

PASS FC

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PREMIER SOCCER MRL, Michigan Premier and DA

Begins at the u11 age group for players who wish to compete on the top team in the club for their age group. These teams involve more training and travel but also require coaches to hold higher licensing than on the select teams. U11-12 play in the state run Director's Academy League (DA) which travel outside of Grand Rapids for 3-4 games. U13-19 teams play in the state run MSPSL or MRL leagues, which travel outside of Grand Rapids for 4-5 games. Overnight tournaments are also expected.

Commitment

- Summer: 2 training sessions and tournaments in mid/late July or August (not for HS boys)
- Fall: 2 practices a week, 8-10 league games and 1 tournament (not for HS boys)
- Winter: Indoor training/league play 2 times a week Nov-Mar, 1-2 tournaments
- Spring: 2 practices a week, 8-10 league games, State Cup tournament or other (not for HS girls)

Travel

- 7-10 games per season in DA state league (U11-12) or MSPSL (U13-19)
 ½ are local and ½ are away (Lansing, Kalamazoo, Brighton, Detroit metro)
- 3-5 tournaments including 1-2 potential overnight stays
- Season practices held in northeast Grand Rapids
- Winter training held in a local gym and a local indoor soccer facility

Developmental Stages

- U11 DA – Intermediate curriculum – add tournaments & winter training/games Nov -Mar
- U12 DA - Pre-Premier curriculum - tournament & training schedule similar to Premier
- U13-14 – Premier, year around developmental curriculum
- U15 – 8th grader, year around curriculum; 9th grade, opposite high school season if applicable
- U16-19 – college readiness curriculum, concentration on urgency and focus in decision making

Costs

*NOW only one fee collected to include everything offered for the year!

- Player fees (3 season, yearly fee unless indicated)
 - U11-12 \$1200 Yearly fee
 - U13 15 \$1650 Yearly fee
 - U15-19 \$1350 HS Girls July-March, HS Boys November-June
- Nike Uniform Kit (new every 2 years)
 - Premier Kit: \$300 (2 jerseys, 1 short, 2 socks, 2 training tops, warm up, backpack)

Included in PASS Premier/DA Player Fee

- 2 training sessions per week in season
- Summer training sessions 2 x per week (DA and Premier only)
- 8-10 games per season
- Pre-season camp (GVSA Select & Academy only)
- Fall Kick-Off and other club sponsored soccer events
- Coaching Fees
- League and Referee expenses
- Administrative expenses
- Field rental and set-up
- Free in-season technical training (U10 and above)
- Free off season Speed & Agility (U10 and above)
- Free in-season goal keeper training
- Expenses and fees for 1-2 tournaments (GVSA teams)
- Expenses and fees for 3-4 tournaments (DA and Premier teams)
- State Cup tournament registration (DA and Premier only)
- Winter training 1 day turf facility, 1 day gymnasium (DA and Premier)

***Extra costs may occur if team plays in a winter league, or does a team party or bonding activity.

Why DA/Premier?

- State approved Premier level player development curriculums
- Premier level coaching staff following USSF coaching guidelines
- Faster player development/improvement
- More competitive opponents
- Players learn to play quicker and more physical
- More playing opportunities and training sessions
- More opportunities to be noticed by college coaches and state ODP program ID personnel
- Teammates who share a common commitment to become higher level players

When to make the transition?

- Begins at U11 with no cost increase from Select
- Wants a greater challenge and commitment
- Wants to play with and against stronger, quicker, and more competitive players
- Consider strength of players in your High School program
Most High School coaches hope to have players playing at the premier level before high school.

Considerations:

- Cost
- Time/Commitment
- Travel

Premier/DA Level Soccer Introduction Meeting Agenda

Why premier soccer?

- Higher level
- Quicker play
- Faster improvement
- Better prepared for high school and beyond
- College opportunities
- Becoming the best soccer athlete a player can be

When to make the transition?

- Begins at U11 age group. Players can tryout any year after this.
- Need/want more of a challenge
- Ready for added commitment of time and expense

Things to consider:

- How important is soccer to your player?
- The competitiveness of your high school soccer program
- Do they want to pursue being a College Student-Athlete
- Waiting until later may make it difficult to make a team

Other considerations:

- Cost
 - PASS fees are on average 1/2 to 1/4 less than other clubs of similar quality
 - Soccer is less expensive than other travel sports (hockey, volleyball, LAX)
- Time/Commitment
 - Premier level coaches are committed to your player for 42 weeks a year
- Travel
 - Parents carpool or take turns driving to away games
 - Use travel "car" time as uninterrupted time with your child
 - Unplug and connect with them (and their friends)
 - Players use travel time to do homework

A typical year on a year around Premier/DA level team:

- Summer training – 2 days a week late July-August
- Fall pre-season tournament or friendly scrimmages
- Fall season – 8-10 league games, State Cup or other tournament
- Winter – November-March - Indoor 2 days of training and/or playing games
- Spring pre-season indoor tournament
- Spring season – 8-10 league games, State Cup or other tournament

***College Showcase tournaments are introduced at the u16/17 age group