

# City of Plymouth

## Recreation Department



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### Youth Soccer Program Policies

- The City of Plymouth Recreation Department reserves the right to remove a child from the program if the child or child's parent / guardian display inappropriate conduct at games, practices and or tournaments as determined by the Recreation Director or Program Coordinator.
- **To participate in the youth soccer program, all participants and their parents are required to follow all league rules, policies and/or directives set by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department, or any other governing body of youth soccer (US Youth Soccer, Michigan State Youth Soccer Association or Western Suburban Soccer League)**
- **All requests to drop from the program will processed with the following fee structure:**
  1. **Requesting to drop prior to the upcoming seasons registration deadline - \$15.00 cancellation fee**
  2. **Requesting to drop more than 30 days prior to the first possible game date of the season - \$50.00 cancellation fee**
  3. **Requesting to drop within 30 days of the first possible game date of the season – No Refund**
  4. **After a Select Player / Parent signs a WSSL Contract for the remainder of the MSYSA Soccer Year – No Refund**

**If the season is cancelled by the City Recreation Department, a full refund will be issued.**

- All fees shall be set by the City Manager or Recreation Director.
- All in-office registrations require a completed registration form. It is the responsibility of the Parent or Guardian to have this form completed in its entirety. Registration may be denied if any part of the form is incomplete.
- It shall be the responsibility of the parent to inform the coach or instructor of any pertinent medical information required as part of this activity
- All divisions are separated according to date of birth. Girls and Boys must play in their own Divisions. No Exceptions!
- The Recreation Department will not guarantee any requests for coaches. Requests for players to be placed together will be taken but are not guaranteed.
- New players in the Spring will be placed on existing teams from the Fall season or if enough new players exist, they may be placed together to form a new team.
- Unless requested otherwise by a child's parent, players / teams will remain together from the Fall into the Spring.
- Request from parents for new team placements in the Spring are not guaranteed.
- Combined age divisions from the Fall season that receive enough players to reform their own age divisions may be split in the Spring.
- Teams that are capped by WSSL roster limits may not exceed that designated roster number at any time.

- Allowances for late registration are up to the sole discretion of the City of Plymouth Recreation Dept.
- The City of Plymouth Recreation Department reserves the right to amend the rules, game times, practice times or policies if deemed to be in the best interest of the league or in the spirit of youth recreation.
- Players may play up in an older age division but may not play down in a younger age division. Players may not play more than two age divisions above their true age.
- 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. See "Priority of Placement" listed below.
- Players shall use the same uniforms issued in the Fall for both the Fall and Spring Seasons. Players new to the program in the Spring shall be issued a new uniform.
- Players that lose their uniform may be charged for the replacement.
- No Jewelry is allowed to be worn during play as describe in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- Players must use Soccer Cleats if they choose to wear cleats. No Football or Baseball cleats are allowed (squared off cleat) as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- Recreational teams may not pursue financial sponsorships or advertise on team uniforms or warm ups.

### **Pre-Registration, Open Registration Periods and Late Registration Policies –**

- The open registration period for the Fall Season will be June 1<sup>st</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The pre-registration period (if offered) for the Spring Season will be Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The open registration period for the Spring Season will be Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Registration periods may be adjusted as required by MSYSA, WSSL, MSPSL or any other governing body.
- All late registrations may be taken at the discretion of the Program Coordinator.
- In-Office registration availability based upon normal business days and times.
- On-line registration may be extended by one or two days based upon how the calendar falls (e.g. last day of registration falls on a weekend). On-line extensions are at the complete discretion of the Program Coordinator.
- The Recreation Department is not responsible for any missed registrations based upon computer or "On-line" technical issues.
- Coaches have no authority to override departmental registration policies.

### **School Teams requesting to play Spring Soccer in the City Recreational Program-**

For any public, charter or private school team that played in a non-MSYSA League in the Fall and then would like to stay completely or partially intact and participate in the Spring City Recreational Soccer Program; the Head Coach and/or Manager must complete the following requirements to participate:

- The Head Coach or Team Manager must notify the Program Coordinator of their intent (by email) to place a Spring team prior to January 15<sup>th</sup>.

- The Head Coach or Team Manager must provide a player/team roster to the Program Coordinator prior to Jan 30th. The player roster must fulfill the following requirements:
  1. No player on the roster can have played on any other City, WSSL or MSPSP team during the Fall season within the same soccer year.
  2. Players on the roster must meet all WSSL and MSYSA rules and policies for participation.
  3. Team must have three more players than the WSSL minimum of the requested age division.
  4. Team must have no more players than the maximum players allowed of the requested age division.
  5. No player listed can be playing up more than two age divisions of the requested age division.
  6. All players on the roster must be registered according to City policy by Jan. 31st.
- Spring School Teams will provide their own soccer balls, corner flags and any other training equipment.
- Teams must wear the provided City uniforms and not school uniforms.
- The Head Coach and all MSYSA Required team officials must have a completed the GOT SOCCER Risk Management certification prior to Feb. 15th of that season.
- The Program Coordinator shall have complete discretions on the WSSL Division placement.
- If the Head Coach or Manager fails to fulfill the listed requirements, all new Spring players from that group will fall under the same policies and procedures as any other new Spring players.
- The Program Supervisor has the right to deny placement of any Spring only School Teams.

### **Priority of Player Selection –**

- In the case of a surplus of players within an age division due to roster maximums or the lack of available teams, the following listing will be the “Priority of Player Selection” within the division.
  - Fall season players returning for the Spring season cannot be "bumped" off their returning team roster or out of an age division by a new Spring player regardless of the priority of placement.
  - If two or more returning Fall players must be removed from a Spring age division due to WSSL / MSYSA roster maximums, the “Priority of Player Selection” will be used.
1. Child of a Head Coach that is coaching the team that the child will play on during the current season.
  2. Child of a Head Coach coaching another team within the City Soccer Program during the current season.
  3. Child of a City Resident that played in the City Recreational program the previous soccer season.
  4. Child of a City Resident.
  5. Child of a P.C.C.S. Resident that played in the City Recreational program the previous soccer season.
  6. Child of a P.C.C.S. Resident.
  7. Child of a Wayne County Resident that played in the City Recreational program the previous soccer season.
  8. Child of a Wayne County Resident.
  9. Child of a Non -Wayne County Resident that played in the City Recreational program the previous soccer season.
  10. Child of a Non -Wayne County Resident.

11. Chronological order of registration.

- *Proof of residency may be requested by the Recreation Department to verify child's true residency status. Failure of the parent or guardian to provide proof of residency within five business days of the department's request will drop the child to the lowest verifiable priority.*

**Requirements for City Select Team Sponsorship –**

**The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor Select Teams into the Western Suburban Soccer League if the Team / Head Coach fulfills the following conditions:**

- The Head Coach must have been a Head Coach within the City Recreational Program for no less than four (4) seasons immediately prior to requesting a Select Team sponsorship.
- The Head Coach must have coached the same age group and gender as the requested Select placement during the previous and immediate four seasons.
- No adults, coaches, trainers or managers may receive any compensation (monetary or otherwise) for involvement with the team.
- The Program Supervisor will determine all Select team division placements. Division placement requests can be taken but may not be granted.
- All Club Pass Carding and Guest Players will be allowed within current WSSL rules. Pass Carding and Guest Players must be from within the Plymouth City Soccer Program only.
- **Starting Fall 2021, Select Teams must roster no less than 10 players in the 7v7 format, 12 players in the 9v9 format and 15 players in the 11v11 format. Teams without enough rostered players will not be accepted for the season.**
- The Recreation Director or Program Supervisor has the right to deny placement of any adult as a Head Coach of a Select Team placement at any time.
- City sponsored Select Teams shall receive no special considerations above and beyond what is supplied to recreational teams of the same age (uniforms, equipment, ref. fees, field usage).
- Sponsored City Select teams are responsible for any Referee Fees above and beyond the Rec. Dept. Ref pay scale.
- Sponsored City Select teams may vary the standard issued City jerseys and logos with prior City Program Supervisor approval. However, no additional funding will be given by the City Soccer Program.
- Players added to a Select Team in the Spring will only be allow ½ the standard jersey funding.
- City Select teams may pursue team financial sponsorship only with prior approval from the City Soccer Program Supervisor.
- No financial sponsorship / advertising logos may be placed on City Select Team uniforms.
- Violation of City Select Team Policies will void all Select Team sponsorship for following soccer seasons. All WSSL / MSYSA rules will also apply to mid-year team termination.
- **The City will not Sponsor any teams in to the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program.**

**Select Policies regarding changes in team structure during a soccer year (Fall & Spring) or from one soccer year to the next (Spring to Fall).**

Scenario #1

**A team that has their Head Coach leaves or is removed during a current soccer year may remain sponsored in a Select Division for the remainder of the current soccer year if they fulfil the following requirements:**

- A currently rostered assistant coach, manager or a current parent of a rostered player becomes the head coach after fulfilling all WSSL / MSYSA coaching requirements.
- 50% (rounded down), of the rostered players remain on the team for the new head coach. The players on the team roster used at the team's last WSSL league game will be the official roster of determination.

Scenario #2

**A team that has their Head Coach leave or removed after completing a soccer year but before a new soccer year begins may remain sponsored in a Select Division for the upcoming soccer year if they fulfil the following requirements:**

- A rostered assistant coach from the previous Spring season becomes head coach of the team.
- The Fall Team Roster retains 50% (rounded down), of the rostered players from the Spring season. The players on the team roster used at the team's last WSSL league game will be the official roster of determination.

Scenario #3

**A team that has participated as a sponsored Select Team during the previous soccer year with a split age roster may divide into two separate age division teams for the new soccer year (Fall Only) if they fulfil the following requirements:**

- A rostered coach (head or assistant) from the previous Spring season must become a head coaches of each new Fall team.
- One individual cannot be the head coach of both new teams.
- The Fall Team Roster of each team retains 30% (rounded down), of the rostered players from the Spring season. The players on the team roster used at the team's last WSSL league game will be the official roster of determination.

Scenario #4

**A team that has participated as a sponsored Select Team during the previous soccer year may divide into two teams within the same age division for the new soccer year (Fall ONLY) if they fulfil the following requirements:**

- The rostered Head Coach from the previous Spring season must be the Head Coach of each new Fall team.
- The Fall Team Roster of each team retains 30% (rounded down), of the rostered players from the Spring season. The players on the team roster used at the team's last WSSL league game will be the official roster of determination.
- The new teams will be designated as an "A" Team and a "B" Team. Teams will not be placed in the same division and the "B" team will have to play no more that two division below the "A" team. This policy may be changed by the Program Supervisor based on WSSL rules for Pass Carded Players.