

# TOSA KICKERS SOCCER CLUB

## SELECT PROGRAM

### *Goals/Philosophy*

The Tosa Kickers Soccer Club is a division of the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club.

The soccer experience, whether it be at the recreational or select level, should be a positive experience for the child and the entire family. The Tosa Kickers Soccer Club aims to create an environment that keeps soccer fun, teaches skills and tactics, and promotes sportsmanship and teamwork. Through discipline and commitment, we believe the soccer experience will provide lifelong rewards that far surpass the benefits of actual victories on the field.

Tosa Select Soccer is for those boys and girls seeking a higher level of coaching and competition. Families need to be aware that select soccer includes a commitment of time and money significantly greater than that required at the recreational level. Select soccer strives to prepare youth for future select teams, ODP (Olympic Development Program), and for high school and collegiate soccer experiences in the future. While expectations increase at the select level it is encouraged that youth, especially at the early select levels, participate in other sports and activities.

### *Time commitment*

Families must decide if they are truly ready to commit to the number of practices, games and tournaments at the select level. It is not acceptable to miss practices or to not be available for a match. A possible schedule for the year may look like this:

#### FALL

- 2 (maybe 3) practices per week beginning in late July or early August
- 8 league games throughout September and October
- 2 to 4 tournaments between August and early November (this may include out of town travel)

#### WINTER

- 1 or 2 indoor sessions at Uihlein Soccer Park or another indoor facility (8 weeks per session)
- Possible indoor tournament(s)
- Possible practices at a local school gym if desired by the team

#### SPRING

- 2 to 3 practices per week beginning in late March or early April
- 8 league games throughout mid-April and May
- 2 to 4 tournaments between April and mid-June, including out of town tournaments

#### SUMMER

- players are expected to attend a soccer camp of some type

This schedule may be different for each individual team based on their team needs and desires. The schedule for a B-select team may be different from that of an A-team. Tosa will attempt to put select teams in the most appropriate leagues available in an effort to improve the team through challenging competition. Select leagues vary between those run by the Milwaukee Kickers and state wide leagues run through the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA). **Select soccer includes an individual's personal commitment to practicing on their own outside of team organized training.**

### *Approximate Cost*

Each team is self funding. Listed below are approximate costs for a select team. These figures will vary based on hotel choices, number of tournaments entered, number of indoor sessions played, etc...

Kicker dues	\$145.00
Select team fee	\$100.00
Uniforms	\$85.00 approximate cost (includes shirt, alt.shirt)
Tourn. entry fees	\$132.00 (based on 6 tournaments @ \$350.00 each divided by 16 players)
Indoor at Uihlein	\$50.00
Misc.	\$10.00 travel permits, state cup entry fees, etc...
Total:	<b>\$522.00</b>

These figures are based on a team with 16 players. These numbers are general guidelines and will vary greatly from team to team and may also be different at each level. These totals do not include coaching fees because it is the belief of the Tosa Kickers that non-paid parent coaches, with the proper coaching education, provide excellent coaching for our select teams. There may be instances, possibly at the older age levels, where a hired coach is necessary if there are no qualified parent coaches available. Since most tournaments at the younger levels are in the Chicago area or closer, hotel costs are not figured in these totals. Some teams may purchase sweat suits or team bags but these costs are not included in the above figures

### *Team Selection*

There will be a charge of \$5.00 to each player trying out at the U-11 through U-14 levels.

Every player wishing to participate on a select team must try out. There are no guaranteed spots on any team. On U-11 through U-14 select teams, 75% of the players must be from Wauwatosa. **A Tosa Kicker soccer player is defined as a Wauwatosa resident, a student of one of the feeder schools for Tosa Kicker soccer or any player who has played in Wauwatosa for a minimum of three years.** At the age levels U-15 and above the team must contain at least 50% Wauwatosa players.

Tryouts are held each Spring after the date set by the WYSA. Tryouts generally begin the first Monday of June. Notice of tryout dates and times will be posted in the Milwaukee Kicker's Newsletter, the Tosa Times, and a letter will be given to each current select player through their own team's manager and coach. All U-10 players will also be notified.

U-11 through U-14 tryouts are generally held the first full week of June. U-15 through U-19 girls can begin tryouts the first Monday after the HS girls state tournament in June; followed by the U-15 through U-19 boys which can begin the first Monday of July.

Each tryout will consist of two 2 hour sessions with a possibility of a third night for the U-11 and U-12 teams because of the large numbers. **Attendance at tryouts is mandatory unless approved by the staff coach and the select coordinator.** If you cannot make one of the nights, special arrangements must be made through the select coordinator and/or the staff coach.

Tryouts will be run by the head coach and/or the staff coach. Numerous evaluators will be on hand to aid in the player selection. Tryouts will consist largely of small sided games such as 2 v 2 all the way up to 5 v 5 and may include some full field scrimmages.

Any youth moving into the area after the tryouts have already been concluded will be given a private tryout with the team following approval by the staff coach. Players already chosen will not be replaced because of this situation.

The number of teams formed at a specific age is dependent upon the number of players and the decision as to whether a B or C-team could compete at the select level in the appropriate league. The final decision of whether or not to form more than one select team at a particular age level will be made by the staff coach following an evaluation of the talent at the tryout. Players attending a tryout who are not placed on a select team will be placed on a team at the recreational level.

It is assumed that players trying out for a specific team are seeking to be placed on the A-team. If selected to play on the A-team he/she does not have the right to decide to play on the B-team without specific approval from the staff coach. Tosa Kickers strives to form the strongest possible team at each age level and this will not be compromised by allowing players to pick and choose their team. Our select teams are put in the most competitive and appropriate leagues available so it is vital to have the highest quality players together.

Players trying out for U-11 through U-14 teams must tryout at their correct age. No player may elect to play at a higher age level. Players who currently play out of their age level because of previous acceptance by Tosa Kickers and those youths playing out of their age level due to grade in school reasons shall be allowed. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the staff coach and the Tosa Board of Directors. **Players trying out for U-15 through U-19 teams must also tryout at their appropriate age unless there is no team offered.** It is recognized that players may end up playing out of their age level due to number problems within certain age groups. These situations will be handled on an individual basis by the staff coach and the select coordinator.

Players selected will be notified within 48 hours of the final tryout. Players will be given 24 hours to accept or reject their selection. Players waiting to hear results from other area tryouts will be required to make a decision in a timely manner if chosen for a Tosa team.

*Select Policy – Amendment (June 19, 2002)*

**It should be made clear that the goal of the Tosa Kicker Select Program is to provide an environment that allows players to develop as soccer players as well as young adults. It is the goal of the Tosa Kickers to place individuals at the highest level of competition that they are capable of playing within their own age level. It shall be the goal of every select coach to promote and encourage their players to seek the opportunity to advance to a higher-level select team. With this in mind, beginning with tryouts in June of 2003 at the U11 thru U14 levels, it is understood that players attending a tryout are required to accept their placement based on the evaluators decisions. No player may decline a promotion to a higher level team without first submitting a letter requesting special permission not to be promoted and followed by the approval of the Tosa Select Committee. This letter should be given to the appropriate age level coordinator and should include specific reasons why they do not want to participate on a particular team. For clarification purposes, the Tosa Select Committee includes the age level coordinators at the U11- U14 levels, the high school coordinators, and the staff coach.**

***Selection of Coaches***

Coaching positions will be filled by qualified individuals meeting the standards set forth by the Tosa Kickers Soccer Club. Coaching applications will be sent to the staff coach by a date designated by the select coordinator. Parent coaches who have the appropriate coaching background and education will be among the top candidates unless there are other reasons specific to that age level why a parent coach would not be a good choice. If there are no parent coaches available a non-parent coach will be chosen and the team will decide on the salary. Coaching decisions will be made by the Staff Coach and the Select Coordinators.

***Team Uniform***

All Tosa Kicker Select teams, U11-U14, must wear the same board approved uniform, based on the current policy, displaying the Milwaukee Kickers logo. Teams that are U15 and above are on their own for selecting their uniforms with the following guidelines: the game shirt must be primarily red and then an alternate shirt of another color. The shorts shall be black and the socks may be any color. Both shirts must have the “kicker logo” and must not have any print which may be considered inappropriate. Teams at the older levels often choose to wear t-shirts.

***Playing Time Policy***

All players on Tosa Kickers select teams are guaranteed playing 50% of each game at the U-11 through U-14 age level. This includes all games except for State Cup Competition. This policy holds true only if the player attends and participates in the practices and is not a discipline problem on the team. There is no playing time policy above U-14.

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