

PARENT INFORMATION PAGE

NUAYSA is a parent-run, volunteer organization. The parents of all children in the program are expected to make a strong commitment to the program, and to serve a specified number of volunteer hours. If you believe you will not be able to serve part or all of your assigned volunteer hours, you are encouraged to pay the “buy-out” fee for those hours in advance of the season. Receiving these buy-out payments in advance will allow the NUAYSA board to hire paid assistance for some of the required tasks, thus insuring a well-run soccer program.

NUAYSA soccer is divided into three levels:

- Recreational (“Rec”) – U4 to U8
- Recreation-Plus (“Rec-Plus”) – U10 and U19
- Classic (competitive division) – U11 through U17

Levels of Soccer:

- Recreational (“Rec”) soccer is designed to teach players soccer skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in an environment where participation and fun are the focus, **not competition**. Recreational soccer is a learning program for youth players organized within Minnesota Youth Soccer (MYSA) affiliate member clubs.” (www.mnyouthsoccer.org)
- Recreation-Plus (“Rec-Plus”) is an intermediate program designed to allow the recreation player an opportunity to participate in sanctioned activities such as games involving teams outside their affiliate member club, including participation in invitational tournaments to play competitive teams.” (www.mnyouthsoccer.org)
- Classic (competitive division) teams play a competitive schedule with other affiliate member clubs in MYSA.

Recreational (“Rec”) – U4

- NUAYSA’s U4 program aims at skill development through practice sessions as a group.
- Parents are required to remain at practice.
- Practices are normally held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm.
- The season generally runs from the last week in April thru the 3rd week in June.
- The season may be extended to the end of June if several weather cancellations occur during the season.
- Appointed members of the NUAYSA board make decisions on any schedule changes due to weather.

Recreational (“Rec”) – U6

- NUAYSA’s U6 program has practices and scrimmages two nights per week.
- Scrimmages are intramural, between teams in the NUAYSA program.
- U6 teams participate in the jamboree portion of Hermann’s Cup here in New Ulm, generally the 3rd Saturday in June.
- The season generally runs from the last week in April thru the 3rd week in June.

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Recreational (“Rec”) – U8

- NUAYSA’s U8 programs run practices and scrimmages two nights per week.
- Scrimmages are intramural, between teams in the NUAYSA program.
- U8 teams participate in the jamboree portion of Hermann’s Cup here in New Ulm, generally the 3rd Saturday in June.
- U8 teams are offered the opportunity to participate in the Mankato Riverbend Soccer Festival, generally the 2nd Saturday in June.
- The season generally runs from the last week in April thru the 3rd week in June.
- The season may be extended to the end of June if several weather cancellations occur during the season.
- Appointed members of the NUAYSA board make decisions on any schedule changes due to weather.

Recreation-Plus (“Rec-Plus”) – U10

- NUAYSA’s U10 coaches develop a schedule of games against teams from other towns in the MYSA Southwest District.
- Player families should be committed to traveling to away games as part of this program.
- U10 teams participate in the jamboree portion of Hermann’s Cup here in New Ulm, generally the 3rd Saturday in June.
- U10 teams are offered the opportunity to participate in the Mankato Riverbend Soccer Festival, generally the 2nd Saturday in June.
- Season generally runs from the last week in April thru the end of June or early July (depending on games scheduled by coaches).
- RecPlus games are governed by the MYSA weather policy (<http://mnyouthsoccer.org/weather.cfm>). Referees are in charge of decisions concerning play during adverse weather. Rules are in place regarding suspension of play for lightning or modification of play due to high heat indexes. Referees, not coaches, have ultimate responsibility for weather-related decisions.
- Players should report to games as scheduled unless otherwise informed by team coaches.

Recreation-Plus (“Rec-Plus”) – U19

- NUAYSA also features a U19 coed team, if numbers allow.
- Coaches develop a schedule of U19 games against other towns in the MYSA Southwest District.
- U19 teams participates in the Hermann’s Cup tournament, generally held on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June.
- The season generally runs from early May through mid-July (depending on games scheduled by coaches).

Classic (competitive division) – U11 through U17

- NUAYSA teams generally compete at the “Classic 3” (C3) level.
- There are higher competitive levels also – C2, C1 and Premier.
- C3 teams play other C3 teams during regular season play.
- When participating in various tournaments, C3 teams might also play against C2 teams.
- Classic team schedules are established by MYSA.
- When registering teams, each member affiliate club (like NUAYSA) commits that its teams will play a league schedule against the other towns as scheduled by MYSA.
- Depending on registration of teams around the state, travel to some of these league games can range from as near as 30 miles (St. Peter or Mankato) to as far as 180 miles (LaCrosse/LaCrescent).
- Families signing up for Classic division soccer should be prepared for a significant amount of travel for away games.
- MYSA assesses a fine of \$200 to any team that forfeits a game.
- NUAYSA Classic teams generally play in Hermann’s cup (June 16) and two weekend tournaments during the summer, plus the league playoffs at the close of the season (mid-July.)
- The NUAYSA board chooses the tournaments in which our Classic teams will participate, and registers all Classic teams. (The costs of tourney fees are included in each player’s overall registration costs for the NUAYSA program.)
- Tournament dates and locations generally are announced in early May. Families should make plans to include those tournaments in their summer schedule planning.
- The Classic soccer program generally runs from late April to mid-July. Teams that win their league season title or league playoff title qualify for regional and/or state games and may play to the end of July or early August.
- Classic games are governed by the MYSA weather policy (<http://mn-youthsoccer.org/weather.cfm>). Referees are in charge of decisions concerning play during adverse weather. Rules are in place regarding suspension of play for lightning or modification of play due to high heat indexes. Referees, not coaches, have ultimate responsibility for weather-related decisions. Players should report to games as scheduled unless otherwise informed by team coaches.

Team formation:

- Youth normally are placed into the age groups according to their date of birth.
- The NUAYSA board may decide to roster some players at a higher age level to achieve optimum rosters for all teams.
- Roster decisions are based on coaches’ recommendations concerning player abilities.
- Parents may request that a child play up to a higher level
- Only Rec (U4-U8) players may request to play with a friend.
- Requests to play with friends at the Rec-Plus and Classic level will not be honored
- The NUAYSA board has final authority on all roster decisions.