

NASC NPL 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.

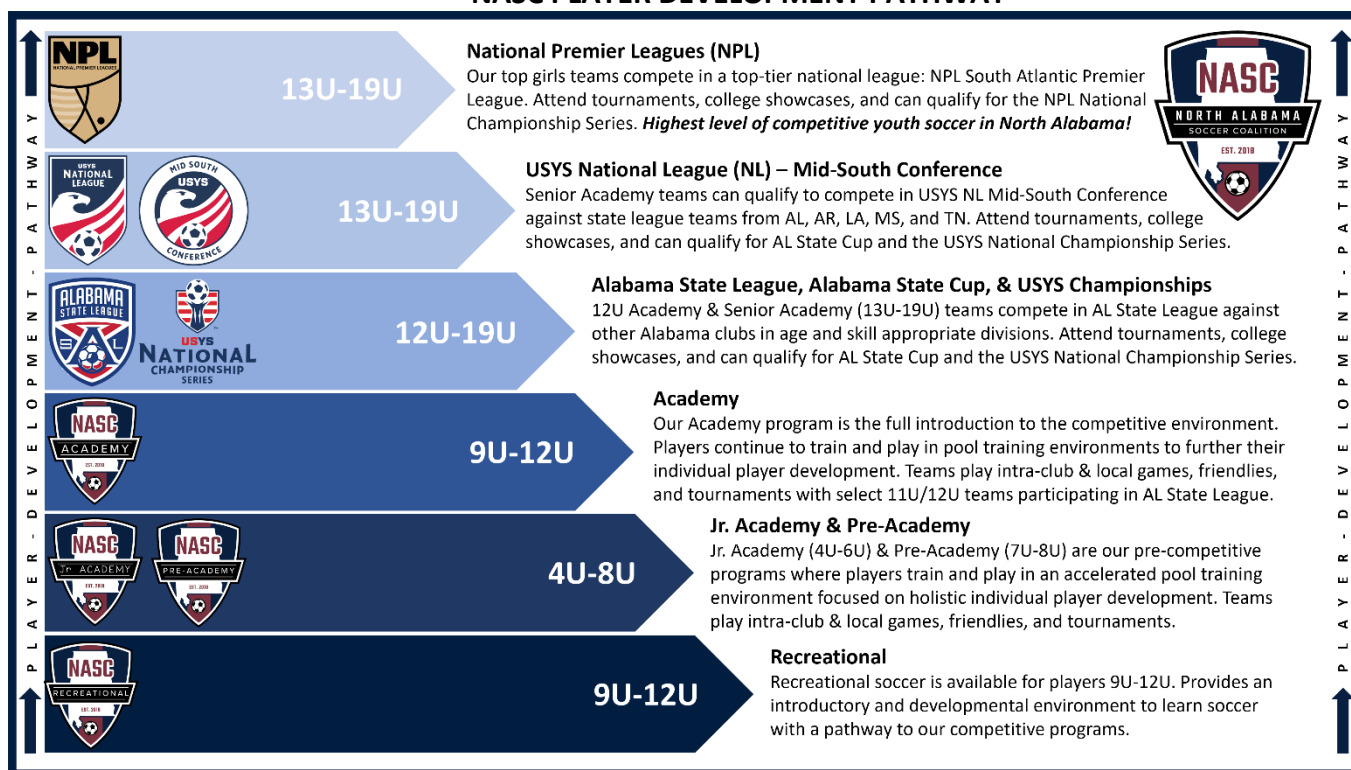
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

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!**

13U-19U NPL teams hold traditional tryouts and will form one competitive team for each age group with only qualified players. Max roster count is 22 players.

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 |
| 2017 | | | | | 13U |
| 2016 | | | | 13U | 14U |
| 2015 | | | 13U | 14U | 15U |
| 2014 | | 13U | 14U | 15U | 16U |
| 2013 | 13U | 14U | 15U | 16U | 17U |
| 2012 | 14U | 15U | 16U | 17U | 18U |
| 2011 | 15U | 16U | 17U | 18U | 19U |
| 2010 | 16U | 17U | 18U | 19U | |
| 2009 | 17U | 18U | 19U | | |
| 2008 | 18U | 19U | | | |
| 2007 | 19U | | | | |

TRYOUTS & EVALUATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Tryout and evaluation information and updates including coach assignments, tryout and evaluation schedules... will be posted online at 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 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.
- 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

National Premier Leagues (13U-19U)

The National Premier Leagues (NPL) provides our girl players with a national league and an elite competition platform created to develop the best soccer players. ***The NPL is the highest level of competitive soccer available to youth players in North Alabama! Players no longer have to travel outside of North Alabama to play on a team in a top-tier competitive league!*** For the 13U-19U NPL programs, this is a Fall and Spring league. We are very aware of the impact school ball has around these age groups and we will work with players and families. Playing school ball **DOES NOT** eliminate your child from being selected to these teams.

The NPL consists of 18 regional leagues/conferences across the U.S. Regional champions advance to the U.S. Division Playoff (East and West) with Division Champions advancing to the National Championship.

The NPL is a huge step forward for NASC's program. It further enhances our player development pathway, provides a future pathway to higher level competition, access to regional and national showcases, and is a collegiate identification platform.

NASC plays in the NPL's South Atlantic Premier League (SAPL West Conference) against regional teams in **Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee**. Teams will play 8-12 regular season games against their division rivals (SAPL West Conference) and attend an end of season playoff and showcase event where all league teams (East and West Conference) participate. **Teams also can qualify for the NPL Regional Championships held in June each year and the NPL National Championship and Showcase held in July each year.**

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 13U-14U Only:** This is the total Spring Club Fee required only if your player continues with the club for the Spring Season.

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
- Coaching education
- Association fees
- League fees and bonds
- National Tournament Fees
- NASC Tournament Entry Fee
- Player registration and insurance
- Preseason Fitness Program
- Preseason team camp
- Assignor Fees
- 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.**

| AGE GROUP | Birth Year | DIVISION | DEPOSIT DUE AT REGISTRATION | FALL FEE | SPRING FEE U13-U14 Only | TEAM FEES ESTIMATE <i>(Paid to Team Manager)</i> | UNIFORM COST ESTIMATE <i>(Order from Capelli ASAP)</i> |
|-----------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|---|
| 13U-19U | 2013-2007 | NPL (Girls only) | \$200 | \$1180 | \$575 | \$400-\$500 12-17 Games | \$250 + Shipping |

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:

- **NPL Player Fees:** \$1,180 Club Fee + \$400 Team Fee (estimate) + \$300 Uniform Fee (minimum.)
Estimated Total Cost = \$1,880

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 Equipment (Soccer Balls)



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.

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. Information about uniforms, sizing events, jersey number assignments... will be communicated separately after tryouts and evaluations.

12U-19U 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-19U 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.

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 – 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, 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 you 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