

Juniors

Frequently Asked Questions

What is MPS Juniors?

The MPS Juniors Program is for the focused and accelerated U8 soccer player. Juniors is a high level of competition and is designed to build comfort and confidence with the ball with appropriate coaching reinforcement from qualified professional coaches. Players selected for the pool enter a structured training environment led by professional coaches who understand the developmental needs of this age group.

Our Training Philosophy

We look at the player holistically. We use a guided discovery method to develop both the technical aspects of the player's game that will make them more successful on the pitch and we also look for the coachable moments that allow the coaches to develop the proper mentality in each player.

What the coaches expect.

We train the best players and expect the best from them at every single training session. **“Do your best and forget the rest”**... a frequent phrase heard around our fields.

Who is eligible for MPS Juniors?

Players born on or after August 1, 2004.

When are Tryouts?

Tryouts are typically conducted in late Spring.

Can my player attend only one tryout?

Players should attend as many tryouts as possible to give themselves the best opportunity to be noticed and selected for the pool.

How many players are selected?

The Juniors program does not have a quota of players, however, in the past we have taken between 25-50 players for each gender.

What are the skills, traits, and characteristics you look for at tryouts?

We look for focused players who are confident with the ball at their feet and willing to try various dribbling moves to beat a defender. *Players who detract from the tryout experience of other trialists will be removed from the tryout and may not be invited back to subsequent tryouts.*

Is MPS Juniors an MPS travel team?

No. Selection to Juniors does not guarantee acceptance on a U9 MPS Travel Team. Juniors is a training program to better prepare players for MPS travel soccer.

What is the time commitment?

Juniors meet twice a week for a total of 3 hours

How does Juniors differ from travel soccer?

The Juniors time commitment is 2-3 days, whereas MPS Travel typically has 4 days of soccer during the week.

Do the Juniors play games?

Yes; Every other week, a match will replace one of the practices. Matches will be between players in the Juniors pool or teams from other clubs.

How long are training sessions?

Each training session is 90 minutes (60 minutes of training and 30 minutes of small-sided games).

How long does the Juniors season last?

Players selected will be part of the program for one year (Fall season & Spring season) unless behavior or development issues become an issue. In the winter all Juniors will participate in the MPS Ballmasters program.

What is the cost?

The cost is approximately \$465/season, Costs may vary depending on budget changes from the MYS Board. Changes will be communicated prior to registration.

Who should I contact for more information?

If you have additional questions about the Juniors program, please reach out to the Director, Jaon Ahmad, contact information listed below.

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