Futsal emphasizes quick thinking and lots of touches on the ball.

Tournaments

OPFC expects to play 1 fall tournament, 1 indoor tournament and 2 tournaments in the spring. The first tournament for our non-high school teams is tentatively planned for Grand Park, Indiana over **Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4**.

PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

OPFC has a strict policy prohibiting parents from engaging in inappropriate behaviors with referees or the opposing team's parents including arguments and confrontations. In addition, OPFC does not tolerate parents coaching from the sideline. Please read and respond to communications from team managers as they work hard and dedicate personal time to support the team. A code of conduct training will be provided to players and parents at the beginning of the season.

REGISTRATION

Upon your invitation to join OPFC, you will receive a link to register through SportsEngine. During the process you will be required to submit or update:

1. A US Club medical form
2. A copy of your child's birth certificate (*new players to OPFC only*)
3. A recent photo of your player (*uploaded as a high-resolution jpg file*)
4. Lindsay's Law Form signed and uploaded (*required by the State of Ohio*)
5. Club fee deposit via online credit card or electronic check payment

PLAYER FEES

General Club Fees

The club fees include all training (2 practices per week) and entry into the CASA, GLA/NPL and Futsal leagues for the entire season OPFC offers a sibling credit of 10% for additional player(s) after the first child. The credit will be applied to the 22/23 Season tournament fees. There are payment options — payment in full or an installment plan—details are in SportsEngine at registration.

2023/24 Season OPFC Club Member Fees

Player's Division	Club Fees	Local Tournament Fee	Travel Tournament Fee	Required Uniform Kit	Sibling discount
U10, U11, U12	\$1,820	\$95 each	\$175 each <small>Travel expenses are separate and in addition to tournament fees.</small>	\$138	<small>After 1st sibling, 10% credit added to account for each additional sibling. The credit can be applied to added fees during the season. (tournaments, etc.)</small>
U13, U14	\$1,990				
U15 to U19	\$1,730				
Development player (training only)	\$110/month	Fees apply if rostered		\$40 training shirt & shorts	N/A
Youth Development Academy (YDA)	\$100/month: Billed \$300 for Aug/Sept/Oct; \$400 for Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb; \$300 for Mar/Apr/May			\$15 Red YDA Shirt	N/A

∞ Club fees cover league games, 2 trainings per week and a complete player evaluation. Registered player's commit to the FULL SEASON (Mid-Aug. 2023 thru mid-June 2024) The full season for players U15 and up begins November and ends in June. There are no refunds for players exiting prior to the end of the season except for injury.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Tournaments

Tournament fees are typically \$95 for local and \$175 for away tournaments. Travel expenses are separate and in addition to tournament fees.

Uniforms

OPFC has a relationship with Un1tus, a local uniform manufacturer. Uniform fulfillment is approximately 7-8 weeks after orders have been placed. **Please contact OPFC uniform liaison Alice McDonald to begin this process and get your assigned player number: alikruk@hotmail.com For the Fall, new orders need to be place by the end of June for August delivery.** A complete base kit cost is approximately \$138.



Required Uniform Packages:

U10-U14—Game Base Kit: Red AWAY Game jersey, Black HOME Game jersey, Black Socks, Black Shorts \$138

U15-U19—Game Base Kit: White AWAY Game jersey, Black HOME Game jersey, Black Socks, Black Shorts \$138

Development Player Base Kit: Gray training shirt, Un1tus black training shorts, black socks — \$40

Youth Development Academy (YDA) 5–8-year-olds enrolled in the YDA program — YDA Shirt \$15

Other team items are optional and available for purchase on the website.



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CODE OF CONDUCT

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND FANS

All parents associated with the OPFC are invited to share in the pleasure of watching their children participate in the world's most popular sport, so long as their behavior does not distract the players, coaches and officials from the free flow of play which is the trademark of the sport. OPFC prides itself on having respectful and engaged families, and we ask that parents and guardians continue to adhere to these guidelines.

A parent or guardian should:

- Foster an environment of respect for referees, players, coaches, and spectators of the opposing team through words of encouragement and support.
- Applaud superior play, effort, and sportsmanship by players on both teams.
- Support your coaches and managers consistently regardless of the results on the field. Coaches contribute many hours of their time to your children. They deserve your congratulations when the team wins and your encouragement when the team doesn't.
- Communicate any concerns to the Director of Operation & Director of Coaching at the appropriate time (recommended 24-hour cool off period) away from the playing location and players.
- Always remain at least two yards from the playing field so our young players have room to play and enjoy the game.
- Your cooperation with these standards before, during, and after each game or practice will make OPFC more enjoyable for everyone.

A parent or guardian must:

- Never use foul language or obscene gestures at a game or practice site.
- Avoid comments and gestures that express disagreement with referee decisions.
- Cooperate with any request by the game officials.
- Never consume alcoholic beverages on the field location at practices or games.
- Refrain from providing any coaching advice to players on the field during a game.

A parent or guardian understands that:

- Any parent or spectator who fails to adhere to these standards will be required to leave the playing area, and play will be suspended until he or she does so.
- OPFC reserves the right to suspend or terminate a player's enrollment for his or her parent's persistent or extreme sideline misbehavior, and there will be no refunds of player fees in such cases.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for their guests' behavior and must inform their guests of the applicable rules of conduct.
- Any breaches of this Code of Conduct can result in your child's suspension and a member's removal from the Club. Comments and behavior of any member which contradict the mission statement, principles or disrupt the functioning of a team can result in the suspension and/or removal from the Club.

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR PLAYERS

- Players that choose to join OPFC for the season must make it their priority during the duration of the entire league season. Every effort should be made to make soccer your sport of priority.
- Always do your best, and always stay physically and mentally fit.
- All absences or late arrivals must be made known to the head coach within 24 hours prior to the day of training or as soon as possible.
- Actions and language deemed inappropriate will not be permitted. Appropriate behavior and language are always expected, exhibited by positive and cooperative attitude and actions.
- Players will respect the game, teammates, coaches, opponents, and referees' decisions irrespective of game results.

These policies are agreed upon at registration.