



Northshore Select Club Program Guidelines

**Prospective Player Information
& Tryout Form**

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Overview

The Northshore Select Club (NSC) is the select soccer club located within 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. One of our goals for NSC is to develop players capable of playing on their scholastic teams. Traditionally, over 80% of NSC players who try out for their school teams will make the roster. We are very proud of this record.

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 into the NSC Club and to set expectations for both parents and players regarding the implications of participating on any of our Club teams.

Coaching Staff

In any given year, we will have between 30 and 60 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 "D" license or equivalent and pass a rigorous Washington State Patrol sponsored Risk Management process. The Risk Management program mandates that all staff be properly screened with background checks performed every two years as long as the volunteer is active in youth soccer. Coaches for all teams will be 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 Board. Coaches are selected and assigned for one season at a time and are evaluated by players, parents and club administrators for fitness to continue with the Club. Meaning, coaches are not automatically reassigned to teams year after year. Coaching within the NSC Club is viewed as a privilege.

Executive Board

The NSC Club is directed by an Executive Board appointed under the NSC Club 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 Club Administration information.

Eligibility for the Northshore Select Club

This Club is open to residents of King and Snohomish Counties, with 90 percent player participation from within Northshore School District. As a general rule, the minimum eligible age is U11 or registered to be in 5th Grade in fall. The Age-Appropriate birth date ranges are posted each year on the Northshore Youth Soccer Association website.

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. Prospective players should complete the tryout registration form, bring all required documents and fees and attend the appropriate tryouts based on age and/or skill level,. This includes players who cannot tryout on those specific dates due to injury, illness or family absences which are pre-approved in advance by the NSC Board. Players who do not make their intentions known to try out for NSC at the initial tryout date may not be further considered for Club eligibility for that season. 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 club registrar.

Play-Up Requests

The NSC allows both grade appropriate and skill based play-ups under specific conditions. A player who wishes to play in a Grade Appropriate age group (meaning the player's age falls into a lower age group than others in the same grade level) must present a report card showing current grade to the tryout. A player who wishes to request a skill based play-up must attend their age/grade appropriate tryout as well as the tryouts for the age level they are attempting to play up. Players are only allowed to play up one age level. Skill based play- ups are not allowed for U11 players entering the NSC program.

Generally players should be a dominant player in their own age group to be considered for a Skill Based Play Up. All requests for a Skills Based play up require Executive Committee review and approval with consideration of the best interest to the player's development.

For circumstances where a Skills Based age group play up request cannot tryout for their current age group in advance of higher age group based on the tryout calendar schedule, the player will be eligible

to participate in higher age group tryouts in advance and the players resulting tryout score will determine next steps with Executive Committee review and approval.

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. Stated another way, even those players who cannot physically participate in tryouts are expected to show up and obtain their number unless prior arrangements have been made with the registrar. Players will keep this number throughout the entire tryout process.

Players are divided into small, rotating groups and asked to participate in small-sided games, large-sided games and 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
- Current School Report Card Showing Grade (for Grade Appropriate play-ups only)
- Completed Tryout Registration form
- 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 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

We strive to have at least one evaluator for every six players at a tryout session. 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 the NSC Club. 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.

Age Group	Top # guaranteed an offer to play	
	If 1 Team Formed	If 2 Teams Formed
U11	8	16
U12-U13	12	24
U14-U15	9	18
U16-U19	6	12

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.

Number of Teams to be Formed

Our goal is to form up to two teams at each age group and gender. However, history has proven that it becomes increasingly difficult to form two teams at the age groups U16 and above. The number of players by age group and gender scoring 3.5 or better at tryouts is the greatest determining factor of our ability to form more than one team. It is important to note that coaches do not “own” teams or team names and no coach has the authority to communicate any information relative to team status. In other words, no coach has the authority to disband a team, communicate that a team will be disbanded or prevent a team name from being used within the Club regardless of their coaching status. If you have questions about whether or not a team entity will continue, please contact the NSC President or VP/Development.

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. Returning players whose evaluation ranking guarantees them an offer to play (i.e., Top Player Status) will be automatically reassigned to their prior team. Remaining players are then selected by the coaches until the rosters are full.

Development Teams

In some unique instances, the NSC Club may form a third team at a specific age group and gender. Third teams exist as a one-year exception and there is no guarantee that they will be reformed the following season. Third teams are also not included in the draft process with the other two teams at the same age group and gender and generally will play at a lower divisional level. A third team will only be selected after the two draft-based teams are complete. The third team will be formed from the remaining eligible players according to the principles for forming a single team at that age. The third team is considered a select team and has goals to develop players capable of making one of the two primary NSC teams or another select team in future years.

Parent and Player Rights Before Team Selection Process

NSC believes that parents of players should be able to provide input into where their child plays. As a result and under certain circumstances, parents can request that their returning player be “unprotected” during team selection by making this wish known to the coaching staff. Parents and players are encouraged to address all concerns related to team issues with the coach(es) for their current team and may reach agreements on protection issues for any reason without the need to involve the NSC Executive Board.

However, parent/player requests for “unprotection” cannot be made for situations in which:

- The player just wants to play with friends on the other team
- The parent or player thinks the “other coach” is better
- The player has been recruited by the coach of another NSC team

Important Note: Players who request “unprotection” must understand that this does not constitute a guarantee to switch teams and may create a situation in which no offer to play is made at all.

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 to 96 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

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.

Appendix

Reference

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

Contact Information

Northshore Youth Soccer Association
Attn: NSC Club
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Woodinville, WA 98072
(425) 486-5106

Email: office@northshoresoccer.org or info@northshoreselect.org

Registration Form

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Revision History

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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)	
TRYOUT RESULTS will be posted online at http://www.northshoreselect.org as soon as possible. All players receiving an offer to play will be called.			
LEVEL PLAYED LAST YEAR (circle one) Rec Club Select Premier Select	Prior Year Association & TEAM		Are you trying out for Goalkeeper?
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (Required to participate in tryouts) _____			DATE
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.			
PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE 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.			

PLAY-UP DECLARATION

I am planning to try out for a team above my appropriate age level.

Player Signature _____

If grade appropriate, I have brought a report card showing I am playing with my grade.

My appropriate age group is U- _____

Parent Signature _____

BOXES BELOW ARE FOR NSC USE ONLY:

TRYOUT JERSEY NUMBER	BIRTH CERTIFICATE NUMBER	CHECK # or PAYMENT METHOD	
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