



Fall 2021-Spring 2022

# I've registered... What happens next? U7 through High School

## **What's the League doing?**

The office staff begins the process of finding coaches and putting the teams together for the next Fall/Spring season.

## **How are teams formed?**

PCSL does not assign players based on last year's team, car pooling arrangements, coach preferences, scheduling conflicts and other individual requests.

PCSL forms teams based on location code. 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 home as possible. If you registered late there are no guarantees that there will be space for your child or that your team assignment will be in your location.

## **Can I request a certain team or coach?**

No. Teams are not formed based upon requests. We do not take requests for specific coach, team or teammate.

## **I've registered for the Full Year (Fall and Spring), what can I expect?**

Registering for the Full Year indicates that the player will play for **both** the Fall & Spring seasons. Players will remain on the same team for both Fall & Spring. Players will be placed on teams by location. If you register your child on time they are guaranteed a spot on a team as close to your home as possible. If you registered late, there are no guarantees that there will be space for your child or that your team assignment will be in your location.

## **I've registered for Fall Only, what can I expect?**

Registering for Fall Only indicates that the player will

**only** play for the Fall season. Fall Only players will be placed on teams by location. If you register your child on time they are guaranteed a spot on a team as close to your home as possible. If you registered late, there are no guarantees that there will be space for your child or that your team assignment will be in your location. At the conclusion of the Fall season, all Fall Only players will be removed from the team roster.

## **I've registered for the Spring Only Wait List, what can I expect?**

Registering for the Spring Only Wait List indicates that the player would like to be placed on a team **only** for the Spring Season. Placing a player on the Spring Only Wait List, does not guarantee that there will be a space for your player on a team or that the team assignment will be in your location. Spring Only placement is done on a first-come, first-serve basis and is dependent on openings that become available on current teams. The office will contact

players regarding team availability & placement prior to the spring season. If your player is placed on a team, you will be provided with instructions to complete registration by submitting payment.

### **I volunteered to coach. How will I know if I'm coaching?**

Once all registrations are done, we review the numbers in each age division and determine the number of teams to be formed and coaches needed. If we need you to coach, we will contact you to let you know we have assigned you as head coach of a team. We appreciate all our coaching volunteers, and we try to accommodate all requests to coach. We sometimes have more coach volunteers than we need for a particular age group or location. If this is the case, we may assign "co-coaches." But, please keep in mind that checking the box on the player form indicating an interest in coaching and/or submitting a volunteer form does not guarantee you will be assigned a team or remain with the same team from the previous year. The number of coaches assigned is dependent on player & volunteer numbers as well as roster size limits. Assistant coaches are not assigned to teams. Anyone interested in helping out as an assistant coach should communicate with the head coach at the start of the season.

### **When do coaches get their team rosters?**

Coaches should expect to receive their team rosters at the

coach meetings in early August. It is important coaches attend these meetings as team rosters, equipment and important team information will be given.

### **When do the players get notified?**

Teams may begin practice on or after August 16, 2021. Coaches will call or email their players once they receive their rosters at the coach meeting in August. They will give you all the information you will need in regards to practice times and location. Each coach sets his/her own practice days, time and location. Practices **cannot** be held at the PCSL Complex.

### **It's after Aug. 16, and my child has not been called. What do I do?**

Please do not panic if your child has not been called. Not all teams begin practice at the same time. Some teams do not begin practice on August 16 for a variety of reasons - coaches may be out of town, on vacation, still trying to determine a practice location & times or the league office is still trying to find a coach for your child's team. If your child has not been called by August 20, please contact the office at [office@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:office@pcslsoccer.org) or (309) 451-GOAL(4625).

### **What else does my child need?**

You will need to purchase the PCSL uniform shirts/shorts at Read's Sporting Goods. They are located at 812 IAA Drive in Bloomington. The PCSL uniform consists of:  
-2 PCSL T-Shirts (Blue/Gold)  
-Shorts (Blue)

-2 Pairs of Socks (Blue/Gold)  
Shin guards are required and can be purchased at Read's as well, if you wish. In addition, you may need to obtain shoes, soccer ball and a water bottle. Tennis shoes or soccer cleats are acceptable. Baseball cleats are NOT allowed.

### **What size soccer ball does my child need?**

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| U5-U8  | size 3 |
| U9-U12 | size 4 |
| U14-HS | size 5 |

### **How often are practices and games?**

Practices are held usually once or twice a week. The location, days & times are determined by your child's coach.

Games are played on Saturdays. Some teams may have a Tuesday game depending on the number of teams within the age division.

U9-HS games will be held at the PCSL Complex located at 3808 Ireland Grove Rd in Bloomington (near the intersection of Towanda Barnes and Ireland Grove Road). U7-U8 games will be held at Game Time Gym located at 404 Olympia Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704.

### **When will I know the Fall season game schedule?**

Individual team game schedules will be posted on the PCSL website and sent to your coach in August.

For U7 and up, first games will be Aug. 28.  
Last games of the season will be Oct. 9.

## Refund?

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, 2020.

The PCSL board and staff take great care in organizing teams, but cannot guarantee:

- The specific coach, team or teammate desired or with previously.
- Practices scheduled on days that don't interfere with other activities.

Refund requests following these guidelines should be made **in writing** to [league@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:league@pcslsoccer.org).

## Late Registration?

Any registrations received on or after April 1, 2021 will be considered late. An additional \$25 late fee will be added to the player fee for each player. For more information, visit [www.pcslsoccer.org](http://www.pcslsoccer.org).

## How can I volunteer?

Prairie Cities Soccer League is a tremendous community organization serving our youth. Our volunteer based organization can only function well with help from everyone. Whether it's only a few hours, or year round on the board of directors, as a committee member or as a coach of a team, **THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOUR SPECIAL TALENTS!** Contact the office at [league@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:league@pcslsoccer.org) to let us know you want to volunteer.

## Please Remember...

PCSL is a parent-based volunteer organization established to provide a **positive** experience for our children. Go to the games, learn the rules and above all please do not criticize the children's coaches and referees. If you have a concern, please express that in private or by contacting the League office.

## Questions?

Contact Pam Bauman, League Administrator ([league@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:league@pcslsoccer.org)) or Becky Schreiber, League Assistant ([office@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:office@pcslsoccer.org))

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