



# THE KICK-OFF

NAPERVILLE PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE COACH NEWSLETTER

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## KICK-OFF TO THE SPRING 2024 NPSL SOCCER SEASON!

We are counting down the days to spring and the start of the outdoor soccer season. From everyone at the Naperville Park District, thank you for volunteering as a coach. We could not offer the programs we do without volunteers like yourself. Please take a moment to read this newsletter as it contains important information regarding the upcoming season.

### PRE-SEASON COACH REQUIREMENTS

#### PAPERWORK

Directions regarding your required paperwork were sent via e-mail from your coordinator. Please complete all requirements as soon as possible. The deadline to complete the coach paperwork is March 6th. If you have any concerns regarding your coach paperwork status, please contact Rebecca Krzyzkowski, Volunteer Manager, at [rkrzyzkowski@napervilleparks.org](mailto:rkrzyzkowski@napervilleparks.org).

#### TEAM ROSTER

**Team Rosters are due by Friday, March 1.** Please submit your roster via the Team Survey Information (Formsite) link that was e-mailed to you. All rostered players must also complete the Park District waiver using your team's waiver code. Changes to your roster may be made up until Wednesday, April 10. Please alert your Soccer Coordinator, Kim Levitt, at [klevitt@napervilleparks.org](mailto:klevitt@napervilleparks.org) of any roster changes.

#### OPEN HOUSE

**An optional Coach Open House is scheduled for Head Coaches on Wednesday, March 13 between 11:30 am-1:00 pm or 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at the Fort Hill Activity Center, 20 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville.** The Soccer Coordinator and Program Manager are available at this time to answer any questions you may have regarding the upcoming season. There is no equipment to pick-up at the open house. Equipment is not provided to NPSL teams.

#### ADDING A COACH

Each team may have a maximum of one head coach and two assistant coaches. If you are in need of an assistant coach, you may request a volunteer within your initial email to parents. If an assistant coach is added, update your Team Survey Information (Formsite) link that was e-mailed to you. Assistant Coach paperwork must be complete prior to assisting with any practice or game. All coaches must be final by Monday, April 1 in order to be eligible for NYS priority registration.

#### DETERMINE A PRACTICE TIME

Non-sport complex locations (parks with open grass areas other than Nike Sports Complex and Frontier Sports Complex) are recommended for team practices. Practices may not take place on any lined soccer game field. Please work with other teams who may be practicing in the same area to ensure adequate practice space for all teams.

### COERVER TRAINING SESSIONS

For teams who have selected a trainer option, please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled training time to warm-up. If you need to reschedule a training session, please work directly with your trainer. If he or she cannot accommodate, that training session will be cancelled without refund. If a training session is cancelled due to inclement weather, please work to reschedule that session as soon as possible as availability becomes limited.

### COACHING CLINICS

All of our volunteer coaches are invited to attend one of our free Coaching Clinics. These clinics are a great resource for new and returning coaches. Pre-registration is required. Please visit [napervilleparks.org/registration](http://napervilleparks.org/registration) to register.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

CODE: 93316

All Ages Coach Clinic hosted by Chicago Fire, 8:00 am-10:00 am, Nike Sports Complex Turf Field

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

CODE: 93315

Pre K-2nd Grade Coach Clinic hosted by Mike Wiggins, 9:00 am-10:30 am, Fort Hill Activity Center

CODE: 93314

3rd-8th Grade Coach Clinic hosted by Mike Wiggins, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, Fort Hill Activity Center

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

At [napervilleparks.org/napervillepremiersoccerleague](http://napervilleparks.org/napervillepremiersoccerleague) you can find the NPSL Coach Training document and the complete NPSL Manual. Rain out information, game schedules, field maps, and more are also available at this site. Additionally, you can access hundreds of free soccer drills and practice plans for your age group at <https://mojo.sport/bestsoccerdrills>

### PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Offering your time as a coach entitles volunteers to receive priority registration for the following outdoor NYS soccer season (Fall 2024). Volunteers will be eligible for priority registration provided they are in good standing and have completed the required paperwork for the current season. Coaches eligible for NYS priority registration will receive registration information via email on April 3.

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Friday, March 1</b>	Team information and waivers due
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	Coach Volunteer paperwork due
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>	Coach Open House
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	Game schedule released
<b>Saturday, March 23 &amp; Sun. March 24</b>	Coach Clinics
<b>Week of March 25</b>	First practice
<b>Monday, April 1</b>	All Coaches Final
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	Priority Registration Information emailed for Fall NYS 2024 Season
<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	First Game
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	Priority Registration for NYS opens at noon
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	Priority Registration for NYS closes at 11:59 pm
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	Last University Game
<b>Saturday, June 1</b>	University Rainout Date/Last 2nd – 8th Grade Game. Season may extend if needed.

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