

The Soccer Board has received several questions regarding the difference between the recreation soccer season and the club soccer season. Here is a quick overview of some differences between the two programs:

	Recreation Soccer	Club Soccer
Overview	-Rec soccer is a fun, yet competitive, program recommended for players new to soccer or for those looking to learn and improve on their skills in less competitive games. Rec soccer is open to all children from Pre-K 3/4 through 8th grade.	-Club soccer is a more competitive level of soccer offered as an extension of the recreation program. It is highly recommended that all players continue to play in the recreational soccer program in addition to trying out for an Emerson Eagles Club Team. -The club program is recommended for players who have enjoyed soccer on the recreational level and may dedicate the time to attend all practices and games. -There are tryouts each year to make the team. -There is no guarantee that every player makes a team.
Season	-The season runs from the end of August to the week before Thanksgiving.	-The season begins the last week of August, and continues through mid-November. -The season starts up again late March and runs through mid-June.
Practices	-Practices are held once a week Mon through Friday between 3:30 pm and 9:00 pm. . -Pre-K 3/4 through 2nd grade will have their practices run by a professional trainer, Currently the NY Red Bulls. -Games will begin at the Kindergarten level.	-Practices are held twice a week, once with a parent coach and once with a professional trainer.
Games & Competition	-All players that sign up for the recreation level will be placed on a team and will play at least half of the game each week. -Games are on Saturdays for girls grade 1st/2nd (if there are enough girls to form at least 4 teams) If not	-Once on a team, there is no guarantee of the amount of playing time your player gets. -The the youngest level of competition is U9 (Under 9 years old). -Games are held once a week.

	<p>they will be split between Kinder and Boys 1st/2nd grade on Sunday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Games are on Sundays for boys. -Games are held in the afternoon with a start time anywhere from 12-5pm. -Kindergarten through 2nd grade play their games against other Emerson teams at Memorial Field. -Emerson rec teams in grades 3-8 play other local Pascack Valley towns either in Emerson or surrounding towns under the Northern Valley Soccer League. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In the fall, games are on Sundays for girls. -In the fall, games are on Saturdays for boys. In the spring, games are on Sundays for both boys and girls. -Games can be at anytime from 8AM to 7PM. -Games can be versus teams as far south as Essex County and as far north as Rockland County, NY.
Parent Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Parents are expected to volunteer as coaches, assistant coaches field maintenance and volunteering at the Memorial Field concession stand for grades Kinder through 2nd grade. . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are expected to volunteer as coaches, assistant coaches and to assist with field maintenance (Goals, tarps and lining of the grass fields)
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The fee for the recreation season is about \$75 per player. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fee for the club teams varies as it depends on numbers of players on a team, but can be in the \$350-\$700 range for each season.

If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

Emerson Soccer Board