

Greater Renton Tukwila Youth Soccer Association

For Parents: Soccer after “Mod” Soccer

“The Big Change”

We call this time period “The Big Change” because almost every aspect of the U9 soccer player’s experience will change. Your child’s soccer life will be an exciting change in coaches, teams, colors, kits, play, commitment expectations, and overall soccer experience.

The last age to play Mod Soccer is U9. The last season for U9 Mod Soccer is *Spring* of the player’s U9 year. The big decision for U9 Mod Soccer players comes at this time; they have to decide how they will participate in soccer after Mod. There are three levels of soccer they can participate in:

Recreational

Play for Southlake Soccer, the branch of GRTYSA beyond MOD.

Select

Try out for Southlake Select

Competitive

Try out for Pacific Northwest Soccer Club. PAC is the club affiliated with GRTYSA.

The bottom line is the team your child played on for U9 is going to change. This change is due to transitioning out of Modified Soccer and the movement of players to different levels of soccer.

Recreational Soccer



Southlake offers recreational teams coached by volunteers. They differ from the select program because players do not have to tryout for the teams. The recreational season begins late August and lasts till December. Teams may *choose* to begin earlier and play in summer tournaments along with finishing later by participating in the Recreation Cup. In general, recreational level is the least time & cost commitment.

Select Soccer



Southlake Select offers teams coached by volunteers. Their season begins in late April with tryouts, followed by summer tournament play, and ends in December with the conclusion of league play. The teams participate in South Sound United League, North Puget Sound League, or Puget Sound Premier League. Teams may choose to participate in the Founder’s Cup possibly extending the season to February. The coaches are usually parents with soccer backgrounds. Southlake encourages and pays for coaches to obtain coaching licenses through US Soccer. It is important to understand they are NOT paid professional coaches, but they *are* the foundation of our volunteer organization.

Competitive Soccer



Pacific Northwest Soccer Club is the competitive soccer option affiliated with GRTYSA located at Starfire. Players interested in the highest competitive level and professional coaching should consider trying out for PacNW. PacNW participates in the Regional Club League (RCL). The RCL is the highest level of state league play. The competitive program is a year-a-round commitment beginning in the spring and ending with the State Cups. PacNW coaches are paid coaches with significant backgrounds in soccer. All have USSF coaching licenses of varying levels.

Specifics on each soccer option:

Recreational

Local Club Option: Southlake

Facilities: Scheduled after select. Hazen HS, Foster HS, Liberty HS, and surrounding parks and schools.

Cost: \$200 (approximate)

Registration: \$120 (pays for fields, officials, & league play)

Kit: \$80 (depends on team choices)

Team Equipment: Depends on team needs.

Commitment: Late August – December (February if team wins Recreational Cup)

August: Practice

September – December: League Play (SSUL)

December – February: Recreation Cup (league encouraged; coach's choice)

Travel: Central Pearce to North Seattle (Depends on other Association participation in SSUL)

Select

Local Club Option: Southlake Select

Facilities: Hazen, Liberty, and other local fields

Cost: \$600 (approximate)

Registration: \$150 (pays for fields, officials, & league play)

Kit: \$150 (depends on team choices)

Tournaments: Depends on team participation. Typical season \$120 per player.

Founder's Cup: Depends on team participation. Cost is \$550 per team

Team Equipment: Depends on team needs.

Commitment: Late April – Dec

April: Tryouts

May – August: practices and tournaments

September – December: League Play

December – February: Founder's Cup (league encouraged; coach's choice)

February-May: Indoor & Spring Leagues (Coach's choice choice & Additional Costs)

Travel: Kitsap to North Puget Sound

Tryouts: Late April/May

Tryout Fee: None

Tryout Requirement: None

Competitive (Premier)

Local Club Option: PacNW

Facilities: Starfire

Cost: \$2000 and up. Inquire with PacNW

Commitment: 12 months beginning in May

Travel: State-wide, possibly out of state, & possibly international

Tryouts: April

Tryout Fee: Yes

Tryout Requirement: Register online. Any player may try.