

# FAQ's – Frequently Asked Questions - 2021/2022

July 2021

## 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 2021/2022 age requirements & divisions?

Division	Grade	Birthdate
Under 5 Boys/Girls		08/01/16 to 09/01/17
Under 6 Boys/Girls	K	08/01/15 to 09/01/16
Under 7 Boys/Girls	1	08/01/14 to 07/31/15
Under 8 Boys/Girls	2	08/01/13 to 07/31/14
Under 9 Boys/Girls	3	08/01/12 to 07/31/13
Under 10 Boys/Girls	4	08/01/11 to 07/31/12
Under 12 Boys/Girls	5/6	08/01/09 to 07/31/11
Under 14 Co-Ed	7/8	08/01/07 to 07/31/09
High School Co-Ed	9/10/11/12	08/01/03 to 07/31/07

## 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. 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 & U6: A season consists of six sessions in the fall and six sessions in the spring. The Fall 2021 session begins week of Aug. 23.

For U7 – 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 2021/Spring 2022 season begins with practices beginning Aug. 16. Saturday games will be on Aug. 28, Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9.

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

For U5 & U6: Programs will be held at Game Time Gym, [404 Olympia Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704](#), date of session to be determined, Mon-Thurs.

For U7 – U8: All games will be played at Game Time Gym, [404 Olympia Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704](#) on Saturdays

For U9 – High School: All games are played at the PCSL Complex which is located at [3808 Ireland Grove Road, Bloomington](#) either on Saturday, or less frequently, on a Tuesday night. (subject to change) [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 U9-HS 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 & U6:** The registration fee for the 2021-2022 season is \$60 per player for the full year (fall & spring). The fee to register for the “Fall Only” is \$40 and for the “Spring Only” season is \$55. Late Registration will cost an additional \$15 per player and will begin May 1, 2021. Reduced registration fees are available to those that demonstrate need. Uniforms are **not** required for this program.

**For U7 – High School:** The registration fee for the 2021-2022 season is \$120 per player for the full year (fall & spring) and \$85 for "Fall Only". Beginning April 1, late registration will cost an additional \$25 per player. Beginning May 1, late registration will cost an additional \$30 per player. 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 the blue & yellow shirt, blue & yellow socks, blue shorts and basic shin guards purchased at Read’s Sporting goods is \$45.

#### Registration Options:

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

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

For U5 & U6: Once a player is registered, \$10 of the player fee is non-refundable. Maximum refund is \$50. You must contact PCSL by August 10, 2021 to request a refund. No refunds are issued under any circumstances after August 10, 2021. [PCSL U5 Refund Policy](#)

For U7 – High School: Once a player is registered, \$20 of the player fee is non-refundable. Late Registration fees are also non-refundable. If a player cancels before August 1, 2021, the maximum refund will be \$100. No refunds will be issued under any circumstances after August 1, 2021. [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 PCSL office at [office@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:office@pcslsoccer.org) or 309-451-GOAL(4625).