

2024 Soccer for Life

U15 (2011, 2010, 2009 YOB) U18 (2008, 2007, 2006 YOB)

The Soccer for Life Program is open to all players in the U15/U14/U13 and U18/U17/U16 age divisions regardless of experience and skill level as the program will provide players with the opportunity to learn the skills of soccer through games and practices.

Here is what the Soccer for Life Program at Pickering FC looks like. For more information email <u>admin-rec@pickeringfc.ca</u>.

Recreational Soccer is:

- An opportunity for players to be active twice a week with a game and a practice
- Learning to play the game through games and practices.
- Playing in a team setting, making new friends and having fun.
- **<u>Coaches are volunteers</u>** can be a parent, older sibling, or a university/high school student.
 - Coaches are provided with an information manual from the PFC and have access to through admin help, coaching tips and practice drills.
 - Remember: your child is learning to play the game and the coach is also learning their role as the coach of the team.

In the registration fees players receive:

- Home and away jersey in the PFC colours, shorts, socks, individual picture and an award at the end of the season. The coach is responsible for receiving these items from the Club and the distribution of these items to the players.
- The coach will be in contact with parents prior to the start of the season to introduce themselves and provide information on uniform pick up and the schedule.
- Team receives practice balls and a game ball.
- Games, practices and year end event.

U13/U14/U15 - Players born in 2009, 2010 and 2011 - will turn 13, 14 or 15 in 2024

U16/U17/U18 - Players born in 2006, 2007, and 2008 - will turn 16, 17 or 18 in 2024

Teams will play one game a week and will have one 1-hour practice a week.

- 14 games during the season plus playoff games at the Year End Event
 - U13/U14/U15 Year End Event September 7
 - Teams will play a minimum of 2 games in the playoffs
 - Finalists will receive trophies/non finalists will receive medals
 - U16/U17/U18 Year End Event August 24
 - Teams will play a minimum of 2 games in the playoffs
 - Finalists will receive trophies/non finalists will receive medals
- Season starts week of May 27 to May 30.

Game and Practice Nights – subject to change

	Age Division	Game Night	Practice Night
U15′s	U13/U14/U15 Boys	Tuesday 6:30/8 pm	Thursday 6:30 pm
U15′s	U13/U14/U15 Girls	Thursday 6:30/8 pm	Tuesday 6:30 pm
U18′s	U16/U17/U18 Girls	Wednesday 6:30/8:15 pm	Monday 6:30 pm
U18's	U16/U17/U18 Boys	Monday 6:30/8:15 pm	Wednesday 6:30 pm

Game Fields - subject to change

Boys & Girls U13/U14/U15	Boys & Girls U16/U17/U18
2011/2010/2009 YOB	2008/2007/2006 YOB
Dunmoore (Whites Rd/Petticoat Creek	Dunmoore (Whites Rd/Petticoat Creek
Conservation Area – field has lights)	Conservation Area – field has lights)
Adams Park (Port Union Road – Interlock with West Rouge SC)	Adams Park (Port Union Road – Interlock with West Rouge SC)

Practice Fields – Subject to Change

Boys & Girls U13/U14/U15	Boys & Girls U16/U17/U18
2011/2010/2009 YOB	2008/2007/2006 YOB
Dunbarton High School Amberlea Park (Highbush PS) St Mary's Catholic SS (Whites Road)	Dunbarton High School Amberlea Park (Highbush PS)

Schedules are available from the coach, PFC Website <u>www.pickeringfc.ca</u> and the team app

Parents are encouraged to get the team app – download the Sports Engine App from the app store & then select the team app which will be available once a player has been assigned to a team.

Game Formats

Boys & Girls U13/U14/U15	Boys & Girls U16/U17/U18
2011/2010/2009 YOB	2008/2007/2006 YOB
 35-minute halves - 70-minute games Year End games will be 70-minutes or less	 45-minute halves - 90-minute games Year End games will be 80 minutes or less
based on a maximum of 150 minutes	based on a maximum of 180 minutes
allowed for the Year End Day 11 players v 11 players including	allowed for the Year End Day 11 players v 11 players including the
goalkeeper 15-17 players on team Throw ins Offsides Games guided by FIFA Laws of the Game Scores and standings recorded	goalkeeper 15-19 players on team Throw ins Offsides Games guided by FIFA Laws of the Game Scores and standings recorded

Match Officials are assigned to games by the Pickering FC Assignor. All Match Officials are registered with Ontario Soccer and have completed the appropriate Ontario Soccer Course.

When possible, the PFC will assign a crew of a Head Match Official (senior Match Official) and two Assistant Match Official (senior Match Official and/or 1st / 2nd Year match Official)

First and second year match officials are provided with ongoing education and mentoring through the Pickering FC's Match Official Development Program.