



LINCOLN YMCA
Spirit Soccer

Lincoln Spirit Soccer Club

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TO: Spirit Coaches
FROM: Spirit Office
DATE: November 2011
RE: Spring 2012—Registration & In-House Season information

Below you will find information about the upcoming In-House Spirit Soccer Season. For Nebraska Soccer League (NSL) Information please see the NSL/Spirit Club Team Information document located on the Spirit Soccer website.

Registration Method and Player Passes:

Each team is required to submit a complete team roster form to the Spirit Soccer Office to be considered registered. All new Spirit Soccer players will need to submit a copy of their birth certificates for age verification. From the submitted roster, the Spirit Soccer Office will make player passes for all rostered players and coaches. These passes will be distributed at a brief informational meeting prior to the start of the season. Coaches will be notified of the exact date, time, and location of this meeting at a later date.

NOTE: We plan to have online registration available for individuals in January. However, coaches will still be required to submit a complete team roster.

AGE GROUPS:

Please check the birth dates of all your players so you make sure to play in the correct age group. Remember, players can always play up but can never play down. Teams must play to the age of their oldest rostered player.

Age Group Birth Date Cutoffs:			
9 & under	8/1/02-7/31/03	14 & under	8/1/97-7/31/98
10 & under	8/1/01-7/31/02	15 & under	8/1/96-7/31/97
11 & under	8/1/00-7/31/01	16 & under	8/1/95-7/31/96
12 & under	8/1/99-7/31/00	17 & under	8/1/94-7/31/95
13 & under	8/1/98-7/31/99	18 & under	8/1/93-7/31/94

IN-HOUSE TEAM – REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TABLE OF FEES & DEADLINES:

In-House Spirit Teams			
Deadline Dates	Age Groups	Primary Player	Secondary Player
Jan. 2 -Jan. 30	U9-U10	\$80	\$70
	U11 & Older	\$100	\$90

All Lincoln YMCA members deduct \$15 from listed fees.

FUNDRAISER:

This \$10 fee is a requirement for each player and has already been figured into the registration fee shown above. This additional fee is to assist with budget, field expense, Player Development Program and provide scholarships to players and coaches.

SEASON LENGTH:

8-Game season; begins on March 22. There will be no games over Easter Weekend.

GAME DAYS:

***Girls:** Primary days of play are Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

***Boys:** Primary days of play Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays.

*ALL GAME DAYS ARE TENTATIVE AND COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON FIELD & OFFICIAL AVAILABILITY.

GAME SITES:

U9-U12: Games will be played at Wright Park (West Pioneer & Folsom)

U13 and older: Games will be played at Spirit Park (84th & O St)

DIVISIONS:

Where possible, teams will be divided into individual boys and girls divisions based on age. (i.e.: U9 boys, U9 girls, U10 boys, U10 girls, etc.) There must be at least four teams for a division. The Spirit Office reserves the right to combine age groups due to number of teams.

PLAYERS ON THE FIELD/ROSTER SIZE:

U9-U10: 6v6 with a maximum of 12 players, minimum of 10.

U11-U12: 8v8 with a maximum of 16 players, minimum of 12.

U13+: 11v11 with a maximum of 22 players, minimum of 14.

UNIFORMS:

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Every team is required to wear the Spirit Soccer Club Uniform. Those uniforms are provided by Soccer Internationale. Uniform order forms are available on the Spirit Soccer website. Contact the Spirit Office for sizing and other uniform information.

*Please Note: Team orders take 4-6 weeks. For individual orders, make sure parents know what jerseys they are ordering for your team & what number to have printed. Parents should allow for a week to get a printed jersey. Individual quantities are limited, so order early.

GLOSSARY:

In-House Team – Teams registered with the Spirit Club only play games in Lincoln and against other Spirit teams.

Nebraska Soccer League Team – U11 and older teams that travel outside of Lincoln and play teams from various clubs.

Secondary Player – a player who is already registered to a United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) affiliated team and registers with another USYSA team. (YMCA Rec. teams do not fall under this affiliation). Players must receive the permission of their primary coach and submit a completed secondary player registration form to register as a secondary player.

Secondary Player Form - The secondary form is official documentation used by the Nebraska State Soccer Association for record keeping and issuance of player passes. It is available at www.nebraskastatesoccer.org

Select Team – Any U11 and older team formed on the basis of selection, hereinafter defined as any process (tryouts or coach select), other than a random basis, where players are invited or selected to play on a team and other players are not.

Player passes – ID's are issued by the Nebraska State Soccer Association upon approval of your team's roster. Passes require a passport sized photo, provided and attached by each individual team. All players and coaches registered to a youth or adult team shall carry a Nebraska State Soccer/US Youth Soccer approved identification player/coach pass. A player/coach pass will be required to be on the sideline at any Nebraska State Soccer sanctioned league or tournament match.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions not answered by the above information please contact the Spirit Soccer Office at: 402-434-9216 or gweller@ymcalincoln.org.

Thank you,
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