



Frequently asked questions:

What days and times are practice?

Typically, practice times are scheduled as follows:

U8-U12 (2014-2011): typically 4-5:30pm.

U13-U19 (2010-2004): typically 5:30pm-7pm or 7pm-8:30pm, and occasionally 4-5:30pm, depending on field availability.

Unfortunately, we do not receive fields from the city until a month or two before the season begins. We typically follow up with team specific details as soon as we have the fields from the city. We then arrange the practice schedules and notify parents then. For the fall season, this will happen sometime in mid-summer

How many practices?

Most age groups practice 3 times a week. For the U8-U12 players, practices are typically Mon/Wed/Fri or Tues/Thurs/Fri. The Friday practices are typically a futsal practice that occurs indoors. U13 and older age groups typically have 3 outdoor practices a week.

How many games and when are the games?

Our teams compete in one of two leagues: National Premier League and Norcal Premier League. For both of these leagues, teams typically play 8-10 league games per season. In addition, the teams play in one tournament per season. All games occur on Saturday or Sunday.

When is soccer season?

The fall season generally starts the first week of August and ends generally around Thanksgiving or the end of November. During the months of January and February, we offer outdoor training (included in Fall registration). The spring season generally starts at the end of February and ends at the end of May or early June.

Who will my coach be?

For new teams (typically the youngest age group just getting started), coaches are assigned

once the teams are formed (after tryouts and during the summer). For existing teams, please reach out to our Executive Director of Coaching, Vava Marques at doc@stanfordsoccerclub.org.



How much does it cost?

The cost for a season is in the range of:

U8-U10: \$1,050
U11-U12: \$1,125
U13-U19: \$1,200

In the event that we are able to field a U7 team to play in 4v4 competitions, the price will be reduced from the U8 amount. For our highly competitive teams that compete in state cup and NPL, there may be additional costs associated with the increased number of practices and games. A team may wish to compete in additional tournaments, which will incur additional costs.

What does the Black, White, Red, etc. designation after the team name mean?

In competitive soccer, it is typical to arrange the kids according to their current skill level such that you have a "1st team", a "2nd team", and so forth. The color designation scheme described in the question is the common way that youth soccer clubs designate their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams. This color designation will be different for each club. In the case of Stanford Soccer Club, Black indicates our first team, White is the second team, Red is the third team, etc.

Please note, however, that it is very common, especially at the youngest age groups, for kids to move around these teams (both up and down). This is because kids develop at very different rates and it takes time for the coaches to fully understand the players abilities. Sometimes, parents get upset when their child moves from an upper team to a lower team. However, this should be looked at as a helpful opportunity for the child to develop, rather than a punishment for not being good enough. In many cases, moving down to a lower team allows the child to obtain more playing time and presents a more suitable playing environment for children to develop their skills.