

NASC NPL TRYOUT PACKET



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# NORTH ALABAMA SOCCER COALITION

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

At North Alabama SC we are dedicated to developing the total player by providing development and competitive soccer opportunities for youth players at all ages and ability levels. To accomplish our goal, we have implemented our holistic **Total Soccer Development** system of training. Our **Total Soccer Development** system is both a curriculum and a philosophy that is player centric and focused on long-term player skill and individual development at all levels of play.

Our **Total Soccer Development** system is designed to focus on developing a total player and not simply creating winning teams at the expense of player development.

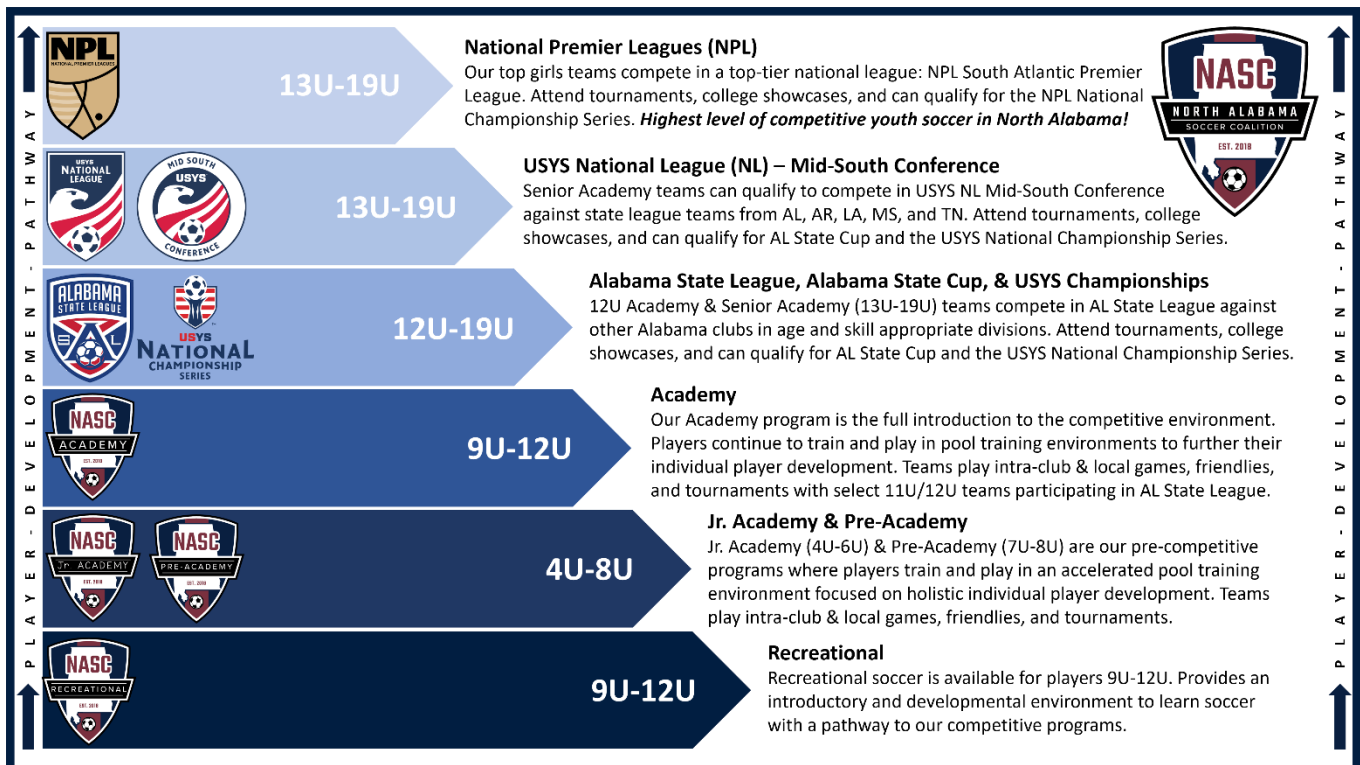
## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is centered on holistic player development, fostered in a developmentally appropriate environment that challenges players to become the best versions of themselves - on and off the field.

## COACHING PHILOSOPHY

Our coaching/teaching philosophy is focused upon long lasting player development by creating a player autonomous environment that promotes experiential learning and self-discovery through positive coaching in a supportive team environment.

### NASC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



# NASC TRYOUTS



Each year North Alabama SC conducts tryouts and evaluations to identify players to form our 9U-19U competitive teams. Tryouts and evaluations are conducted per ASA guidelines. **Register Today at [JoinNASC.com](http://JoinNASC.com)!**

**9U-12U** teams complete player evaluations **without “cuts”** – all players that have the desire and commitment to play soccer will be placed in the program or player pool that best meets their skill development needs. **13U-19U** teams hold traditional tryouts and will form as many competitive teams as qualified player numbers allow for each age group.

## BIRTH YEAR CHART

U.S. Youth Soccer age groups are organized by birth year. Use the chart below to determine what age group your child is in based on their birth year. The age groups for the upcoming **2024-2025** seasonal year are highlighted in **maroon**.

BIRTH YEAR	SEASON				
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
					4U
				4U	5U
2023			4U	5U	6U
2022		4U	5U	6U	7U
2021	4U	5U	6U	7U	8U
2020	5U	6U	7U	8U	9U
2019	6U	7U	8U	9U	10U
2018	7U	8U	9U	10U	11U
2017	8U	9U	10U	11U	12U
2016	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U
2015	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U
2014	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U
2013	12U	13U	14U	15U	16U
2012	13U	14U	15U	16U	17U
2011	14U	15U	16U	17U	18U
2010	15U	16U	17U	18U	19U
2009	16U	17U	18U	19U	
2008	17U	18U	19U		
2007	18U	19U			
2006	19U				

## TRYOUTS & EVALUATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

**PLAY**  
*with*  
**THE BEST**

Tryout and evaluation information and updates including coach assignments, tryout and evaluation schedules... will be posted online at [JoinNASC.com](http://JoinNASC.com). Below is a brief summary of tryouts and evaluations.

- Tryouts and evaluations are **OPEN** to all players regardless of their club affiliation for the previous season/year.
- The number of teams formed depends on the number of qualified players that are available.
- No guarantees are given or implied that a player will be selected for a team from year to year.
- No guarantees are given or implied that a player will play for a specific coach from year to year.
- Players should make every effort to attend all scheduled tryout or evaluation sessions for their age group.
- If a tryout or evaluation schedule conflict arises, parents should contact our DOC at [Henry@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Henry@NorthAlabamaSC.org) to make alternate arrangements.
- A player's team offer is not secured until the commitment form is signed and the non-refundable Club Fee Deposit is made.
- All players will be notified of their selection status no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the final tryout or evaluation session.
- All "play-up" requests are considered and approved at the sole discretion of the DOC.

## AGE SPECIFIC PROGRAM DETAILS

### ***National Premier Leagues (13U-19U)***

The National Premier Leagues (NPL) provides our girl players with a national league and an elite competition platform created to develop the best soccer players. ***The NPL is the highest level of competitive soccer available to youth players in North Alabama! Players no longer have to travel outside of North Alabama to play on a team in a top-tier competitive league!*** For the 13U-19U NPL programs, this is a Fall and Spring league. We are very aware of the impact school ball has around these age groups and we will work with players and families. Playing school ball DOES NOT eliminate your child from being selected to these teams.

The NPL consists of 18 regional leagues/conferences across the U.S. Regional champions advance to the U.S. Division Playoff (East and West) with Division Champions advancing to the National Championship.

The NPL is a huge step forward for NASC's program. It further enhances our player development pathway, provides a future pathway to higher level competition, access to regional and national showcases, and is a collegiate identification platform.

NASC plays in the NPL's South Atlantic Premier League (SAPL West Conference) against regional teams in **Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee**. Teams will play 8-12 regular season games against their division rivals (SAPL West Conference) and attend an end of season playoff and showcase event where all league teams (East and West Conference) participate. **Teams also can qualify for the NPL Regional Championships held in June each year and the NPL National Championship and Showcase held in July each year.**

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## CLUB FEES

- **Fall Club Fee Deposit:** North Alabama SC requires a **non-refundable** Club Fee Deposit be paid when your player commitment is submitted and to formally accept your player's fall team assignment with the club. **Note - This deposit is NOT in addition to your Club Fees, it is a required initial payment that is applied to your Total Fall Club Fees.**
- **Total Fall Club Fees:** This is the Total Fall Club Fee required by age group. **Note – The Total Fall Club Fee includes the Fall Club Fee Deposit.**
- **Spring Club Fees:** This is the total Spring Club Fee required only if your player continues with the club for the Spring Season.
  - Spring Club Fees are not listed for 15U and above as these teams do not form in the Spring due to high school soccer.
- **Year-Round Option for 13U-14U NPL:** This is a discounted full-year (8-month) option that includes NASC's Fall season, Winter Training, and Spring season. This discounted option also provides for an extended fall payment plan.

The total club fees outlined above are used to cover operational (year-round) and programming (seasonal) expenses. Operational and programming expenses include, but are not limited to

- Club administration
- Office expenses
- Staff and coaches' salaries
- Coaching education
- Association fees
- League fees and bonds (State League & State Cup)
- NASC Tournament Entry Fee
- Player registration and insurance
- Preseason team camp
- Field/facility usage and rental fees
- Huntsville City seasonal player fees
- Technology fees
- **Team fees and uniform costs are NOT included in the Club Fee.**

AGE GROUP	Birth Year	DIVISION	DEPOSIT DUE AT REGISTRATION	FALL FEE	WINTER TRAINING	SPRING FEE	YEAR ROUND <i>(Includes Fall, Winter, and Spring)</i>	TEAM FEES ESTIMATE <i>(Paid to Team Manager)</i>	UNIFORM COST ESTIMATE <i>(Order from Capelli ASAP)</i>
4U	2021	Jr. Academy	\$80	\$80		\$80			\$55 + Shipping
5U	2020	Jr. Academy	\$100	\$100		\$100			\$55 + Shipping
6U	2019	Jr. Academy	\$100	\$100		\$100			\$55 + Shipping
7U	2018	Pre-Academy	\$150	\$150		\$150			\$55 + Shipping
8U	2017	Pre-Academy	\$150	\$150		\$150			\$55 + Shipping
9U	2016	D3	\$100	\$350	\$225	\$300	\$750	\$250-\$300 6-8 Games	\$150 + Shipping
10U	2015	D3	\$100	\$450	\$225	\$350	\$900	\$250-\$300 6-8 Games	\$150 + Shipping
11U	2014	D3	\$100	\$550	\$225	\$450	\$1,100	\$250-\$300 6-8 Games	\$150 + Shipping
12U	2013	D2	\$200	\$650	\$225	\$525	\$1,275	\$350-\$400 6-8 Games	\$250 + Shipping
13U-19U	2012-2006	D2 (Select and Elite teams)	\$200	\$725		\$525		\$350-\$400 6-8 Games	\$250 + Shipping
13U-19U	2012-2006	D1 (Premier teams)	\$200	\$850		\$525		\$350-\$400 6-8 Games	\$250 + Shipping
13U-19U	2012-2006	Regional/National (Showcase teams)	\$200	\$875		\$550		\$350-\$450 6-8 Games	\$250 + Shipping
13U-19U	2012-2006	NPL (Girls only)	\$200	\$1080		\$525	\$1,700	\$450-\$550 12-17 Games	\$250 + Shipping
Training only	2012-2006	D4	\$250	\$250		\$200			\$250 + Shipping
High School Prep	2009-2006		\$200	\$650				\$200	\$250 + Shipping
Recreation 9U-12U	2016-2013	D4	\$125						

## ESTIMATED TOTAL COST

When calculating your **estimated total cost** for the Fall 2024 season include your player's club fee + estimated team fees + uniform fee. For example:

- **13U-19U Division A Player Fees:** \$850 Club Fee + \$400 Team Fee (estimate) + \$300 Uniform Fee (minimum.)  
*Estimated Total Cost = \$1,550*
- **NPL Player Fees:** \$1,080 Club Fee + \$400 Team Fee (estimate) + \$300 Uniform Fee (minimum.)  
*Estimated Total Cost = \$1,780*

## TEAM FEES

Club fees do not describe the entire cost of playing soccer with North Alabama SC. In addition to the club fee, each player will have team fees – expenses that are specific to their selected team. These team fees include, but are not limited to:

- Referee/assignor fees (games and friendlies)
- Tournament entry fees (Non-NASC Tournaments)
- One Coach per team for out-of-town travel for tournaments, out-of-town games, and State Cup. This includes club defined per diem based on distance traveled.
- Coach lodging if an overnight stay is required.

Team fees can vary between teams as they are determined by the number of tournaments attended, tournament fees, league travel requirements, number of players on the team, etc. **Team fees are collected and managed at the team level as these fees are paid by the team directly and not by the club.** Below is the **high estimated team fee** for each age group and division. These fees are based on the minimum number of players per team and assumes the farthest travel.



## UNIFORM KITS

North Alabama SC operates on a 2-year uniform cycle. The cycle is from Fall 2024 through Spring 2026 All players will need to purchase a new uniform.

All players are outfitted with a custom Capelli Sport uniform kit that is the same design for all competitive players. The required uniform kit pieces will vary by age group. Estimated costs will also vary based on what style/cut a player requires – youth, adult, or a combination of both.

All uniforms will be ordered online directly through Capelli. Full uniform information can be found at [northalabamasc.org/resources/uniforms](http://northalabamasc.org/resources/uniforms). Information about uniforms, sizing events, jersey number assignments... will be communicated separately after tryouts and evaluations.

### ***12U-19U Minimum requirements for Uniform Kit – Estimated Price is \$300 + Shipping***

- 1 White Jersey
- 1 Navy Jersey
- 2 Pair of Navy Shorts
- 1 Pair of Navy Socks
- 1 Pair of White Socks
- 2 Practice Shirts
- 1 ¼ Zip Training Top
- 1 Training Pant
- 1 Backpack (if you don't already have one from NASC)

### ***12U-19U Goalkeeper Uniform Kit – Estimated Price is \$250-\$275 + Shipping***

- 1 Goalkeeper Jersey (Player Chooses Color)
- 1 Matching Pair of Shorts
- 1 Matching Pair of Socks
- 1 Pair of Navy Shorts
- 1 Pair of Navy Socks
- 1 Practice Shirts
- 1 ¼ Zip Training Top
- 1 Training Pant
- 1 Backpack (if you don't already have one from NASC)

*Optional items for goalkeepers that also want field time:*

- 1 White Jersey, 1 Navy Jersey, and 1 Pair of White Socks



## **PAYMENT PLANS & REFUND POLICY**

### ***Payment Plans***

Payments can be paid in full or installments. Payment plans are **ONLY** available for Club Fees; however, if you need a different payment plan than what is available, please contact the North Alabama SC Bookkeeper at [Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org).

**Notes:** North Alabama SC reserves the right to suspend a player card for any player whose club or team account is past due.

### ***Refund Policy***

It is the policy of North Alabama SC to refund club fees only if your player moves more than 50 miles (one way) from his/her primary residence prior to the start of the season or if the player is unable to participate due to a season ending injury or illness as documented by a physician.

No refund, credits, or fee transfers will be allowed for any other reasons. This includes the cancelation of any installment payments which have not yet been processed. If North Alabama SC is unable to place your player on a team, a full refund will be issued. Conflicts with practice schedules are not grounds for refunds.

Players that sustain an injury or long-term illness may request and apply for a fee waiver by contacting the North Alabama SC Bookkeeper at [Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org) – a physician's note must be included with your request. Any refund issued will be reduced by the processing fees.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

At North Alabama SC, part of our mission is to promote and develop a broad range of soccer opportunities for all local youth players and their families. Inherent to our soccer mission is a commitment to ensure all players in our soccer community have the opportunity to experience the beautiful game with our club, regardless of their financial situation.

We offer financial assistance based on a combination of merit and documented need. For eligible families, financial assistance can contribute to some of the costs associated with NASC including Club Fees, Team Fees, and/or uniform costs, but will not cover all costs required to play with NASC. Families will still be responsible for covering any Club, Team, or uniform costs not covered by financial assistance. All financial assistance awards carry a volunteer requirement. You can learn more about our Financial Assistance Program and request an application at <https://www.northalabamasc.org/resources/financial-assistance>.

## **TEAM MANAGERS**

North Alabama SC is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to ensure our success. One of the most important roles in our club is the Team Manager. The Team Manager serves as the hub for the team and manages team communications, acts as a liaison between the coach and the parents, assists with season/state league scheduling, tournament registration, communicates and coordinates with competing teams, etc. There is no team and no season without the Team Manager. Team Managers are eligible to receive a Club Fee discount. If you are interested in being a Team Manager, please contact our Club Administrator at [Admin@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Admin@NorthAlabamaSC.org)