

LUSC Statement of Expectations for U9 and Above

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your child to us and welcome to Lexington United Soccer Club. We will do everything in our power to make our soccer program a positive experience for players and parents alike. The purpose of this letter is to give you an idea of what our programs are and allow you to select a program that is appropriate for your child's' development and commitment level.

It is the desire of Lexington United to create a proper learning environment for the game of soccer which is both fun and develops proficient skills in the game of soccer. The values of fair play and sportsmanship are ones we hope to instill in all of our participants. LUSC offers two distinct programs for players to participate in.

Please consider the differences in philosophy and commitment between the two programs prior to selecting the one that is appropriate for your child. The game of soccer is a team sport; therefore attendance at practice sessions is important for the development of not only the individual, but the group as a unit.

The distinct programs are In-town Soccer and Travel Soccer. The four major differences between the programs are:

1. Team Formation

The in-town program forms teams by mixing players of varying abilities in an effort to provide balanced teams to ensure that games will be competitive each weekend with no team having more "strong" players than another team. In-town teams will often try to accommodate requests to place friends together on the same team as long as team balance is maintained.

Travel teams are formed through placing similarly skilled players on the same team. Teams are formed and then adjusted each year on the basis of player evaluations that are conducted each year by independent evaluators. Minor adjustments to teams may be made between fall and spring to accommodate such things as: changes in fall to spring registration numbers, new players moving into Lexington and significant changes to a player's performance during the fall season.

2. Game Locations

The in-town program will play all their games in Lexington against other Lexington teams.

Travel teams are placed in the Boston Area Youth Soccer League (BAYS) and are placed in divisions with other towns according to team ability. Travel teams will play half of their games in Lexington and half in other BAYS towns. These away games could be in Arlington or Southborough depending on the other towns placed in the same division.

3. Scores, Standings, Post Season Play (Spring)

The in-town program, no scores are kept during the game and no standings maintained. There is no post season play.

While LUSC places no emphasis on winning (or losing), the BAYS travel league does maintain an on-line system of scores and standings. For U12 ages and above BAYS offers the possibility in the spring of post season play and participation in a statewide tournament.

4. Practices and Games

The in-town programs practice schedule will be determined by the teams' particular coach, two practices are recommended, with a game on Saturday.

Travel teams will practice 2 times per week with a game on Saturday (Sunday for U16, U19).

Thanks for considering the programs we are offering this season. If you do choose to sign-up please select the appropriate program from a development and commitment standpoint.

Sincerely,
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