
About the league

The Nashua Youth Soccer League (NYSL) is a recreational, non-profit, volunteer organization that teaches basic soccer skills to children between the ages of 5 and 19 years old. It has been serving the Nashua area for more than 30 years.

NYSL is open to all children within the appropriate age group, regardless of previous soccer experience or skill level.

NYSL Goals:

- *Equal playing time for all participants, regardless of skill level*
- *Emphasis on team play, making new friends, having fun*
- *Foster positive reinforcement, confidence building*
- *Player safety*
- *Learn and develop basic soccer skills*

NYSL operates on the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, adherence to the rules of soccer, and healthy competition.



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Open to Nashua area children between the ages of 5 and 19 who are interested in learning and developing basic soccer skills





NYSL Seasons

NYSL has both a fall and spring season. Each season has 8 scheduled games, with one open holiday weekend in the middle (there are no NYSL games on Columbus Day weekend in the Fall or on Memorial Day weekend in the Spring).

The fall season generally begins the first Saturday after Labor Day in September and finishes up about the first weekend in November. The spring season generally begins in early April and finishes up before school ends in June. Registration normally opens approximately 8 weeks before the start of the season.

NYSL games are played at Greeley Park (U6, U7), the Main Dunstable fields (U8, U10) and at the Mine Falls Park fields (U12 and higher).



NYSL Camp participants at Main Dunstable Field

Playing Divisions

There are 7 different divisions within the NYSL.

- U-6, U-7 and U-8 are Instructional divisions where children are generally receiving their first introduction to soccer.

The **U** stands for **under**. The U-6 division is for children under 6 years old. Since these are 1-year age groups, U-6 is made up of 5-year old children. The same concept is true for U-7 (6-year olds) and U-8 (7 year olds).

- The U-10, U-12 and U-14 divisions are 2-year divisions. For example, the U-12 division is for children who are 10 and 11 years old.
- The U-19 division has the broadest age range; 14-18 years old. The main reason for the broad age range is the small number of children in this division.

Each week, teams will play a different team in their division wherever possible.

Practices and Games

All NYSL games for all divisions take place on Saturday mornings (8:00am is the earliest game time) and are complete by 1:00pm. The U-6, U-7 and U-8 divisions play for 1 1/2 hours of which 45 minutes is practice and 45 minutes is a scrimmage with another team in the same division.

Teams in the U-10 through U-19 divisions practice once or twice a week. Practices are held at various fields throughout Nashua.

Level of Competition

The U-6, U-7, U-8 and U-10 divisions are instructional divisions. As such, no emphasis is placed on the score, team standings, and there are no playoff games.

The U-12, U-14 and U-19 divisions, while not competitive to the degree of travel soccer, are results oriented. These divisions keep game scores, have standings posted on the web site and usually have playoff games at the end of the season.

Costs

The cost to participate in the NYSL is \$30 per season, or \$50 if the player registers for the spring season during fall registration. If more than two children from a family participate, the cost is \$10 for the third, fourth, etc. player. Uniforms are \$25 for a shirt and socks. Register online at www.nashuayouthsoccer.org.

Other Events

NYSL is active within the community for promoting soccer related activities. Examples of events that NYSL members may participate in include:

- NYSL Summer Camp
- NHSA Youth Soccer Month Celebration
- NHSA U10 Festival
- Kohl's US Youth Soccer American Cup recreational tournament
- NYSL night at the NE Revolution