



Vermilion County Soccer Club

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the Club's mission?

A: To provide players with an opportunity to play a higher level of soccer than what DASA offers. Playing time is not guaranteed and will be determined by the coach. Traveling soccer is a much more demanding commitment than recreation soccer and requires the commitment from both the player and parents. Commitment to practices and travel is a must for all involved.

2. What is involved in tournaments?

A: In addition to the Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL) weekend games, teams are encouraged to participate in tournament play. Most tournaments cost between \$400 - \$500 and that cost will be split among the team. If a hotel is required, that cost will fall to the player's family and is not included in any other costs. Teams will be encouraged to participate in (2) tournaments with one being the LISC (Champaign) while the other will be determined by the coach and club.

3. How are teams formed?

A: Teams are formed based on one or more tryouts. Tryout are scheduled and announced to the general soccer community through email, flyers and word of mouth. Typically, tryout coordinator and selected tryout committee coordinate tryout drills and develop a skill measuring method to determine eligibility. Tryout coordinators make eligibility recommendations to the Director of the Club or designated committee. Teams are then formed and published on the website.

4. How often do the tryouts occur?

A: Tryouts are held annually at the discretion of the Club. Tryouts determine players' eligibility to join an age appropriate team. Tryouts are held before the Fall season begins and eligible players are committed to TWO seasons, Fall and the following Spring.

5. Who can form a new team?

A: Vermilion County Soccer Club affiliated with Danville Area Soccer Association is the CIYSL/IYSA certified and insured entity that manages all traveling teams under the DASA umbrella.

6. Who can play in the traveling club?

A: Any eligible boy or girl ages 10-18 from all surrounding communities are encouraged to attend the tryout sessions.

7. Can U12 play 8x8?

A: CIYSL offers both options, traditional 11 vs 11 or 8 vs 8 although many are going more toward the 8 vs 8

8. What is the estimated cost?

A: That depends on the age group and the number of players per team. On average, the estimated cost per player is around \$300-\$500 per Calendar year. Please refer to the Club's financial and fee structure for the current season posted on the website. Typically, fees are calculated and they include the league fees, league provided certified referee fees, coaches stipend as determined by the club fee structure, coaches licenses & or certificates, 2-4 tournaments per calendar year, Insurance & equipment.

Not included in the player fees are, uniform costs, travel cost and food cost. All efforts will be made to keep cost to a minimum but there will be fees that are expected to be paid for this experience. Again, traveling (club) soccer is a higher level of soccer that requires much more of a commitment (time and monetarily) by the families and players. Making the team will be determined by the club and the tryout committee while playing time will be determined by the coach and is not guaranteed.

9. What is an estimated Fall & Spring game schedule, how many Sundays?

A: Typically, CIYSL guarantees a minimum of 12 games per calendar year and up to 16 depending on the number of teams signed up and accepted. All games are played on Sundays and usually 2 games per Sunday. Calendar year is defined as Fall of current year and Spring of the following year.

10. Do all teams practice together, or is each coach responsible for finding a winter practice location?

A: Each team focuses on what is best for that team. Coaches are responsible for finding a practice location in the off season. Off season practice should focus on ball touches, ball handling, and conditioning.

11. What is the date cut-off to determining age of player?

A: August 1st

12. Where do we travel to?

A: Each accepted team will host one weekend of games at each site. Teams may travel to 2 or more locations. Decatur, Charleston, Springfield, Bloomington, Champaign ...etc.

13. When do the teams practice?

A: Depends on the coach of each team. 1-2 practices per week is an average

14. How many tournaments do the teams participate in?

A: That also depends on the coach and the team. We like to encourage each team to do a minimum of 2 – 4 tournaments per calendar year if possible.

15. Who owns the uniform?

A: Uniforms are the property of the player and are not part of the fee structure. Uniforms for the club will be the same throughout the club and will be used for a 2 year period (potentially 4 seasons). Mandatory uniform will consist of (2) jerseys, (1) pair of short and (1) pair of socks. Uniform costs will be around the \$75 - \$100 range (again, lasting for 2 years and possibly 4 seasons). Additional pieces, jackets and bags will be available for purchase as well but those are optional.