

# **Northshore Select Club Program Guidelines**

**Prospective Player  
& Tryout Registration Instructions**



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## Overview

The Northshore Select Club (NSC) is the select soccer club in the Northshore Youth Soccer Association. We are a middle ground between premier and recreational soccer, providing a cost-effective alternative for the soccer experience that balances the commitment of time and money with an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to play competitive soccer. We offer programs for boys and girls ages U10-U19. NSC teams are formed through an annual tryout process.

## Authority

The guidelines outlined below have been developed in accordance with Section 9 of the NSC Operating Procedures, which gives the NSC Executive Committee the authority to issue program guidelines for team formation, team management, and other matters required for effective program operation. In case of conflict, the NSC Bylaws and Operating Procedures override this document.

## Purpose

The guidelines were created to provide an overview of NSC and to set expectations for both parents and players regarding participation on any of our Club teams.

## Coaching Staff

In any given year, we will have between 45 and 80 qualified and screened coaches associated with our teams. The term coach is used to describe any member of the coaching staff including head coach, assistant coaches, and trainers. Continuing education is a requirement for all head coaches. While all of our staff are volunteers, we do require coaches maintain an appropriate level of credentials including having head coaches seek a USSF "E" license or equivalent and pass the Washington State Patrol sponsored Risk Management process. The Risk Management program mandates that all staff be properly screened with background checks performed annually as long as the volunteer is active in youth soccer. Coaches for all teams are announced prior to tryouts for each age group.

Coach applications are accepted prior to season start and applicants are scheduled for interviews with members of the NSC Program. Coaches are selected and assigned for one season at a time and are evaluated by players, parents and program administrators for fitness to continue with the program.

Coaching within the NSC Program is viewed as a privilege.

## Executive Board

The NSC is directed by an Executive Team appointed under the NSC Operating Procedures and Bylaws. Board members serve one or two year terms depending on the position and are listed on the Northshore Youth Soccer Association website under the NSC Administration information.



## Getting Started

Each year, a tryout schedule is published by age group. The schedule is posted on the Northshore Youth Soccer Association and NSC websites. Advance, online registration is encouraged. Prospective players should complete the online tryout registration form, bring all required documents and fees and attend the appropriate tryouts based on player birth year. Proof of age is required before any player can be offered a spot on a team roster. There are no exceptions for providing proof of age. Proof of age can be provided via a copy of a certified birth certificate or passport. Additional information about proof of age requirements can be obtained from the NSC club registrar.

Please refer the "Tryout" section of the NSC website for additional details on tryouts:

<http://northshoreselect.org/index.html?1492642187>

## Play-Up Requests

Skill based play-ups are not allowed for U10 players entering the NSC program.

To qualify for a skill based play up within NSC, any player must accomplish the following:

- 1) Score in the top of their current age group; only players that are top performers in their own age group will be eligible for a skills based play up
- 2) Be capable of being a starting player on the A team of the older age group

\*The NSC Executive Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions / have final approval of all play-up requests.

## Players New to Area

A player that is new to the Northshore area after the conclusion of tryouts and meets Club requirements and policies can be considered for team placement with Executive Committee review and approval.

## What to Expect at Tryouts

Each appropriately registered player will be assigned a Bib number when they first arrive for tryouts, including those players who cannot tryout on that specific day due to injury, illness or approved family absences. Players will keep this number throughout the entire tryout process.

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Players are divided into small, rotating groups and asked to participate in small-sided games, large-sided games and/or other exercises designed to demonstrate skill and knowledge of the game. Players trying out for a goalkeeping position should make this intention known at registration. These players are given both an outfield score and a goalkeeper score.

### Things to bring for Tryouts

- Appropriate gear including shin guards and well fitting cleats and/or turf shoes
- Water, in sufficient quantity for a two hour tryout session
- Proof of Age
- Completed Tryout Registration form (advance online registration forms do not need to be provided)
- Appropriate Fees

### Things NOT TO BRING to Tryouts

DO NOT WEAR OR BRING any item reflective of former team colors or association including socks, shorts, warm-ups or bags. The goal is to provide a level playing field for all prospective players and to remove any hint or perception of skewed evaluations

### How Players are Evaluated

Each year, all players are evaluated by an appropriate number of well-qualified coaches for skill and knowledge of the game during tryouts. Players are rated on a scale from 1 to 5 with the following instructions for the evaluators:

- 5: The average recreational player
- 4: A good recreational player
- 3: The average NSC Club player (meaning someone who could make a NSC team)
- 2: A starter on a NSC team
- 1: A game changing player, a playmaker on a NSC team

Evaluators are instructed not to evaluate their own children if they are also trying out. All players, including returning players, are required to tryout each year in order to be eligible for NSC. Roster spots are not guaranteed from year to year.

Player tryout evaluation scores are averaged. Players are then given a ranking from 1 to the total number of players at the tryouts. Depending on the age group and the number of teams to be formed, the top 6 to 24 players are guaranteed *an offer* to play on a NSC team. This is referred to internally as Top Player Status.

No parent or player is provided information about a player's specific evaluation score or ranking including their relative rank when compared to other players. There is strict confidentiality around player rating and performance.



## Team Selection Meeting

Coaches and NSC Executive Board members conduct a team selection meeting after the final tryout for the age group. NSC Player Assignment Guidelines are followed when forming teams at all levels. Each team will draft teams in order e.g. A, then B, C, in accordance with NSC tryout policies. At the U10 level, each coach will take turns drafting evenly formed teams in accordance with NSC tryout policies.

## Tryout Results and Offers to Play

Tryout results for all ages will be posted by jersey number on the NSC website as soon as the results are available by age group. Results will be posted by Bib # for:

- Offers to Play by team

Tryout results are posted online in an effort to let all prospective players know the final results simultaneously. Every player receiving an offer to play will also receive a personal call from the appropriate coaching staff. We strive to complete this within 72 hours after the last tryout has concluded.

Parents/Players who have received an offer for a roster spot will have a limited time to consider the offer and either accept or decline. Parents/players may not elect to decline an offer from one coach *in order* to be placed on another NSC team at the same age group. Declining an offer from one coach is tantamount to declining the entire Club for that season. You should carefully consider declining an offer to play as it cannot be “undone” for that season once the declination is given. Coaches will immediately begin filling roster spots with bubble players. A player should not enter the tryout process with the expectation that they will only accept an offer to play from one specific team.

### Expectations of Players

Parents and players should also carefully consider *accepting* an offer of a roster spot. The Club has certain expectations of its members which include both on-field and off-field behavior. It is expected that all players who accept a roster spot do so with the understanding that they will commit to soccer as their primary sport during the soccer season. See **Player Rights and Responsibilities** for more information.

## Recruitment by Specific Coaches

Our coaches are prohibited from recruiting any specific player currently rostered on any other team. This includes making promises or inferences that a specific player will make the roster of a specific team. Coaches and players may be excluded from Club participation if they have colluded with each other in an

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attempt to circumvent the tryout and team selection processes. Any parent/player who feels a coach or other team representative may be attempting to improperly recruit them to a specific team should communicate directly with the NSC Executive Board.

## **Player Rights & Responsibilities**

### **Rights**

Once an offer for a roster spot is made and a player accepts, the NSC Club guarantees certain player rights. Players have a right to:

- Instruction from licensed coaches
- Have all supervision provided by adults cleared through the Washington State Risk Management program
- Be treated with respect in an environment conducive to learning and growing soccer skills
- Playing time equivalent to 40% over the course of the season for those players who participate in at least 80% of all team events

### **Responsibilities**

Parents/players must also agree to have certain responsibilities to the club, coaches and team. Those responsibilities include:

- To refrain from derisive and/or derogatory comments about teams, teammates or coaching staff for any NSC team.
- To not be disruptive during team instruction/play
- To treat teammates and coaching staff with respect
- To be supportive and encouraging of teammates
- To learn the rules of the game and treat all volunteers and league officials with courtesy
- To refrain from any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures
- To uphold the spirit and laws of the game
- To not bring loss of honor, reputation or respect to the Club through their actions or words
- To not blame, criticize or cause intentional harm to teammates
- To keep academics as a priority and ensure grades will not suffer for the sake of personal soccer goals
- To be available and to participate in at least 80% of all team events
- To inform their coach and their parents of any injury, and to follow treatment guidelines as prescribed by medical professionals while maintaining a presence at team events during recovery

Acceptance of a roster spot constitutes acceptance of these Rights and Responsibilities. Failure to uphold these responsibilities may result in suspension from the club or team or affect club eligibility in a subsequent year.

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## Appendix

### Reference

1. Northshore Youth Soccer Association Website: <http://www.northshoresoccer.org>
2. NSC Website: <http://www.northshoreselect.org>

### Contact Information

Northshore Youth Soccer Association

Attn: NSC

12810 NE 178th - Suite 202

Woodinville, WA 98072

(425) 486-5106

Email: [office@northshoresoccer.org](mailto:office@northshoresoccer.org) or [info@northshoreselect.org](mailto:info@northshoreselect.org)

### Registration Form

- See Next Page

**NSC Registration Form Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)**

**Boys U- Girls U-\_\_**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	Does player reside in the Northshore district or Maltby?
ADDRESS		CITY	COUNTY
ZIP CODE			
HOME PHONE	CELL OR ALTERNATE PHONE	PARENT EMAIL(S)	
<p><b>TRYOUT RESULTS</b> will be posted online at <a href="http://www.northshoreselect.org">http://www.northshoreselect.org</a> as soon as possible. All players receiving an offer to play will be called.</p>			
LEVEL PLAYED LAST YEAR (circle one) Rec      Club Select      Premier Select	Prior Year Association & TEAM		Are you trying out for Goalkeeper?
<p><b>PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE</b> (Required to participate in tryouts)</p> <p>_____</p>			DATE
<p>Soccer is an inherently dangerous sport. By signing as a parent or guardian, you are agreeing to hold NSC, NYSA and the Northshore School District harmless from any and all liability arising out of injuries or damages sustained to you and/or your child during soccer tryouts.</p>			
<p><b>PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE</b> The United Club and the NYSA frequently take photographs of prospective players participating in association events to document the event for association members and infrequently to publish on websites. Photos and videos are used for many different purposes including newspaper articles, video presentations, promotional materials and team or club websites. I grant the NYSA the right to use my player's picture, and/or likeness in print and other media provided such use is related to my player's status as a participant in an NYSA program.</p>			

**PLAY-UP DECLARATION**

I am requesting a skills based try out for a team above my birth year level.

\*Please note: [Play Up Policy on the NSC website should be reviewed in advance of tryouts.](#)

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

BOXES BELOW ARE FOR NSC USE ONLY:

TRYOUT JERSEY NUMBER	BIRTH CERTIFICATE NUMBER	CHECK # or PAYMENT METHOD	
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