



**Northern Nevada Youth
Soccer Association
Program Information Packet
2020-2021**





ABOUT Northern Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NNYSA)

NNYSA's SC United was established in 2016, Elko United was established in 2018 and NNYSA United was established in 2019 responding to the needs of a more competitive and developmental youth soccer club in the Spring Creek/Elko and surrounding area.

Our overall goal is to provide an environment in which players can develop to their fullest soccer potential in addition to developing character traits that will impact them for life!

NNYSA Values:

1. All players have potential to develop
2. Players are people who will impact their families, schools, communities and world
3. Strive to do all things with excellence
4. Soccer is a game meant to be enjoyed

SC, Elko and NNYSA United Expectations

The Player, Team and Club

Once you commit to join NNYSA travel (SC/Elko/NNYSA United), you are part of the club, not just one team. Members of NNYSA travel agree to put the club ahead of the team. Although in most cases you will play on one team the entire season, you could be asked to play on another team during your membership. Club decisions will be made by the appropriate member of the NNYSA staff. Players are also expected to be committed to the club for the entire seasonal year (fall and spring) beginning August 1.

Expectations of the Individual Player

During the soccer season the team and its players will participate in training sessions, league play and tournaments. Players are expected to arrive on time with the required equipment (shoes, proper uniforms, soccer ball, shin guards, etc.) and be ready to train or play. If players will not be able to attend an event or will be late, it is expected that they let the coach know. Players are also expected to give their best effort at each training and game and have a positive, team-centered attitude.

Teams and Rosters

7U-8U teams will play 4v4 and have 8-10 players on each roster. 8U-10U teams will play 7v7 and have 9-14 players on each roster.

11U-12U teams will play 9v9 and have 11-16 players on each roster. 13U-19U teams will play 11v11 and have 13-22 players on each roster.

It is up to the coach the roster size. This is an example.

Guest Players

At times during the season players may be asked to guest play on another team for league play or a tournament when the team is in need of more players. There is a process to do this and forms to be filled out.

Tryouts and Player Placement

Tryouts will occur at the end of June according to Nevada Youth Soccer and NNYSA bylaws. During tryouts players will be evaluated by NNYSA coaches and other qualified evaluators. Players will be evaluated on technical abilities, tactical abilities, physical abilities, and special qualities such as attitude, character and leadership. Players will be placed on teams according to their abilities and the needs of the team. If additional players are needed throughout the season, players can and will be added to teams after the tryout process.

Coaching Staff

Coaching Decisions

Coaches will make decisions on game line-ups, positions, playing time, etc. Players and parents are expected to respect those decisions and players should put the team's interest ahead of themselves and fulfill the role they are asked to perform for the sake of the team. If parents have questions regarding decisions that were made during the game, they are to observe the 24 hour rule and wait at least until the next day to address the coach. Parents and coaches are always expected to address each other in an appropriate, professional manner.

Playing Time

Playing time is decided by the coach. Coaches will determine how players can increase their playing time and communicate that to parents and players.

Tournaments

Tournaments will be selected by the Coach in cooperation with the coaching staff based on the level and needs of the team. When possible, NNYSA will send multiple teams to the same tournament. Teams that play in higher level leagues will be sent to higher level tournaments, which sometimes require more travel.

Length of Season/Time Commitment

Training begins in early August – June/July. Winter training is up to the coach.

Game and Training Locations- to be determined by the coach.

Hotels

In many cases, teams will travel to tournaments which require an overnight stay. Hotel decisions and reservations will initially be made by the club or team (parent) administrators. It is the player/parent's responsibility to finalize and confirm the reservations before the set deadline. The hotel reservations are made based on many factors and for the convenience of teams staying together, but ultimately it is the parent's choice whether or not they use the hotels that have been reserved for the team.

Parents and Team Commitment

Parental support and involvement in the club are essential. If your son/daughter is selected and chooses to commit himself/herself to the Pride, your commitment is also necessary. If players are to make a commitment to the club and their team, parents must see to it that players attend all possible club and team functions. At times, conflicts cannot be avoided and other more important events will take precedence. The club requires your communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. When players are going to miss a training session or match, it is best to let the coach know at least a day in advance as they can plan accordingly.

Overall Behavior

We expect our players, parents and coaches to possess characteristics such as respect, responsibility, discipline, leadership, dedication, and integrity. Coaches will instruct players to ignore adverse conditions, such as poor calls made by referees, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, and negative behavior by opponents and focus on what they can control, such as their effort and attitude. We expect our parents to have this same approach. Parents and players are to adhere to the NNYSA Fan Code of Conduct (on website). Decisions regarding disciplinary actions will be made by the League Commissioner.

Sideline Behavior

Your vocal support and positive encouragement are very much welcome on the sideline. However, no matter how good your intentions are, giving instructions to players or coaching from the parent sideline is not allowed. We also insist that parents refrain from addressing the referees, opposing players and coaches.

Uniform and Equipment Policy

All players are expected to wear the designated club uniforms.

Player Fees and Financial Commitment

Parents are expected to adhere to the payment schedule set at the beginning of the season for their team. If additional arrangements need to be made (up to coach). New players season fees are \$200. This includes 1 home & 1 away uniform set, a performance hoodie, insurance, field fees and equipment. Returning players pay \$100.00.

Optional Events and Programs

Throughout the year SC/Elko/NNYSA United will offer optional programs such as indoor soccer and winter training. These programs are provided in order to aid in player development and will usually incur an additional fee. SC/Elko/NNYSA United will also organize events, such as parties and clinics that are optional.

Volunteer Parent Administrators

Each team **MUST** have a volunteer parent administrator that will assist the coach in making sure all of the details of running the team, such as scheduling, referees, team communication, etc, are covered. It is the parent and player's responsibility to make sure your contact information is current so you can be reached for team and club communication. NNYSA is very appreciative of all the time and effort the parent administrators and all volunteers give to ensure a successful season.

NNYSA – Parent’s Code of Conduct Contract

When kids are surveyed about the reasons why they play sports, the #1 response kids consistently report is *to have fun*. In addition to the fun kids experience while playing sports, additional benefits from sport participation include physical, cognitive, and emotional growth and development. Unfortunately, all these great things do not happen automatically, but instead occur as a direct result of your positive efforts as a parent. It is in this spirit that we have created the following Parent’s Code of Conduct Contract to remind parents of a few important tips designed to help your child maximize his or her athletic experience.

As a parent, it is important that you:

Respect the game, including your child, his or her teammates, and opponents. This means ensuring that your child attends and comes prepared for all practices and games, and treats both teammates and opponents with dignity and respect. Good sportsmanship means playing fair and safe, controlling negative emotions, and keeping the spirit of competition a healthy endeavor.

Respect the officials. Remember, soccer officials, (a.k.a. referees), are an important part of the sport of soccer and add to the overall experience for your child. It is important that you distinguish between bad calls (human error) and wrong calls (when an official doesn’t know the rule). In either case, it is important that you respect all officials and develop tolerance skills for when bad calls are made (which will happen – officials are human and like all of us, will occasionally make a mistake !).

Refrain from coarse and threatening language, as well as all forms of physical aggression. There is never a place in youth sports to use vulgarities, threaten, intimidate, or use physical aggression.

Let the coaches coach. While it may be easy to second-guess your child’s coach from the sidelines, most parents forget or overlook how challenging it is for coaches to both win games and at the same time make sure that all of the players have an opportunity to develop. The job of being a coach is an incredibly challenging task, so be sure to support your child’s coach as much as possible.

Watch for the safety of all players at all times, including physical and emotional dangers. Be sure to pay attention to injuries, including concussions, and respond to them in a timely manner. Additionally, pay attention to signs of youth sport burnout and be sure to respond to your child if he or she needs help.

Cheer whenever possible, and stay away from booing and other negative fan behavior. Youth sports provide a great opportunity for positive fan support, including cheering. Booing and other negative gestures and language from the sidelines are never appropriate, so be sure to stay focused on positively supporting your child’s team at all times.

As the parent(s) or guardian(s) of _____, I agree to follow the above listed principles. Print name of child – Please print legibly

NAME _____ DATE ____ / ____ / ____

SIGNATURE(S) _____

Thank you for your positive participation in NNYSA Travel (SC/Elko/NNYSA United),.