

# FAQ's – Frequently Asked Questions - 2023/2024

## 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 2022/2023 age requirements & divisions?

Division	Grade	Birthdate
Under 5 Boys/Girls		08/01/18 to 09/01/19
Under 6 Boys/Girls	K	08/01/17 to 09/01/18
Under 7 Boys/Girls	1	08/01/16 to 07/31/17
Under 8 Boys/Girls	2	08/01/15 to 07/31/16
Under 9 Boys/Girls	3	08/01/14 to 07/31/15
Under 10 Boys/Girls	4	08/01/13 to 07/31/14
Under 12 Boys/Girls	5/6	08/01/11 to 07/31/13
Under 14 Co-Ed	7/8	08/01/09 to 07/31/11
High School Co-Ed	9/10/11/12	08/01/05 to 07/31/09

## 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.

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. Practices generally involve 45 to 75 minutes once or twice per week (depending on the age) and are located in the public parks, schools or green spaces throughout Bloomington/Normal.

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

For U5, U6, U7 & U8: Game Time Gym, [404 Olympia Dr. Bloomington, 61704](#)

For U9 – High School: Sale Barn Fields, [401 W. Hamilton Rd, Bloomington, IL 61704](#)

\*\*Please do not park in any NO PARKING ZONES. 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!

\*\*There are No Pets, No Smoking & No Alcohol at all PCSL events

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

PCSL forms teams for U7-High School age divisions, 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.

At the U5 & U6 programs, players will attend just 1 night per week. Day & time will be assigned based on choices listed during registration and availability. There is a limited number of openings for each session.

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

For U5/U6:

Full Year (fall 2023 & spring 2024) - \$120\*

Fall Only 2023\*/Spring Only 2024 - \$85

For U7-High School:

Full Year (fall 2023 & spring 2024) - \$150\*

Fall Only 2023\*/Spring Only 2024 - \$100

\*Beginning April 1, \$25 will be added to the registration fee.

\*\*Scholarships for reduced registration fees are available, based on family income levels.

### **What about uniforms?**

Uniforms are not required for U5 & U6.

For U7 – High School: Uniform shirts can only be purchased online through the online store. There are also other soccer essentials offered (shorts, socks, spirit wear, ball) that can be purchased as well. All online orders will be delivered directly to your home. [Online Store](#)

Required PCSL Uniform for U7 – High School age divisions:

- PCSL shirts - 1 royal blue, 1 gold (purchase **online only**)
- Shorts - 1 royal blue (purchase online or locally)
- Sock - 1 royal blue (purchase online or locally)
- Shin Guards (purchase online or locally)
- Soccer cleats/athletic shoes (purchase locally)
- Soccer Ball (U5-U8 Size 3, U9-U12 Size 4, U14-HS Size 5) (purchase online or locally)

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

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, 2023, the maximum refund will be \$100 for U5/U6 and \$130 for U7-HS. No refunds are issued under any circumstances after August 1, 2023 when teams are formed. 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). Please allow up to 30 days for processing.

[Refund Policy for 2023/2024](#)

### **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).

### **How do I contact the PCSL office?**

You can email [office@pcslsoccer.org](mailto:office@pcslsoccer.org), call 309-451-GOAL(4625) or stop by the office during office hours. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-1pm.