



Lincoln YMCA Spirit Soccer Club

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Nebraska League (NYSL) Season Information is below.

What is the Nebraska Youth Soccer League:

The NL is commonly referred to as the 'travel league' or 'state league'. It accepts all 9U through 19U Nebraska State Soccer Association and other properly registered teams. These teams are scheduled to compete at various locations within the state of Nebraska. All 9U and older Spirit Soccer teams have the option to play in this league.

Registration Method and Player Passes:

Each team is required to submit a complete team roster form to the Spirit Soccer Office for registration. All new Spirit Soccer players will need to submit a copy of their birth certificate for age verification. From the submitted roster, the Spirit Soccer Office will make player passes for all rostered players and coaches. **Players will not be placed on a State Roster nor be eligible to play until they are registered and paid.** Coaches will be notified of the exact date, time, and location of the coaches meeting at a later date.

Additional steps are required to register a team for the NL. Once a team has submitted their team roster to the Spirit Soccer Office they will be given the next steps to complete their Nebraska League application. **All team must have two contacts to register. The two contacts are required to complete a background check, Safesport training and concussion training as they have right to sensitive information for the team.**

NOTE: We have online registration available for individuals. However, coaches will still be required to submit a complete team roster. Late fees will apply to individuals who do not register by the stated deadline.

AGE GROUPS:

Please check the birth dates of all your players to make sure to play in the correct age group. Remember, players can always play up but can never play down. Teams must play to the age of their oldest rostered player. Players cannot play up more than two age categories.

9U	2012	15U	2006
10U	2011	16U	2005
11U	2010	17U	2004
12U	2009	18U	2003
13U	2008	19U	2002
14U	2007		

TABLE OF FEES:

Nebraska League Team Fees		
Deadline	Primary Player	Secondary Player
July 20	\$160	\$140

Other Fees Charged by Nebraska League		
Red Card Fee	Reschedule Fee	Forfeit Fee
\$20	1 st = \$50 2 nd = \$100 3 rd = \$150	\$180

All rosters and player fees are due by July 20

ALL Lincoln YMCA Family Members deduct \$10 from listed fees.

***All individual registrations after July 20 will be charged a \$10 late fee.**

LEVEL OF COMMITMENT EXPECTED BY NYSL TEAMS

Any team looking to participate in Nebraska Youth Soccer League must understand the level of commitment it takes to participate in a league that stretches across the state. All teams understand that this is a travel league and that teams may travel long distances to participate in NYSL games. The determination of game sites is based in part due to home locations of teams within a division as well as field and referee availability.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Registration Deadline – July 20 to Spirit Soccer Club
2. Blackout Dates Deadline to league – July 27
3. Schedule Release – Level 1 – August 5
Level 2 & 3 – August 12
4. Play Dates – Level 2 & 3 – August 22 – November 8
***We plan on having level 2 & 3 teams season completed by October 18th if possible.

SEASON LENGTH

The Nebraska League attempts to schedule each team for 7 games.

TEAM REGISTRATION

All teams must turn in coaches' roster to YMCA Youth Sports Office. All players will need to register individually online through YMCA Youth Sports. Lincoln Spirit Soccer will submit team registration and league fees to NYSL.

GAME DAYS

Teams will be scheduled on their primary and secondary days of play. Teams need to be prepared to play on the advertised primary and secondary days of play.

Age Group	Primary	Secondary
9U	SUN	THUR
10U	SAT	TUES
11U	SAT	MON
12U	SUN	THUR
13U	SAT	MON
14U	SUN	TUES
15U	SAT	THUR
16U	SAT	MON
17U	SUN	WED
18U	SUN	WED

BLACKOUT DATES/CONFLICTS/COACHING CONFLICTS

Teams will be responsible to submit blackout dates by the advertised deadline. Teams will not be allowed to blackout more than 4 weekend days of play. Although, we try to play as many games as possible on the primary day of play, teams need to be prepared to play on the secondary day of play due to lack of fields and referees. Teams could be asked to play on a non-advertised day of play due to blackout dates, field availability and scheduling requirements.

All conflicts, coaching or types other than blackout dates, need to be emailed directly to the League Director at tbrown@nysleague.org or dpoole@nysleague.org. Submit anything that will affect scheduling your team.

LEVELS OF PLAY AND NYSL DIVISIONS

NYSL Division placement will be determined by the League Director with assistance from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Directors Advisory Committee (DAC).

Level 1 – Premier 1, Premier 2, First Division

Level 2 – Second Division, Third Division, Fourth Division

Level 3 – Fifth Division, Sixth Division, Seventh Division

GAME SITES

NYSL games will be played at numerous locations around the state. For a complete list visit the NYSL website at: <https://www.nysleague.org/nysl>

EXTRA EQUIPMENT

Many fields the NL utilizes will require teams to bring a goal net and three corner flags. Corner flags and goal nets will be provided for all games at Wright Park & Spirit Park.

PLAYERS ON THE FIELD/ROSTER SIZE

9 – 10: 7v7 with a maximum of 14 players per team.

11-12: 9v9 with a maximum of 18 players per team

13+: 11v11 with a maximum of 22 players per team. However, only 18 players may dress and be on the bench for each game.

UNIFORMS

Lincoln Spirit Club teams are required to wear the Club's standard uniform and colors as decided by the YMCA Youth Sports Branch.

Each team member should be clothed in the same manner of basic equipment as their teammates (excluding the brand of shin guards and footwear). Basic equipment refers to: jersey or shirt – bearing a unique number on the back, shorts, & socks.

Under Armour is the official supplier of the approved Lincoln Spirit Club uniform. Team orders take 4-6 weeks. Please make sure parents know what jerseys they are ordering for your team & what number to have printed. Individual quantities are limited, so order early. The link to order uniforms will be posted on our YMCA Spirit Soccer Page. Each player will need 2 jerseys (white and the red or black), 1 short, and 1 pair of socks.

GLOSSARY:

In-House Team – Teams registered with the Spirit Club only play games in Lincoln and against other Spirit teams.

Nebraska League Team – 11 and older teams registered with the Spirit Club that travel outside of Lincoln and play teams from various clubs. <https://www.nysleague.org/nysl>

Secondary Player – a player who is already registered to a United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) affiliated team and registers with another USYSA team. (YMCA Rec. teams do not fall under this affiliation). Players must receive the permission of their primary coach and submit a completed secondary player registration form to register as a secondary player.

Secondary Player Form – The secondary form is official documentation used by the Nebraska State Soccer Association for record keeping and issuance of player passes. It is available at www.nebraskastatesoccer.org

Select Team – Any 11 and older team formed on the basis of selection, hereinafter defined as any process (tryouts or coach select), other than a random basis, where players are invited or selected to play on a team and other players are not.

Player passes – ID's are issued by the Nebraska State Soccer Association upon approval of your team's roster. Passes require a passport sized photo, provided and attached by each individual team. All players and coaches registered to a youth or adult team shall carry a Nebraska State Soccer/US Youth Soccer approved identification player/coach pass. A player/coach pass will be required to be on the sideline at any Nebraska State Soccer sanctioned league or tournament match. Lost player passes cost \$12 to reprint.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions not answered by the above information please contact the Spirit Soccer Office at: 402-434-9216 or ccantwell@ymcalincoln.org or 402-434-9219 tjohnson@ymcalincoln.org.

Thank you
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