



The Soccer Club of Springfield

ICYSL vs. MCYSA Programs

FAQs	Intercounty Youth Soccer League ICYSL	Morris County Youth Soccer Association MCYSA
What are the age requirements?	3rd grade and up can play. There are NO U8/U9 teams. All players start at U10 level. (U8 = under 8 yrs old, U9 = under 9, U10 = under 10).	Teams grouped by DOB. Teams start at U8 level and must be 7 yrs old or older by 07/31/11 to participate.
Do you need to try-out to be on a team?	No	Yes - Tryouts will be held in May
When and where are try-outs?	No try-outs	Please visit www.soccerclubofspringfield.org for more information on time/place.
How long is the commitment?	ICYSL has both Fall and Spring seasons. Commitment may be for 1 or both seasons.	MCYSA has an annual commitment for both Fall and Spring seasons.
How often are practices and sessions with a professional trainer?	Typically there is 1 coach's practice per week and 1 trainer practice every other week, each for 60 min.	Typically there is 1 coach's practice and 1 trainer practice per week, each for 90 minutes.
When are games played?	Typically Saturday afternoons.	Sunday afternoons.
How long is each season?	9-10 games, including playoffs. 5 home/5 away.	10 games including a state sanctioned tournament . 5 home/5 away.
HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL?	ICYSL travels to surrounding towns for away games. The towns/clubs represented in the past have included Berkeley Heights, Clark, Colonia, Cranford, Edison, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Summit, Union and Westfield.	MCYSA travels to towns in Central and Northern New Jersey for away games. Some towns/clubs represented in the past have included Bridgewater, Chatham, Clifton, Hackettstown, Madison, Parsippany, Riverdale, Summit, Wayne, West Patterson.
Which league is right for my child?	Referred to as the "Rec" program. The Intercounty program is for players who are interested in playing recreational soccer. There is less commitment and less emphasis on professional training .	Referred to as the "Travel" program. The travel program is for players who are interested in playing soccer at a more competitive level than the Intercounty recreation program. The travel program constantly challenges players to realize their highest potential through intensive training and competition. There is a high emphasis on skill development and the advancement of their full soccer potentials and competition at advanced levels.

Deciding the best option for your player:

Typically, our K-2 program instills the “basics” of soccer and ensures each player “touches” the ball. This option is best for children U7 (7 years old and under). Children at U7 level are ineligible for travel soccer.

Some children will meet a crossroads while playing in the K-2 program. They may develop very sound skills individually and be ready to move up to the U8/U9 travel team levels. Others, may be on the verge of developing those skills, but may require additional time at the K-2 level to foster continued individual development. If you are unsure if your child can compete at the travel level, please let them try out for the travel teams to see. There is no harm in trying!

All children who will be at the U9 level (going into 3rd grade) will have to choose between joining the ICYSL soccer program or making more of a commitment to excel in the MCYSA travel soccer program. Both programs involve traveling out of town for 5 games (+ 5 home games). The MCYSA travel program requires more of a commitment from the player for a full Fall and Spring season. However, the players will develop their full soccer potentials and compete at advanced levels. The ICYSL recreational soccer program does not require tryouts to make the team, however, the ICYSL program starts U8 players at the U10 level. The players are mixed with other children in age groups under 10 years old. MCYSA teams play same age groups U8 vs. U8, U9 vs. U9, U10 vs. U10. If a player does tryout for the MCYSA travel teams and is chosen, selection to a team invokes a commitment on the part of the player to excel.

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