



LINCOLN YMCA
Spirit Soccer

Lincoln Spirit Soccer Club

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TO: Spirit Coaches
FROM: Spirit Office
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RE: Spring 2012—Nebraska Soccer League (NSL) registration and Season Info

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

What is the Nebraska Soccer League (NSL):

The NSL is commonly referred to as the 'travel league' or 'state league'. It accepts all U-11 through U-19 Nebraska State Soccer Association and other properly registered teams. These teams are scheduled to compete at various locations within the state of Nebraska. All U11 and older Spirit Soccer teams have the option to play in this league.

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.

Additional steps are required to register a team for the NSL. Teams must visit www.nsle.com and submit an online registration directly to the NSL. Teams must notify the Spirit Soccer Office by including the current Director's email (gweller@ymcalincoln.org) in the Club Contact blank as found on the registration form. They must also submit the intent to form a team form to the Nebraska State Soccer Association. This form can be found and submitted at: <http://www.nebraskastatesoccer.org/education/teamforcoachhome.aspx>

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

NEBRASKA SOCCER LEAGUE - TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

TABLE OF FEES:

Nebraska Soccer League Team Fees		
Dates	Primary Player	Secondary Player
Jan. 2- Jan. 30	\$120	\$110

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:

The Nebraska Soccer League attempts to schedule each team for 7 games. The final number of games may vary based on the number of teams in the division. Season begins in late August.

GAME DAYS:

NSL games are played on any day of the week. Preferences or conflicts should be noted on your NSL registration form.

GAME SITES:

NSL games will be played at numerous locations around the state. For a complete list visit the NSL website at: www.nsle.com.

EXTRA EQUIPMENT:

Many fields the NSL utilizes will require teams to bring a goal net and three corner flags. Corner flags and goal nets will be provided for all games at Wright Park & Spirit Park.

DIVISIONS:

NSL Divisions are as follows: Premier, Division I, Division II, etc. New teams will be placed in the lowest division within their age group. Returning teams will be placed in divisions based on past performance. The NSL adheres to a promotion and relegation policy. This means, at the end of a season, the winner of a division moves up to the next highest division and the loser of a division moves down to the next lowest division. (There is no promotion for the winner of the Premier Division, nor is there relegation for the bottom team of the lowest division)

PLAYERS ON THE FIELD/ROSTER SIZE:

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

U13+: 11v11 with a maximum of 22 players per team, minimum of 14. However, only 18 players may dress and be on the bench for each game.

UNIFORMS:

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

NEBRASKA SOCCER LEAGUE - TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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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