



Novi Parks Soccer Club



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1. How do the age divisions work?

- U.S. Soccer has mandated that all soccer teams be defined by birth year.
- Divisions are separated by U-Age Groups. The “U” stands for “Under” as of Dec 31 of that year.
- The following chart details the age groups:

		Soccer Season			
		Fall 2024 & Spring 2025	Fall 2025 & Spring 2026	Fall 2026 & Spring 2027	Fall 2027 & Spring 2028
Birth Year	2024				Tiny Tikes Soccer
	2023			Tiny Tikes Soccer	U5
	2022		Tiny Tikes Soccer	U5	U6
	2021	Tiny Tikes Soccer	U5	U6	U7
	2020	U5	U6	U7	U8
	2019	U6	U7	U8	U9
	2018	U7	U8	U9	U10
	2017	U8	U9	U10	U11
	2016	U9	U10	U11	U12
	2015	U10	U11	U12	U13
	2014	U11	U12	U13	U14
	2013	U12	U13	U14	U15
	2012	U13	U14	U15	U16
	2011	U14	U15	U16	U17
	2010	U15	U16	U17	U18
	2009	U16	U17	U18	U19
	2008	U17	U18	U19	
	2007	U18	U19		
	2006	U19			

2. What do the program formats look like?

The Novi Parks sponsored leagues are formed and operated on the principles of good sportsmanship, fair play, healthy activity. Our community atmosphere allows players and coaches to focus on fundamental player development and fun. The success of the soccer program relies on the great support of volunteer coaches.

2.a. Tiny Tikes Soccer

- This is a U4 soccer league.
- The league cost is \$44* for a Novi resident and \$52* for a non-resident.
*Additional \$20 jersey fee if family does not already have a Tiny Tikes Soccer jersey
- Volunteer coaches will receive \$40 credit to their family accounts after the season.
- Participants will play in 4 total sessions, weather permitting.
- Sessions will take place in a 45-minute time slot (includes practice and game).
- Shin guards are recommended, but not required.
- Program mementos are included in the registration fee.

2.b. Recreational Soccer League: Thunder

	Coed U5 & U6	Coed U7 & U8	Boys & Girls U9-U19
Price Per Season	\$99 Resident (\$119 Non-Resident)	\$119 Resident (\$143 Non-Resident)	\$159 Resident (\$191 Non-Resident)
Additional Uniform Fee	Reversible Jersey, Shorts, Socks (\$35)	Reversible Jersey, Shorts, Socks (\$35)	Reversible Jersey, Shorts, Socks (\$35)
Weekly practices at Novi area fields	1	1	1 (coach option for a second)
Number of Games (weather permitting)	6	7	8 (4 home & 4 away)
Opponents	NPSC recreational teams	NPSC recreational teams	Recreational teams from neighboring communities (Northville, Plymouth, Canton, etc.)
Referees Needed	Center	Center	Center & two Assistant Referees
Western Suburban Soccer League Fees	No	No	Yes (included in registration fee)
Volunteer Coaching Credits	\$40 volunteer coaching credits are applied to family accounts after the season		

	U5-U6	U7-U8	U9-U10	U11-U12	U13-U14	U15-U19	U15-U19 (Small Sided)
Number of Players	4v4	5v5	7v7	9v9	11v11	11v11	7v7
Roster Maximum	8	9	12	16	18	18	18
Goal Keeper	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Times (min.)	4x8	4x10	2x25	2x30	2x35	2x40/45	2x35
Halftime (min.)	5	5	10	10	15	15	15
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	5	5	5

*Formats may change based on registration numbers.

2.c. Select Soccer League: Lightning

- Select is a higher level of competition than recreational play.
- All Lightning teams must hold a tryout.
- Tryouts occur in June and are for the upcoming Fall and Spring seasons.
- One-season teams can be formed for middle school and high school players.
- Age divisions with multiple teams will be tiered: (1) Gold, (2) Blue, (3) White
- The Lightning cost is \$399 for a Novi resident and \$439 for a non-resident. This includes both the fall and spring seasons. Full uniform is sold separately.
- Teams will practice twice during the week, weather permitting.
- There will be 16 games (8 in the fall and 8 in the spring).
- Coaches cannot directly contact any players outside of Novi Parks Soccer Club about Tryouts until after the spring WSSL season ends.
- Coaches will work with opposing teams and Novi Parks to initially schedule games.
- Coaches will receive \$100 credit to their family accounts after the soccer year.

2.c.i. Tryout Process

Tryouts are held at a pre-determined time/location set by Novi Parks Soccer Club. The sessions will be conducted by the coaches and every player interested in playing on a team **MUST** participate in a tryout. Players need to pre-register for *WSSL Select Soccer Tryouts – NPSC Lightning* at cityofnovi.org prior to the tryout date. There is no cost to pre-register for the tryout.

Each age division will have approximately 90 minutes on both Saturday and Sunday to run a tryout. There may be a supplemental tryout on Monday if necessary. Specific division times will be listed on the website. Players can try out for multiple age divisions, but they cannot try out for divisions younger than their birth year. Players should plan to be at all tryouts for their age group, as some teams will be formed Saturday with the expectation of all teams being finalized by Sunday. If you do not attend the first tryout date on Saturday, there is a risk that the team roster will be filled at that time.

There will be a registration tent where numbered bibs will be provided to each of the participants. Evaluations are up to the individual coaches and they have the freedom to evaluate the kids however they choose through drills, scrimmages, etc. There will be extra balls, cones, pinnies, and stop watches for coaches to use at the field.

Extending & Accepting Offers

Coaches will extend offers throughout the tryouts. To accept an offer, parents must complete the online WSSL Player Registration Form and upload a copy of their child's birth certificate or passport via SportsForms during the tryout weekend. Select **Novi Parks Soccer Club** from the drop-down menu at this link: www.sportsforms.club/wssl. Players will also need to be registered for the league prior to the registration deadline.

A player can decline an offer from a higher tiered team and accept an offer with a lower tiered team within the same age division. If a player is trying out for multiple age

divisions within NPSC, they can accept an offer for the first team to offer and still try out for the other age division. If they receive an offer from the other age division, they can decide to switch their commitment to that team.

Parents will need to complete a USYS Medical Release Form for their child. This form should be given to the player's coach during the first training session. Coaches will keep this on-hand in case of emergency at the fields.

Guest Players (Passcarding)

Teams should primarily seek out guest players in situations where their team would otherwise play shorthanded or with 0-1 substitutes, not to supplement established rosters with 2+ substitutes. NPSC players can guest play onto other NPSC teams, while adhering to Statute C in the WSSL Laws of the Game. For full guest player rules, visit www.wsslsoccer.org.

NPSC Lightning Uniforms

Uniforms are ordered separately from the Novi Parks player registration. Coaches will assign numbers to each of the players or let them choose their numbers. There cannot be duplicates. Details for ordering the uniforms will be sent out following the tryouts.

2.c.ii. Sponsorship to Michigan State Premier Soccer Program

- MSPSP has age divisions from U13-U19.
- Coaches can request to have their team be sponsored into MSPSP. Teams that finish at the top of Division 1 the previous year are eligible. Novi Parks will make the final decision on whether or not to sponsor the team to MSPSP.
- If sponsored, Novi Parks will pay the MSPSP fall and spring season fees. However, the team will be responsible for all their games' referee fees (paid cash on-site).
- MSPSP states that teams are responsible for half of the referee fees for every game. This includes both the home AND away games.
- MSPSP coaches must have a U.S. Soccer Grassroots or Class E License.
- Coaches must submit a copy (via email) of their license at the time of registration.

3. Youth Soccer Program Policies

- U5-U8 Thunder games are on Saturdays; however, there may be some weekday games.
- U9-U19 Thunder and all Lightning teams play in the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL). Games are generally on weekends; however, there may be some weekday games.
- All Tiny Tikes and Thunder players will receive a season memento at the end of the season. Lightning players will be awarded championship medals if the team wins their division.
- Players may play up in an older age division, but may not play down in a younger age division.
- Players may be moved up an age division or brought back to their appropriate division if needed to complete a division or resolve surplus players in a division.
- Teams will remain together from the Fall to the Spring (provided the volunteer coach returns).
- Covered shin guards are mandatory (except for Tiny Tikes). Cleats are recommended, but not required.
- No jewelry is allowed to be worn during play, including earrings.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the coach of any pertinent medical information required during participation of this activity.
- Novi Parks maintains the right to remove a player from the program if the player or player's parent/guardian displays inappropriate conduct at team activities such as games and practices.
- Novi Parks will not guarantee any requests for coaches, players, or practice nights. Requests will be taken, but are not guaranteed. Refunds will not be issued if requests are unable to be met.
- For more cancellation and refund policy information, please visit the City website here: <https://cityofnovi.org/registration/>

