

How much does it cost?

Based on age, travel soccer costs range from \$315 to \$425. If your family needs financial aid, please contact the registrar.

Are there other costs?

- The registration fee does not include a uniform. Typically, a uniform kit costs approximately \$90 plus shipping. A kit consists of two jerseys (home and away), shorts, and socks.
- Families are also responsible for equipment costs such as cleats and shinguards.
- There may also be travel-related costs such as meals and hotels.
- Some teams may choose to participate in more tournaments or compensate coaches in addition to their coaching stipend. These extra fees are the families' responsibility.

Are there payment plans?

Yes, payment plans are available through registration. Upon sign-up, there's a required non-refundable deposit.

Is there a family discount (more than one child)?

Yes, the first child will pay their entire registration fee, and each subsequent registration afterward is eligible for a \$25 family discount.

My child can't make tryouts. What should I do?

Contact our director of coaching (DOC) to schedule an evaluation. The DOC will place the player on a team with available roster space that best matches their playing ability.

What happens after tryouts?

- Tryouts occur at the end of July or early August. After tryouts, the DOC and the president will review evaluations and place players on teams based on player scorecard results.
- Parents/guardians and players will receive an email if offered a reserved roster spot. As outlined in the email offer, an initial non-refundable deposit and completed registration are required. Refer to the email offer for the registration link.

Do players have to wear shin guards and cleats?

Players should wear shin guards and cleats at practice. Shin guards are mandatory for league games as they are for the safety of the athletes.

When does my child practice and play?

- Winter indoor training starts in January and moves outdoors in April. Once outside, teams independently schedule their practices.
- League games occur weekly in the evenings during the spring/summer season and on weekends in the fall league. Division 1 and Premier Teams players may also have weekend games in the spring. Games begin in April or May, depending on level play, and run through mid-July. Teams may also participate in weekend tournaments.

Where are games played?

- Home games take place at Pinecone Central Park in Sartell. Away games are generally played within 75 miles +/- radius of Sartell.
- Occasionally, some teams may play out-of-state tournaments based on their skill and level of competition. Teams will make that decision individually.

Is it equal playing time or skill level?

Both. The Sartell Soccer Association (SSA) is dedicated to player development and promoting a love for the game. The DOC will place players on teams at a level where they can play for extended minutes. However, as teams get older and more competitive, a player's skill, effort, tactics, etc., will play more of a role in determining playing time.

What are team divisions?

The Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) uses a two-level system for its competitive league. The 2022/23 season levels were Black and Blue. Those levels are now Divisions 2 and 3. Division 2 is a higher level comparable to the former Black League. Last year's Blue League is now equivalent to Division 3. There is also a separate league within MYSA called the Metro Alliance League, which consists of Division 1 teams. Highly competitive teams may play in MYSA's Premier League or USYS Regional Leagues.

How are coaches determined?

The director of coaching identifies coaches for teams based on the level of play and competition, age, skill, and availability. All coaches have access to training and will work to ensure quality, experienced, licensed coaches for all competitive teams.

How many players are on a team?

Per MYSA rules:

- Age 9U - 7v7, roster size: 7 - 12 players
- Age 10U - 7v7, roster size: 7 - 12 players
- Age 11U - 9v9, roster size: 9 - 16 players
- Age 12U - 9v9, roster size: 9 - 16 players
- Age 13U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players
- Age 14U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players
- Age 15U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players
- Age 16U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players
- Age 17U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players
- Age 18U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players
- Age 19U - 11v11, roster size: 11 - 18 players

*MYSA does allow teams to be "over rostered" under some circumstances, which is why your player may be on a team with more athletes than permitted in this chart.

How is this different from recreational soccer?

Travel soccer stresses player development and a competitive playing environment. We recommend recreational soccer for less competitive players who desire equal playing time.

Does the club have liability insurance?

Yes, through MYSA.

Do you run background checks?

All coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, and board members undergo a background check before the season starts. Other requirements include a Center for Disease Control concussion certification and SafeSport training certification.

Can I try out for a SSA travel team and a team from another club?

Yes, a tryout is not a commitment to play. However, once you register (commit) with one club for the season, you can't play with another MYSA club until after the competitive season ends.

Do you offer refunds for players who become injured or no longer want to play?

- Before January 1st, you may be eligible to receive a refund of up to 50 percent in the case of a severe and season-ending injury. The club does not issue refunds after that date. We also do not offer uniform refunds.
- Per MYSA rules, once a player has paid and registered, they are committed to the SSA. Players who have committed may not play for another club during the competition year.
- For refund requests before January 1st, email the club president to inquire about a refund. The board will review and consider the request.