



# NP UNITED



## NP United Academy Soccer 8U

We play similar aged teams from clubs in Indiana participating in the Indiana Soccer League (ISL). The amount of travel is dependent on the division the team registers in and at this age group we will try to register in a division that limits travel to the greater Indianapolis area.

Practice: 2 nights per week – One night with the club’s technical trainer and the other with your team’s coach.

Games: 6-8 regular season games (generally played as double headers), plus a weekend tournament, and a couple “friendly” practice games scheduled by the coach.

Coaches: NP United is striving to have all coaches certified with a state license to provide the highest level of training to your child and all must pass a thorough background check for your child’s safety. Please let us know if you are interested in coaching or being an assistant.

Cost: Fees cover team and player registrations with ISL, tournament registrations, technical training and winter sessions.

- Payment options are available
- Full year commitment (Fall and Spring): \$600 & includes winter sessions
- Fall or Spring only commitment: \$350 & includes winter sessions
- Uniforms: Uniforms are not included in the price of registration and are purchased separately through Score.
  - Mandatory Uniform Kit: ≈ \$140 (includes 2 jerseys, 3 training shirts, 2 shorts, 2 socks)
  - Our uniform provider also has branded fan gear available for purchase.

Additional information about the program can be found on the next few pages.

Fall practices start in late July and Spring practices start in March. Winter training sessions get started in January at 84 Turf Sports (US 40/200W – Greenfield).

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact:

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## NP United Academy Soccer - FAQs 8U

What is Academy Soccer?

- An introduction to competitive “travel” soccer

What are NP United’s Overall Objectives?

- Focus on development of the players
- Instill lasting technical skills and introduce tactics
- Utilize small sided play to expand creativity, ball mastery & field awareness; challenging players to play more “creatively” & “instinctively”, with & without the ball

Is my child ready for academy/travel soccer?

- Players will be receiving technical training and need to be physically able to perform tasks and have the ability to comprehend given instructions.
- Our goal is to develop player’s skills in a positive and fun environment, disruptive and disrespectful behavior toward anyone at the soccer fields will not be tolerated.
- NP United often hears from parents that their only regret about joining the Academy program is not having joined sooner.

What if my child can only play in the Fall or Spring?

- The league has taken this into consideration and while you are registered with NP United for a full year (per ISL Rules), you only pay for the season in which your child plays.
- Winter training sessions are included with any commitment to play
- See fee schedule for details

What do we expect from the players?

- Participate with a positive attitude.
- Respect the coaches by listening when they are talking, and by working hard.
- Respect their teammates and opponents, displaying good sportsmanship at all times.

What can you expect from the coaches?

- Patient – communicate in a way so that all players understand what is expected
- Positive – instruct and encourage players to do their personal best
- Knowledgeable – obtain a minimum state license and promote the club’s development goals
- Have an open-door policy for the parents – create a positive experience for everyone



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What do we expect from the parents?

- Cheer for your child & their teammates
- Support your child by encouraging them to listen to their coaches
- Do not interrupt practice or games, coach from the sideline or talk negatively about the referee, other players, parents or coaches, etc.

What is winter training?

- The league rents a local facility for indoor practice over the winter months to keep the players active. Attendance is not mandatory but is recommended.

What league do we play in?

- ISL <http://www.soccerindiana.org/>

How much travel is involved?

- The schedule is set by league officials, but they try to keep travel under 1 hour. With the large number of teams in the greater Indianapolis area, travel is usually minimal.

Is there out of state travel in Academy?

- No

What other costs are involved beside the registration fee?

- Standard personal equipment: cleats, shin guards, ball, water
- Team items: Uniform kits (all players must match)
- See cost schedule for details