

NORTHERN SOCCER

Club Team Meeting & Information

Club Benefits:

The benefits your child receives by playing with one of our DCSL teams:

1. Player Development
 - a. Your child will receive the highest level of coaching offered by Northern Soccer.
 - b. Your child will be grouped with players who are also dedicated to their soccer.
 - c. Training will take place 2-3 times a week with games played on weekends.
 - d. Special training sessions conducted by our Director of Coaching and staff.
 - e. Longer seasons and tournament play increase the number of opportunities for game experience.
2. Team Development
 - a. Practice planning based on individual development and team goals.
 - b. Guest Coach practices to expose team to broader range of training & tactics.

Club Commitment:

What it means to be on a Club ('competitive') team: **COMMITMENT TO THE TEAM**

1. Commitment to practicing 2-3 times a week early August through late November. Then early February through late May. Players should not miss more than 1 out of every 8 practices. Missed practices may result in less playing time. Most practices take place at the Downs but some may take place in Los Alamos.
2. Commitment to attending all 8 games each DCSL season (Saturdays in Bernalillo, September/October and March/April). Players should not miss more than 1 game each season. Families should plan vacations around the game schedule. Spring Break falls directly in the middle of the spring season.
3. Commitment to playing in two-four tournaments (1-2 fall, 1-3 spring), the travel and expense involved in such. Most teams choose Nov, Feb, & May tournaments. Many fall on holidays.
4. Players are not guaranteed a minimum amount of playing time. Playing time is determined by the coaching staff. Playing time may be affected by player attendance, ability, attitude, the coach's tactical plan, and importance of the game.
5. Club Fees of approximately \$300, plus uniform cost.

The cost to register for competitive soccer is \$300 (\$280 for our Spring only teams). To reserve a roster position, selected players must pay 50% by **June 20, 2008**. If the reservation fee is not met, their position will be forfeit. The remainder of the payment must be resolved (paid, payment plan, or scholarship) at least 2 weeks before the first game, tournament or DCSL, whichever comes first. If the payment is not resolved by two weeks before the first game, the player will not participate in practice or games until resolved. If payment is not resolved by the first regular season game then the player will be removed from the roster and no refund will be awarded.
6. Selection to a team one year does not guarantee a player a place on that team the next year.
7. And finally, an understanding that your daughter/son may no longer be playing with some of their friends. Tryouts are serious and highly competitive. Some players will not be offered roster spots.

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Hours: MWF 9:30am – 12:30pm