

# FAQ's – Frequently Asked Questions

## What is PCSL?

Prairie Cities Soccer League is a not-for-profit organization that relies primarily on volunteers. The League requests that every participating family volunteer a few hours a year in support of the players.

## What Ages can play in this League?

Prairie Cities Soccer League (PCSL) is a noncompetitive league offering soccer to children ages 4 to 18.

## What are the 2018-2019 age requirements & divisions?

Division	Grade	Birthdate
Under 5 Boys/Girls		08/01/13 to 09/01/14
Under 6 Boys/Girls	K	08/01/12 to 09/01/13
Under 7 Boys/Girls	1	08/01/11 to 07/31/12
Under 8 Boys/Girls	2	08/01/10 to 07/31/11
Under 9 Boys/Girls	3	08/01/09 to 07/31/10
Under 10 Boys/Girls	4	08/01/08 to 07/31/09
Under 12 Boys/Girls	5/6	08/01/06 to 07/31/08
Under 14 Co-Ed	7/8	08/01/04 to 07/31/06
High School Co-Ed	9/10/11/12	08/01/00 to 07/31/04

## Can my child play up or down an age division?

PCSL age divisions are based the age cut off similar to the schools. Children are placed on teams according to their birth date and not their grade level in school. A player is allowed to play up one age division in the U6 through High School league. They may not play up more than one age division. No child can play down to the next age division. The player's birth date is the sole determining factor with the stated exceptions:

1. A written request from a doctor indicating that your child has a medical reason necessitating them to play down an age group. The request should be submitted when player is registered.
2. If your child was born in the month of August they can play up or down a division depending on when they started school. When you register your August child be sure to indicate what grade they are in school and what division you want them to play in.

### **How long is a season?**

For U5: A season consists of six sessions in the fall and six sessions in the spring. The program meets on Friday evenings only at the PCSL Complex. The Fall 2018 session begins on Aug. 24.

For U6 – High School: A season consists of six games in the fall and six games in the spring. Practice times and location are at the discretion of coaches. They generally involve 45 to 75 minutes once or twice per week (depending on the age) and are located in the public parks or green space near your neighborhood. The Fall 2018/Spring 2019 season begins with practices beginning Aug. 20. First games will be on Sept. 8 and last games Oct. 13.

### **Where do they play?**

For U5: All Friday sessions are held at the PCSL Complex which is located at the [intersection of Ireland Grove Road and Towanda Barnes.](#)

For U6 – High School: All games are played at the PCSL Complex which is located at the [intersection of Ireland Grove Road and Towanda Barnes](#) either on Saturday, or less frequently, on a Tuesday night. [Complex Map](#)

\*\*The area along the entrance to the PCSL Complex is a NO PARKING ZONE. There is plenty of parking spaces throughout the Complex. Parking in the NO PARKING areas and grassy areas creates emergency and safety issues. Anyone parked in these areas is subject to being towed.

\*\*Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously in the parking lot. You never know when a child will chase a loose ball!

\*\*The PCSL Complex is a No Pets & No Smoking Zone  

### **How are teams formed?**

PCSL forms teams, to the extent possible, based on the location the player lives in. Additional factors determining a player's placement are the closest available volunteer coach, the school a child attends and when the player registered. If you register your child on time they are guaranteed a spot on a team as close to your location as possible. If you register late once the team formation process has begun, there are no guarantees that there will be space for your child or that your team assignment will be in your location. Teams are not formed based upon requests. We do not take requests for specific coach, team or teammate. Inconvenient practice times, carpooling issues, school and player preferences or coach requests are not the criteria for which teams are formed.

### **How much does it cost?**

For U5: The registration fee for the 2018-2019 season is \$50 per player for the full year (fall & spring). The fee to register for the “Fall Only” or “Spring Only” season is \$30. Reduced registration fees are available to those that demonstrate need. Uniforms are not required for this program.

For U6 – High School: The registration fee for the 2018-2019 season is \$95 per player for the full year (fall & spring). Late registration will cost an additional \$20 per player and will begin on April 1, 2017. The fee to register for the "Spring Only" or "Fall Only" season is \$60. Reduced registration fees are available to those that demonstrate need. Uniforms are purchased separately at Read’s Sporting Goods. Uniforms include blue shorts, 1 yellow PCSL t-shirt & socks, 1 blue PCSL t-shirt & socks. Shin guards are required while soccer shoes are optional (football/baseball cleats are not allowed). The average cost of a complete uniform package is \$35.

#### Registration Options:

1. [Full Year](#)
2. [Fall Only](#)
3. [Spring Only Wait List](#)

### **Is there a refund policy?**

For U5: Once a U5 player is registered, \$10 of the player fee is non-refundable. Maximum refund is \$40. You must contact PCSL by August 10, 2018 to request a refund. No refunds are issued under any circumstances after August 10, 2018. [PCSL U5 Refund Policy](#)

For U6 – High School: If your child decides not to play PCSL soccer after registration, you must contact \$20 of the player fee is non-refundable. Maximum refund is \$75. No refunds will be issued under any circumstances after August 1, 2018. [PCSL U6-HS Refund Policy](#)

### **What if I need financial assistance?**

Prairie Cities Soccer League offers financial assistance to those who qualify and demonstrate need. Player fees and uniform fees will be reduced based on income guidelines. All players who qualify for financial assistance will be expected to pay a portion of the player fee. For questions, please contact the office [office@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:office@pcslsoccer.org) or 309-451-GOAL(4625).

