



THE KICK-OFF

NAPERVILLE PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE COACH NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2024

KICK-OFF TO THE FALL 2024 NPSL SOCCER SEASON!

It's the start of a new school year and a new season of Naperville Premier Soccer League! From everyone at the Naperville Park District, thank you for volunteering as a coach. We could not offer the programs we do without volunteers like yourself. Please take a moment to read this newsletter as it contains important information regarding the upcoming season.

PRE-SEASON COACH REQUIREMENTS

NEW DCFS PROCESS AND PAPERWORK

Directions regarding your required paperwork were sent via e-mail from your coordinator. For those with expired DCFS background checks, please follow the new online submission process for completing this step. If your DCFS background check is still active, you are not required to complete the online submission at this time. Please complete all requirements as soon as possible. The deadline to complete the coach paperwork is July 12. If you have any concerns regarding your coach paperwork status, please contact Rebecca Krzyzkowski, Volunteer Manager, at rkrzyzkowski@napervilleparks.org.

TEAM ROSTER

Team Waivers are due by Sunday, July 21. All rostered players must also complete the Park District waiver using your team's waiver code. **Changes to your roster may be made up until Wednesday, September 11.** Please alert your Soccer Coordinator, Kim Levitt, at klevitt@napervilleparks.org of any roster changes.

OPEN HOUSE

An optional Coach Open House is scheduled for Head Coaches on Wednesday, August 14 between 11:30 am–1:00 pm or 4:30 pm–6:30 pm at the Fort Hill Activity Center, 20 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville. The Soccer Coordinator and Program Manager are available at this time to answer any questions you may have regarding the upcoming season. There is no equipment to pick-up at the open house. Equipment is not provided to NPSL teams.

ADDING A COACH

Each team may have a maximum of one head coach and two assistant coaches. They register as a team. If an assistant coach is added, update your Team Survey Information (Formsite) link that was e-mailed to you from your coordinator. Their paperwork must be complete prior to assisting with any practice or game. All coaches must be final by Tuesday, September 3 in order to be eligible for priority registration.

DETERMINE A PRACTICE LOCATION AND TIME

Non-sport complex locations (parks with open grass areas other than Nike Sports Complex and Frontier Sports Complex) are recommended for team practices. Practices may not take place on any lined soccer game field. Please work with other teams who may be practicing in the same area to ensure adequate practice space for all teams.

GAME SCHEDULES AND DIVISIONS

Game schedules will be released on August 17 to www.quickscores.com/napervilleparks. Games will begin Saturday, September 7. Many staff hours go into the seeding and scheduling process. Various variables are used in determining the seeding, divisions and schedules including but not limited to:

- Total number of teams
- Placement of teams in past seasons compared to other teams in the division
- Number of returning players on a team's roster
- Number of new teams
- Schedule needs for even divisions
- Available fields

COERVER TRAINING SESSIONS

For teams who have selected a trainer option, please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled training time to warm-up. If you need to reschedule a training session, please work directly with your trainer. If he or she cannot accommodate, that training session will be cancelled without refund. If a training session is cancelled due to inclement weather, please work to reschedule that session as soon as possible as availability becomes limited.

COACHING CLINICS

All of our volunteer coaches are invited to attend one of our free Coaching Clinics. These clinics are a great resource for new and returning coaches. Pre-registration is required. Please visit <https://www.napervilleparks.org/registration> to register.

Saturday, August 24 Hosted by Chicago Fire

Nike Sports Complex Synthetic Turf Field
1:00-3:00 pm • CODE 95416

Sunday, August 25 Hosted by Mike Wiggins

Fort Hill Activity Center
Pre-k – 2nd • 9:00-10:30 am • CODE 95415
3rd – 8th • 10:30 am-12:00 pm • CODE 95414

HELPFUL RESOURCES

At napervilleparks.org/napervillepremiersoccerleague you can find the NPSL Coach Training document and the complete NPSL Manual. Rain out information, game schedules, field maps, and more are also available at this site. Additionally, you can access hundreds of free soccer drills and practice plans for your age group at <https://mojo.sport/bestsoccerdrills>

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Dedicating your time as a coach entitles volunteers to receive priority registration for the following outdoor NYS soccer season (Spring 2025). Volunteers will be eligible for NYS priority registration provided they are in good standing and have completed the required paperwork for the current season. Coaches eligible for NYS priority registration will receive registration information via email on November 6. Please note there is no priority registration for NPSL.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, July 12	Coach Volunteer Paperwork Due
Sunday, July 21	Team Information and Waivers Due
Wednesday, August 14	Optional Coach Open House
Saturday, August 17	Game Schedule Released
Saturday, August 24 & Sunday, August 25	Coach Clinics
Week of August 26	First Practice
Tuesday, September 3	All Coaches Final
Saturday, September 7	First Game
Saturday, October 19	Last University Game
Saturday, October 26	University Rainout Date/Last 2nd – 8th Grade Game.
Saturday, November 2	2nd – 8th Grade Rainout Date
Wednesday, November 6	NYS Priority Registration Information Emailed for Spring 2025
Wednesday, November 13	NYS Priority Registration Opens at Noon
Wednesday, November 20th	NYS Priority Registration Closes at 11:59 pm

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