

NASC 9U-12U TRYOUT PACKET



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# NORTH ALABAMA SOCCER COALITION

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

At North Alabama SC we are dedicated to developing the total player by providing development and competitive soccer opportunities for youth players at all ages and ability levels. To accomplish our goal, we have implemented our holistic **Total Soccer Development** system of training. Our **Total Soccer Development** system is both a curriculum and a philosophy that is player centric and focused on long-term player skill and individual development at all levels of play.

Our **Total Soccer Development** system is designed to focus on developing a total player and not simply creating winning teams at the expense of player development.

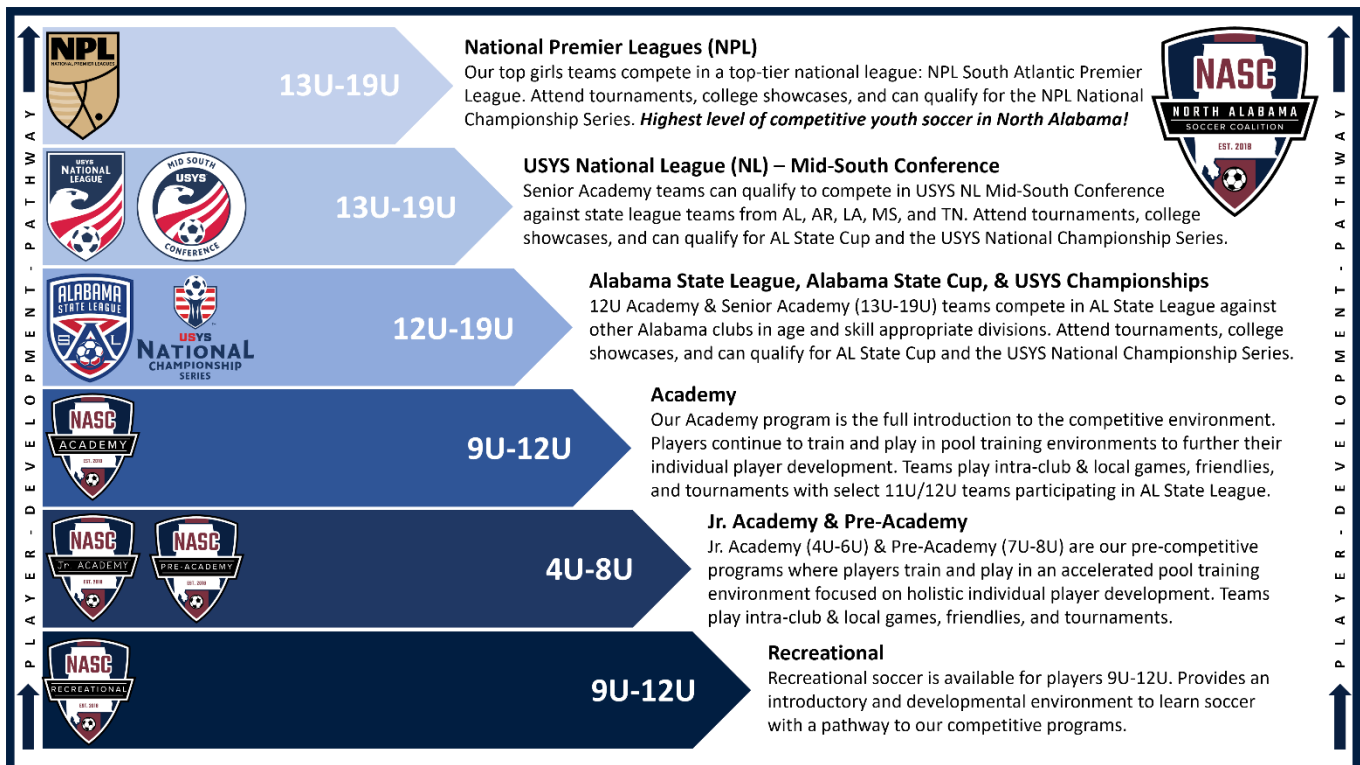
## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is centered on holistic player development, fostered in a developmentally appropriate environment that challenges players to become the best versions of themselves - on and off the field.

## COACHING PHILOSOPHY

Our coaching/teaching philosophy is focused upon long lasting player development by creating a player autonomous environment that promotes experiential learning and self-discovery through positive coaching in a supportive team environment.

### NASC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



# NASC TRYOUTS



Each year North Alabama SC conducts tryouts and evaluations to identify players to form our 9U-19U competitive teams. Tryouts and evaluations are conducted per ASA guidelines. **Register Today at [JoinNASC.com](http://JoinNASC.com)!**

**9U-12U** teams complete player evaluations **without "cuts"** – all players that have the desire and commitment to play soccer will be placed in the program or player pool that best meets their skill development needs.

## BIRTH YEAR CHART

U.S. Youth Soccer age groups are organized by birth year. Use the chart below to determine what age group your child is in based on their birth year. The age groups for the upcoming **2025-2026** seasonal year are highlighted in **maroon**.

BIRTH YEAR	SEASON				
	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
2021					9U
2020				9U	10U
2019			9U	10U	11U
2018		9U	10U	11U	12U
2017	9U	10U	11U	12U	12U
2016	10U	11U	12U		
2015	11U	12U			
2014	12U				

## TRYOUTS & EVALUATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Tryout and evaluation information and updates including coach assignments, tryout and evaluation schedules... will be posted online at [JoinNASC.com](http://JoinNASC.com). Below is a brief summary of tryouts and evaluations.

- Tryouts and evaluations are **OPEN** to all players regardless of their club affiliation for the previous season/year.
- The number of teams formed depends on the number of qualified players that are available.
- No guarantees are given or implied that a player will be selected for a team from year to year.
- No guarantees are given or implied that a player will play for a specific coach from year to year.
- Players should make every effort to attend all scheduled tryout or evaluation sessions for their age group.
- If a tryout or evaluation schedule conflict arises, parents should contact our DOC at [Henry@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Henry@NorthAlabamaSC.org) to make alternate arrangements.
- A player's team offer is not secured until the commitment form is signed and the non-refundable Club Fee Deposit is made.

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- All players will be notified of their selection status no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the final tryout or evaluation session.
- All “play-up” requests are considered and approved at the sole discretion of the DOC.

## AGE SPECIFIC PROGRAM DETAILS

### **Academy (9U-11U)**

Our Academy competitive program is for boys and girls in the 9U-11U age groups. These age groups are provided with their first introduction to the competitive environment with 7v7 and 9v9 gameplay. Teams have licensed coaches, practice 2 times per week (U11 teams may practice 3 times per week), play in the NAYSL, and can attend 2-3 tournaments. All teams are considered Division III.

The goal of the Academy is to provide enhanced skill development, a competitive environment, and a structured development curriculum for these players to be successful. All players receive a minimum of 50% playing time.

### **Senior Academy (11U-12U)**

Our Senior Academy competitive program is for boys and girls in the 11U-12U age groups. These teams compete in the ASA State League at either Division I or Division II competitive levels. Teams can compete for the Alabama State Championships and qualify for USYS National League and Regional Championships.

Teams practice 2-3 times per week with licensed coaches that are overseen by full-time Directors of Coaching. Teams can attend 2-3 tournaments per season to ensure they can compete against regional teams and gain college exposure at showcase events.

AGE GROUP	Birth Year	DIVISION	DEPOSIT DUE AT REGISTRATION	FALL FEE	WINTER TRAINING	SPRING FEE	YEAR ROUND <i>(Includes Fall, Winter, and Spring)</i>	TEAM FEES ESTIMATE <i>(Paid to Team Manager)</i>	UNIFORM COST ESTIMATE <i>(Order from Capelli ASAP)</i>
9U	2017	D3	\$100	\$400	\$225	\$350	\$875	\$250-\$300 6-8 Games	\$150 + Shipping
10U	2016	D3	\$100	\$500	\$225	\$400	\$1,025	\$250-\$300 6-8 Games	\$150 + Shipping
11U	2015	D3	\$200	\$600	\$225	\$450	\$1,175	\$250-\$300 6-8 Games	\$150 + Shipping
12U	2014	D2	\$200	\$700	\$225	\$550	\$1,375	\$350-\$400 6-8 Games	\$250 + Shipping

## CLUB FEES

- **Fall Club Fee Deposit:** North Alabama SC requires a **non-refundable** Club Fee Deposit be paid when your player commitment is submitted and to formally accept your player's fall team assignment with the club. **Note - This deposit is NOT in addition to your Club Fees, it is a required initial payment that is applied to your Total Fall Club Fees.**
- **Total Fall Club Fees:** This is the Total Fall Club Fee required by age group. **Note – The Total Fall Club Fee includes the Fall Club Fee Deposit.**
- **Spring Club Fees:** This is the total Spring Club Fee required only if your player continues with the club for the Spring Season.
  - Spring Club Fees are not listed for 15U and above as these teams do not form in the Spring due to high school soccer.

The total club fees outlined above are used to cover operational (year-round) and programming (seasonal) expenses. Operational and programming expenses include, but are not limited to

- Club administration
- Office expenses
- Staff and coaches' salaries & Education
- Association fees
- League fees and bonds (State League & State Cup)
- NASC Tournament Entry Fee
- Assignor fees
- Player registration and insurance
- Preseason team camp
- Field/facility usage and rental fees
- Huntsville City seasonal player fees
- Technology fees
- **Team fees and uniform costs are NOT included in the Club Fee.**

## TEAM FEES

Club fees do not describe the entire cost of playing soccer with North Alabama SC. In addition to the club fee, each player will have team fees – expenses that are specific to their selected team. These team fees include, but are not limited to:

- Referee (games and friendlies)
- Tournament entry fees (Non-NASC Tournaments)
- One Coach per team for out-of-town travel for tournaments, out-of-town games, and State Cup. This includes club defined per diem based on distance traveled.
- Coach lodging if an overnight stay is required.

Team fees can vary between teams as they are determined by the number of tournaments attended, tournament fees, league travel requirements, number of players on the team, etc. **Team fees are collected and managed at the team level as these fees are paid by the team directly and not by the club.** Below is the **high estimated team fee** for each age group and division. These fees are based on the minimum number of players per team and assumes the farthest travel.



## ESTIMATED TOTAL COST

When calculating your **estimated total cost** for the Fall season include your player's club fee + estimated team fees + uniform fee. For example:

- **9U Division 3 Player Fees** \$400 Club Fee + \$300 Team Fee (estimate) + \$150 Uniform Fee (Minimum.)  
*Estimated Total Cost = \$850*
- **10U Division 3 Player Fees** \$500 Club Fee + \$300 Team Fee (estimate) + \$150 Uniform Fee (Minimum.)  
*Estimated Total Cost = \$950*
- **11U Division 3 Player Fees:** \$600 Club Fee + \$300 Team Fee (estimate) + \$150 Uniform Fee (Minimum.)  
*Estimated Total Cost = \$1050*
- **12U Division B Player Fees:** \$700 Club Fee + \$350 Team Fee (estimate) + \$300 Uniform Fee (Minimum.)  
*Estimated Total Cost = \$1,350*

## UNIFORM KITS

North Alabama SC operates on a 2-year uniform cycle. The cycle is from Fall 2024 through Spring 2026. All new players who did not purchase a new uniform in Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 will need to purchase a new uniform.

All players are outfitted with a custom Capelli Sport uniform kit that is the same design for all competitive players. The required uniform kit pieces will vary by age group. Estimated costs will also vary based on what style/cut a player requires – youth, adult, or a combination of both.

All uniforms will be ordered online directly through Capelli. Full uniform information can be found at [northalabamasc.org/resources/uniforms](http://northalabamasc.org/resources/uniforms). Information about uniforms, sizing events, jersey number assignments... will be communicated separately after tryouts and evaluations.

### ***9U-11U and High School Prep Minimum requirements for Uniform Kit – Estimated Price is \$150 + Shipping***

- 1 White Jersey
- 1 Navy Jersey
- 2 Pair of Navy Shorts
- 1 Pair of Navy Socks
- 1 Pair of White Socks
- 1 Practice Shirt

### ***12U Minimum requirements for Uniform Kit – Estimated Price is \$300 + Shipping***

- 1 White Jersey
- 1 Navy Jersey
- 2 Pair of Navy Shorts
- 1 Pair of Navy Socks
- 1 Pair of White Socks
- 2 Practice Shirts
- 1 ¼ Zip Training Top
- 1 Training Pant
- 1 Backpack (if you don't already have one from NASC)

### ***12U Goalkeeper Uniform Kit – Estimated Price is \$250-\$275 + Shipping***

- 1 Goalkeeper Jersey (Player Chooses Color)
- 1 Matching Pair of Shorts
- 1 Matching Pair of Socks
- 1 Pair of Navy Shorts
- 1 Pair of Navy Socks
- 1 Practice Shirts
- 1 ¼ Zip Training Top
- 1 Training Pant
- 1 Backpack (if you don't already have one from NASC)

*Optional items for goalkeepers that also want field time:*

- 1 White Jersey, 1 Navy Jersey, and 1 Pair of White Socks

## **PAYMENT PLANS & REFUND POLICY**

### ***Payment Plans***

Payments can be paid in full or installments. Payment plans are **ONLY** available for Club Fees; however, if you need a different payment plan than what is available, please contact the North Alabama SC Bookkeeper at [Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org).

**Notes:** North Alabama SC reserves the right to suspend a player card for any player whose club or team account is past due.

### ***Refund Policy***

It is the policy of North Alabama SC to refund club fees only if your player moves more than 50 miles (one way) from his/her primary residence prior to the start of the season or if the player is unable to participate due to a season ending injury or illness as documented by a physician.

No refund, credits, or fee transfers will be allowed for any other reasons. This includes the cancelation of any installment payments which have not yet been processed. If North Alabama SC is unable to place your player on a team, a full refund will be issued. Conflicts with practice schedules are not grounds for refunds.

Players that sustain an injury or long-term illness may request and apply for a fee waiver by contacting the North Alabama SC Bookkeeper at [Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@NorthAlabamaSC.org) – a physician's note must be included with your request. Any refund issued will be reduced by the processing fees.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

At North Alabama SC, part of our mission is to promote and develop a broad range of soccer opportunities for all local youth players and their families. Inherent to our soccer mission is a commitment to ensure all players in our soccer community have the opportunity to experience the beautiful game with our club, regardless of their financial situation.

We offer financial assistance based on a combination of merit and documented need. For eligible families, financial assistance can contribute to some of the costs associated with NASC including Club Fees, Team Fees,

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and/or uniform costs, but will not cover all costs required to play with NASC. Families will still be responsible for covering any Club, Team, or uniform costs not covered by financial assistance. All financial assistance awards carry a volunteer requirement. You can learn more about our Financial Assistance Program at <https://www.northalabamasc.org/resources/financial-assistance>. Registering for financial assistance is done through the same Playmetrics account used to register your player for tryouts.

## **TEAM MANAGERS**

North Alabama SC is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to ensure our success. One of the most important roles in our club is the Team Manager. The Team Manager serves as the hub for the team and manages team communications, acts as a liaison between the coach and the parents, assists with season/state league scheduling, tournament registration, communicates and coordinates with competing teams, etc. There is no team and no season without the Team Manager. Team Managers are eligible to receive a Club Fee discount. If you are interested in being a Team Manager, please contact our Club Administrator at [Admin@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:Admin@NorthAlabamaSC.org)