

# **Jackson Soccer Club (JSC) Frequently Asked Questions**

## **When is the Soccer Season?**

Jackson Soccer Club plays its games in the Kettle Moraine Soccer League and the season runs August 15<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> (fall season) March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> (spring season).

U6 players practice one day a week and are set up by the coaches. U6 games are played on Thursday nights during the season.

U7 - U14 practices are set up by coaches and games are generally played on Saturday mornings or afternoons, but in some cases evening games during the week may be needed. The fall season consists of eight games which run from the end of August through the end of October. The spring season consists of seven games which run from the end of March through the end of May. Practices may start about 2 weeks before games start.

## **Do I have to live in Jackson to play or go to a Jackson school?**

No, Jackson Soccer Club (JSC) is open to anybody that has a love for soccer. JSC is recreational club and not affiliated with any Jackson school.

## **How do I sign my child up for Jackson Soccer?**

Registration is open June 1<sup>st</sup> for the following fall and spring season. It opens again for the spring season on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration can be done through our website, [jacksonsoccerclub.org](http://jacksonsoccerclub.org).

## **How much will it cost for a full year?**

U6 is a \$80.00 fee.

U7 - U14 fee ranges from \$90.00 to \$120.00.

Uniforms (Shirt/Shorts/Socks) for the season are purchased through our website at time of registration. Our uniforms are purchased through Stefans Soccer.

There are also possible tournaments your team can participate in for additional fees.

## **What level will my child play?**

Your player will play with other children their own age, and teams are not based on skill level. Sometimes due to circumstances a child may be asked to play up a level to form a team, or because of skill. A child will not be permitted to play down unless there are special circumstances and it is approved by KMSL board.

## **What equipment is needed, and do they wear a uniform?**

U6: Players are required to have JSC jersey, black shorts, purple socks, shin guards, and soccer cleats (no metal or baseball cleats allowed). Uniforms can be purchased in the fall or spring through Stefans Soccer, <https://myuniform.stefanssoccer.com/account/signin>. A water bottle is

highly recommended. A size 3 soccer ball with your child's name is suggested for practices, but not required.

U7 - U14: Players will need to wear their assigned uniform (these are bought for the fall/spring season) including JSC jersey, black shorts, purple socks, shin guards, and soccer cleats (no metal or baseball cleats allowed). Each player will need proper fitting shin guards and soccer cleats. Each player should bring their own soccer ball and water bottle to every practice and game. U7 - U8 use a size 3 ball, U9 - U12 use a size 4 ball, and U14 uses a size 5 ball.

Special Note: Jewelry and/or hair accessories (containing metal or plastic) of any kind (unless for a medical condition) are not allowed during games. If the weather is colder, black pants (no side snaps) and/or a black/purple/white shirt may be worn under your uniform. All players can wear winter hats, only when the temperature allows.

### **How are teams structured?**

U6: Players practice one night a week during the seasons. Players are taught fundamentals and good sportsmanship. A game will be played on Thursday nights.

U7 - U8: Plays in a 4v4 format (no keeper at this level)

U9 - U10: Plays in a 7v7 format

U11 - U12: Plays in an 9v9 format

U14: Plays in a 11v11 format

### **When and where do they practice and play?**

U6: Practices/Games are held on the U6 Fields at Jackson Park in Jackson.

U7 - U14: Practices are setup through your coach, these practices are held in Jackson (Meadowbrook Park, Jackson Park or Hickory Lane Park). Practice days and times are determined by the coach but generally practice once or twice a week for 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Maximum practice time per KMSL guidelines is 3 hours per week. Home games are played at the soccer fields at Hickory Lane Park on Jackson Drive in Jackson. Away games are played at locations within the KMSL.

Tournaments (U7 - U14): Richfield hosts the KMSL tournament at the end of the spring season. Other tournaments may come up throughout the year at other locations. Tournaments will be at an additional cost and are not mandatory.

### **How will I be notified of what team my child is on?**

A coach will contact you early August (usually by email) for the fall season and early March for the spring season. If there are multiple teams for the same age level, teams will be split as evenly as possible. Sometimes due to circumstances a child may be asked to play up a level to form a team, or because of skill.

## **Weather and Cancellations**

Please know that soccer will be played despite the weather. Our season is limited and very tough to reschedule games. Be sure to dress appropriately, additional clothing can be worn under uniforms. Safety is still a top priority, so the following guidelines are used in determining game cancellations. If the weather goes bad just before game time it is up to the referee to call the game. We want to keep players, referees, and spectators safe. Of course, the coaches can and should discuss with the referee, safety must be considered.

If lightning is seen in the immediate area, fields should be evacuated and re-evaluated after 15 minutes by the referee and coaches to see if play can be resumed. If we have a large amount of rain prior to the game and the fields are unable to shed the extra water, the game may be canceled. Coaches or the Field Director can make this determination. The home field coach is responsible to call the visiting coach to let them know the game is cancelled. If a visiting team coach does not hear from the home team coach they should assume the game is on and proceed to the field on time. Spring time snow on the field, will result in a game cancellation. Again, weather interpretation can vary. Our players or parents should not make judgments at home and not show up. Most notifications are done by email, text or phone call.

## **How can I help?**

Coaches, assistant coaches and other parent volunteers are always needed to keep the club running. There is always a need for field painters and referees. If you have a special skill or service, please let the club know.