

Spring FAQ's

Where can I find game schedules for U6-HS?

Game schedules will be posted on our website at www.pcslsoccer.org page. Look for the link "Match Schedules". Spring season dates can be found [here](#).

When does the U5 program meet?

It meets for 6 sessions, in both the fall & spring seasons. Spring season dates can be found [here](#).

How long do they play?

U5	6-7 Players per team	1 hour sessions
U6	3 Players/ 6 playing (2 fields)	5 Min Quarters
U7	4 Players/ 8 playing (2 fields)	10 Min Quarters
U8	4 Players/8 playing (2 fields)	10 Min Quarters
U9-U10	7 Players	12 Min Quarters
U12	9 Players	15 Min Quarters
U14	9 Players	35 Min Halves
HS	11 Players	35 Min Halves

Where are games played for U6-HS and where does the U5 Program meet?

Games are played at the PCSL Soccer Complex located at [3808 Ireland Grove Rd in Bloomington](#), which is near the intersection of Ireland Grove Road and Towanda Barnes.

What should I know about the Complex?

Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously in the parking lot. You never know when a child will chase a loose ball!

The Complex is a  No Smoking,  No Pets &  No Alcohol Zone.

The area along the entrance to the PCSL Complex is a NO PARKING ZONE. There is plenty of parking spaces throughout the Complex. Parking in the NO PARKING areas and grassy areas creates emergency and safety issues. Anyone parked in these areas is subject to being towed.

How do you find out if games are cancelled?

Please do not call the PCSL office on rainy, overcast or cold days to inquire about cancellation of league games. We do not cancel merely because it's raining. Games are played except when the following conditions exist:

- Any signs of lightning
- An issued Severe Thunderstorm Warning

- An issued Tornado Watch or Warning, severe Cold Temperatures
- Any other severe weather condition the PCSL Board of Directors considers would endanger our players or volunteers.

Announcements of league cancellations will be announced on the [PCSL's website](#), [Twitter account](#), [Facebook page](#) and WJBC radio (1230 AM) & website, by 8:00am on game days. Often times, a severe storm will roll in mid-way through the day. For Game Time cancellation decisions, the website will be updated and WJBC notified *as soon as possible*. We rely on coaches to help spread the word to their team parents.

How do I “Connect” with PCSL?

PCSL has created Facebook and Twitter accounts to better meet the League's needs and keep up with our ever growing mobile population of families within the League. Using Twitter is a good tool to use for instant notification. We will use our Twitter account to provide you with last minute updates regarding cancellations, field conditions, and other important League information.

You can take advantage of this in several ways:

- 1) Check the PCSL website! We have now added a "Live Twitter feed" on our website. As soon as updates are made on Twitter, they are instantly posted to the website at www.pclsoccer.org.
- 2) Follow us on Twitter! <http://twitter.com/pclsoccer>.
- 3) Get updates (texts) on your cell phone by following us on Twitter. Just text "follow PCSLsoccer" to 40404.
- 4) Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PCSLsoccer>. Follow our posts on our wall about upcoming events, cancellations, league information and even fun facts/quotes from time to time. Most importantly, any last minute updates we make on Twitter will automatically post to our Facebook page as well.

When can they substitute?

Per PCSL rules, U6-U12 players can only be changed at the end of each quarter or due to an injury. U14 and High School games permit unlimited player substitutions during stoppages of play in either half.

Where do spectators sit?

PCSL has a rule asking all parents to sit at least 6 yards away from the sideline. Spectators are not allowed to sit behind goals or on the team side of the field.

Have you ever seen a coach on the field during a game and wondered why?

Coaches of the U6 age division are allowed to be on the field to help players; however, all other coaches from U7 and up should remain on the sideline during the game.

What does a volunteer linesperson do?

A volunteer linesperson assists the center referee by deciding when the whole ball has completely crossed over the touch (side) line and which team was the last to touch the ball. Linespersons are usually recruited from each of the teams' spectators. The center referee always has the final say and can override the linesperson's call at any time. Anyone age 12 and up can volunteer to help as a linesperson. The linesperson is not permitted to coach while serving in this capacity.

Throw-ins?

PCSL rules allow for U8 and under players to redo an incorrect throw-in one time. The referee can instruct and demonstrate a legal throw-in so the same mistake is not repeated.

Offside?

This rule is complicated and even routinely debated at the highest soccer levels. There are way too many scenarios to discuss in this newsletter rule summary. If you have question, please talk to your coach. U6 and 7 – don't worry, offside will not apply in these games. Offside in U8 will only be called in obvious cases inside the opponent's penalty area. Players should not be coached to "cherry pick" and stand in clearly offside positions as this will only set back player development in the years ahead. Offside will be called for U9 and higher.

Slide Tackling?

Slide tackle is, by definition, a maneuver in which one or both feet slide on the ground in an attempt to tackle the ball which is in possession of an opponent. All legal slide tackles must contact the ball first. NO slide tackling is allowed (even done legally) at U10 and lower!

Goalkeepers?

They are only permitted to use their hands inside the goal area. Goalkeepers CANNOT pick up a ball that is passed to them by a teammate (kick or throw-in). Once a goalkeeper has possession, they can take as many steps as needed, but have approximately 6 seconds to put the ball back into play. For safety reasons, goalkeepers are protected from contact as much as possible. Goalkeeper possession of the ball is when one or either hands or arms are holding the ball. Possession is also a finger, hand, arm, or leg on a stationary ball brought under the control of the goalkeeper.

Have additional questions? Go to the [PCSL Website](#), email us at office@pcslsoccer.org or call 309-451-GOAL(4625).