



# Midwest United FC Kalamazoo | Program 2018 – 2019

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# Tryouts

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Kalamazoo Soccer Complex

8:00 – 5:00

# Midwest United FC Kalamazoo

## Tryout Schedule 2018 / 2019

Boys	Times
U9 (2010)	8:00-10:00am
U10 (2009)	10:00-12:00am
U11 (2008)	1:00-3:00pm
U12 (2007)	10:00-12:00am
U13 (2006)	8:00-10:00am
U14 (2005)	8:00-10:00am
U15 (2004)	1:00-3:00pm
U16 (2003)	1:00-3:00pm
U17 (2002)	1:00-3:00pm
U18 (2001)	1:00-3:00pm

Girls	Times
U9 (2010)	8:00-10:00am
U10 (2009)	8:00-10:00am
U11 (2008)	10:00-12:00pm
U12 (2007)	8:00-10:00am
U13 (2006)	8:00-10:00am
U14 (2005)	10:00-12:00am
U15 (2004)	10:00-12:00am
U16 (2003)	10:00-12:00am
U17 (2002)	10:00-12:00am
U18 (2001)	10:00-12:00am

**To register for try outs go to:**

<https://www.gotsport.com/asp/application/reg/?ProgramID=69621&Type=PLAYER>

**If you have any questions regarding try outs, contact Rich Labadie at [richardlabadie@yahoo.com](mailto:richardlabadie@yahoo.com) or 269-491-0861**

# Midwest United FC Kalamazoo

## OPEN Training Sessions

Sessions are open to ALL Players from any club or program in the region

	Monday 6/4, 6/11	Tuesday 6/5, 6/12	Wednesday 6/6, 6/13	Thursday 6/7, 6/14
Field 4 (4-530 pm)		17B/18B (2002-2001)	17B/18B (2002-2001)	
Field 4 (530-7 pm)	15B/16B (2004/2003)	12G (2007)	12G (2007)	
Field 4 (7-830 pm)	16G-17G (2003-2002)	15G-18G (2004-2001)	14B/14G (2005)	
Field 5 (530-7 pm)	11B (2008)	12B/13G (2007)(2006)	11B/13G (2008)(2006)	
Field 5 (7-830 pm)	12B (2007)	13B (2006)	13B (2006)	
Field 9 (530-7 pm)		10B/11G (2009)(2008)	10B/11G (2009)(2008)	Future Stars (2013-2011)
Field 9 (7-830 pm)		10G (2009)	10G (2009)	KZFC training session
Field 10 (530-7 pm)		14B (2005)	9G/9B (2010)	9G/10G/9B/10B (2010-2009)
Field 10 (7-830 pm)		14G/16B (2005/2003)	15G/15B (2004)	

# Midwest United FC Kalamazoo Club Fun Night

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 Kalamazoo Soccer Complex**

***Come join us for a night of soccer fun!***

Games, contests, prizes, and giveaways for players of all ages. Great opportunity to meet our club **coaches** and ask questions.

Find out about our **Future Stars** Youth Program as well as our Select, Elite, Directors Academy, Premier and MRL teams.

Meet our partner, **Next Level**, and learn about the speed and agility trainings they offer our players as well as about our standout winter training facility, which NL operates.

Finally, meet players from **KZFC** coached by our very own **Brian Clements** and **Todd Wells**.

Learn what distinguishes Midwest United FC Kalamazoo from other clubs in Southwest Michigan.

**We are United!**





# OUR MISSION

Midwest United FC's mission is to develop successful soccer players by teaching them lessons for life, while providing a positive Club environment for the kids who want to compete at the highest level.

Midwest United Kalamazoo will continue to work diligently to make each player as successful as possible, provide great opportunities and experiences for its players, develop and build player confidence, employ the best coaches to implement the Club's established teaching philosophies, provide the best year-round curriculum and training facilities, and achieve success for its teams and players.

WE are UNITED!



# TECHNICAL STAFF



**Rich Labadie**  
*Director of Operations  
& Director of Coaching*



**Neil Ridgway**  
*Technical Director*



**Brian Clements**  
*Youth Director*

**Coaching Qualifications:** USSF C License, NSCAA GK Regional and State Licenses, Coerver Diploma

**Coaching Experience:**

- TKO Premier SC/TKO Crew Juniors/Midwest United FC- 1990 to present
- TKO Premier United Soccer Leagues Super 20- 2008 to 2010
- Vicksburg High School- 2008
- Loy Norrix High School- 2000 to 2005
- Spring Lake High School- 1993 to 1994
- Kalamazoo Central High School- 1990-1992
- Portage Northern High School- 1989

**Playing Experience:**

- Western Michigan University 1986-1988
- TKO Premier SC- 1987 State Cup Champions
- Portage Northern High School-1985 State Semi-Finalist

**Why I coach for Midwest United FC:** I love to see the players become better at soccer and grow into young men and women. I still have a lot of fun with all the players.

**Parent Perspective:** "He has been very supportive of my daughter's continued growth in playing soccer. He seems to expect a lot from his players, and gets a lot from them - they like him as a coach and mentor, and therefore give their best when they step on the field."

**Coaching Qualifications:** NSCAA Advanced National, KNVB Youth Diploma

**Coaching Experience:**

I have been a coach for 33 years. Portage Northern Assistant Coach, Kalamazoo Central Assistant Coach, TKO Premier SC - TKO Crew Juniors - Midwest United FC Kalamazoo.

**Playing Experience:**

Bowling Green State University, 7 years professional indoor player.

**Why I coach for Midwest United FC:** The right club with the right developmental path for all of the kids. We challenge all players to reach the next level.

**Parent Perspective:** "I am of the opinion that Neil is probably the best youth coach in SW Michigan. He is encouraging, instructional and motivating, (in the Neil Ridgway way), to all the team's members. He sees a player's strength, weakness and ability. Neil capitalizes on those when placing our kids on the field during both practice and matches. Like all great coaches, he teaches life lessons to our kids that they can use both on and off the pitch. All the kids and we parents appreciate his unique coaching style and ability to bring the best out of these young men as soccer players. And, best of all you can tell that Neil has fun doing what he does."

**Coaching Qualifications:** USSF C License

**Coaching Experience:**

- Kalamazoo FC Head Coach, 2018 - present
- Midwest United FC Kalamazoo - Director of Youth Development, 2014 – present.
- Paw Paw High School 2008-2013, 5-time District Coach of the Year, 2013 Wolverine Coach of the Year.
- Red Arrow SC Director of Coaching- 2011-2013

**Master's Degree in Educational Leadership: Specialization in Athletic Administration**

**Why I coach for Midwest United FC:** I coach with Midwest United FC because of the kids that the club is able to attract and the passion for soccer that many of the families have. It is a wonderful community of soccer families to be a part of that supports total development of the student athlete.

**Parent Perspective:** "He understand that children come first and soccer comes second." "Energy, expectations, focus, organization." "Really understands working with young players. Kids love him."



A large, semi-transparent watermark of the Midwest United FC logo is centered in the background. The logo is a shield shape with a soccer ball design. The words "MIDWEST UNITED" are written across the top half of the shield, and "FC" is at the bottom. A silhouette of the state of Michigan is visible in the center of the shield.

# THE MIDWEST UNITED DIFFERENCE

## ❖ DEVELOPMENT

**DEVELOPMENT** first curriculum. Our focus is on the long term development of our players, graduating them up the technical and tactical curve so they are well positioned for maximum success on the field as they progress.

## ❖ COACHING

Our **COACHING** staff is highly experienced, credentialed and has demonstrated consistency in developing great players and teams across our community. There's a reason why coaches on our roster run multiple camps across the state, are involved in the Olympic Development Program, coach at the collegiate level and run our local pro team, Kalamazoo FC. We understand the roadmap to teaching the game of soccer.

## ❖ PLATFORM

Midwest United FC is a nationally recognized brand that offers a **PLATFORM** for your player to develop and advance, commensurate with their skill level. From futsal to summer camps, to indoor training in the winter....we have the TOTAL platform to build great players.

# SINCE BECOMING MIDWEST ★ ★ UNITED WE HAVE...

- ❖ Established the areas most robust youth academy program, the **Future Stars**, to develop our youngest players at the U5-U9 age groups.
- ❖ Hired two full time youth directors to provide leadership and expertise in developing a roadmap for our talented players, at the youngest ages.
- ❖ Won a **State Cup** title and advanced to **Regionals**.
- ❖ Partnered with **Next Level Performance** to provide our players with strength, speed and agility training in the winter months. Next Level Performance also provides our club with an indoor turf facility for winter technical training.
- ❖ Continued to graduate our highest level players on to the **collegiate** level, playing soccer at Division 1 through Division III schools.
- ❖ Expanded our **summer camp** offerings for player to continue their development each summer.
- ❖ Established a **futsal** training program in the winter months o reinforce key technical skills.









# 2018 / 2019 BOYS

AGE	TEAM	LEAGUE	HEAD COACH
2010	U9 Royal	WMYSA	Damian Nicey
2010	U9 White	WMYSA	Jason Spettel
2009	U10 Royal	WMYSA	Brendan Groggel
2009	U10 White	WMYSA	Brendan Groggel
2008	U11 Royal	Directors Academy	Brian Clements
2008	U11 White	WMYSA	Jeff Richards
2007	U12 Royal	Directors Academy	Brian Clements
2007	U12 White	Directors Academy	Dustin Snyder
2006	U13 Royal	Premier	Scott Forrester
2006	U13 White	WMYSA	Tyler Michnik
2005	U14 Royal	Premier	Neil Ridgway
2005	U14 White	WMYSA	TBA
2004	U15 Royal	MRL	Neil Ridgway
2004	U15 White	Premier/WMYSA	Matt Streitl
2003	U16 Royal	Premier	Chris Lentz
2002	U17 Royal	Premier	Rich Labadie
2001	U18 Royal	MRL	Rich Labadie

# 2018 / 2019 GIRLS

AGE	TEAM	LEAGUE	HEAD COACH
2010	U9 Royal	WMYSA	Rob Allison
2010	U9 White	WMYSA	Brad Bagley
2009	U10 Royal	WMYSA	Chris Yapp
2009	U10 White	WMYSA	Ross Peters
2008	U11 Royal	Directors Academy	Scott Forrester
2008	U11 White	WMYSA	Jeff Richards
2007	U12 Royal	Directors Academy	Todd Wells/Rich Labadie
2007	U12 White	Directors Academy	Brian Richardson
2007	U12 Silver	WMYSA	Cayla Redmond
2006	U13 Royal	Premier	Dustin Snyder
2005	U14 Royal	Premier/WMYSA	John Mckenzie
2004	U15 Royal	MRL/Premier	Todd Wells/Rich Labadie
2004	U15 White	WMYSA	Rolfe Behrje
2003	U16 Royal	Premier	Neil Ridgway/Rich Labadie
2002	U17 Royal	Premier	Neil Ridgway/Rich Labadie
2001	U18 Royal	MRL/Premier	Rich Labadie

# PROGRAM CALENDAR

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Team Camp												
Competitive Season												
Training period												
Futsal Training												
Indoor technical training												
Indoor speed and agility												

# MIDWEST UNITED FC KALAMAZOO

## SPONSORS

Midwest United FC Kalamazoo is proud to partner with the following platforms:

