



Murfreesboro Soccer Club

Select Program in 20 Questions

1. What is Select Soccer?

The focus of Select Soccer is to provide qualified players with the technical skills and tactical knowledge to compete at the highest level. The training and coaching for Select soccer are carried out by licensed, professional soccer coaches. Most select coaches have a D License or higher with several holding their C or B licenses. Like Academy Soccer, Select soccer will require additional time and financial commitments from the parents and players. Select Soccer also requires players to make a greater commitment to the sport in terms of focus, fitness level, and skill development. Each team can expect to play some away games and tournaments in the state of Tennessee depending on their bracket and division in TSSA. Some teams attend out of state tournaments.

2. To what age groups does Select Soccer apply?

Select is split into Girls and Boys programs in 3 tier division from 13U to 19U age groups. While Academy game scores are not recorded, select teams play for points and are involved in divisional play. Points are based on wins and losses. Divisions are classified as: 1, 2, and 3, with Division 1 being the highest and the most competitive of the tiers.

3. How do I know which age group my son/daughter is in?

For Fall of 2021 – Spring 2022 Seasons;

- 2009 birth year would be 13U
- 2008 birth year would be 14U
- 2007 birth year would be 15U
- 2006 birth year would be 16U
- 2005 birth year would be 17U
- 2004 birth year would be 18U
- 2003 birth year would be 19U

4. Is Select soccer that different from Academy soccer?

Yes. Select Soccer is more competitive. Expectations for the players in Select Soccer are higher in terms of skill level and focus. There will three 1 ½ hour training sessions per week during the season. Players are chosen to play Select Soccer at tryouts based upon ability, skill, and talent.

5. When are Tryouts?

TSSA Soccer sets the dates tryouts can be held each year. Tryout dates are posted on the website when they are made available by the state. They are held every year around the beginning of June for Select Soccer. Occasionally, players may be considered to sign up for the select program during mid-season (Jan/Feb).

6. When are financial aid applications due?

All financial aid applications are due at the end of the third tryout night. **For this season, they are due no later than 06/21/21.** You can hand them in to the volunteers at tryout locations, or deliver the paperwork to our office, or you can scan and email them to Drake Eric (drakee@murfreesborosoccer.com).



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7. How long is the commitment?

Select players are registered through TSSA to play for their club for one year. The soccer year is split into two seasons. The Fall Season, which runs from late July thru January and the Spring Season which runs from November thru late May. The boys play the Fall season and girls play the Spring season for select soccer in TN based on the high school soccer seasons. The expectation though, is that soccer is the player's primary sport and the commitment is for the full year.

8. How many teams are there in each age group?

It varies between age groups, but usually there will be between one and two teams per gender and age group depending on tryout numbers and the players accepting their roster placement.

9. How many players on a team?

Select teams play 11v11 and can roster up to 18 players on a given gameday.

10. What are the team levels in an age group?

The teams are: Showcase and Premier.

11. How are the games scheduled?

After a team is entered and accepted into TSSA state league/state cup then the list of participants is emailed out to all coaches and managers. The coaches and managers then work with the other clubs to schedule their games after the state selects the home and away matches for every team. Other games scheduled for select age teams are friendlies, tournaments and showcases based on open weekends and availability.

12. What does State League and State Cup mean for Select Soccer?

State league is based on boys and girls' teams in the state of TN who sign up to compete with other skill-based teams in their age group for a chance to qualify for the state tournament. The state league and state cup tournament offer Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 skill-based team levels and 6 to 8 teams qualify for the state cup based on the state league results. The state champion for D1 and D2 will qualify for the chance to compete for a regional and national championship.

13. Can a player move between teams at MSC?

Yes. The coaching staff and DOC will make this decision. A player does not usually move down during the calendar soccer year. Players on a lower-level team however, can 'club pass' up to a higher level team, for one or more games, upon coaches request and Director of Coaching's approval.

14. Apart from regular season games, will the players go to tournaments?

Yes. Most teams do one or more pre-season and one or more post-season tournaments each season. So, with two seasons, this means a minimum of four tournaments per calendar year. Some higher-level teams attend more than four tournaments. The tournament fees are not covered by "club fee" and are part of the "team fee" for each individual player depending on their specific team expenses.



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15. If a player cannot attend a particular tournament, do we still have to pay?

Yes. It is club policy that the tournament fees are divided equally between all rostered players for that team, regardless of whether the player can make the tournament or not. We do want all kids to attend their tournament and schedule them well in advance to give plenty of notice.

16. How much playing time will my son/daughter get?

Playing time will be affected by performance, ability, effort, attendance, behavior, and commitment, both at training session and in games. This is a coaching and staff decision. Some will play more but each player should get as much time as possible on the field for their development within the expectations outlined for the coaching team.

17. Are players expected to attend every training session and every game?

Yes. If a player cannot make a training session or a game, the coach must be notified with as much advance notice as possible. While it is expected that a player will be at each training session and game, it is accepted that sickness and special occasions may mean a player misses an occasionally. We ask that players don't skip training session or games for birthday parties or schedule yours during no training session/game days!

18. What nights and times are training sessions?

It depends on the team and each coach's individual schedule as some have other full-time jobs and some train a couple of teams. Generally, select teams will train from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, but this can vary depending on coach's schedule and also field availability from Parks and Rec Dept. Training session time are usually posted on our website prior to each season.

19. Where do the teams train?

All training sessions are held at Richard Siegel Soccer Complex. Indoor session is announced once the venue is confirmed for the winter period.

20. Are there written codes of conduct and expectations for players and parents?

Yes. MSC Strikers has written codes of conduct as well as specific expectations for players and parents. These can be found on the website.