



## **Kootenai Rapids Spring Select Soccer League**

### **FAQs**

**Q: How are teams formed?**

**A:** Teams are formed based on the number of players registered in an age group; usually age groups are in one or two year increments, e.g. U11 & U12 players on one U12 team. The teams' age group is determined by the oldest player on the team. Teams are divided by gender but co-ed teams are allowed and play Boys teams (co-ed or not).

**Q: What is the difference between U10 - U12 teams and U13 and older?**

**A:** U10 – U12 teams play 8 vs. 8 on a smaller field. U13 and older teams play 11 vs. 11 on a regular sized field.

**Q: Can players move up to the next age group, “play up”?**

**A:** Montana Youth Soccer Association rule 3.5 states, “Except with the approval of the state Director of Competition and Lincoln County Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors, no player of actual age 15 or less is allowed to play on a team in an age division of more than two years beyond their league age.” **Players who desire to play up must make their desire known to the Board of Directors and coach prior to the start of the season.**

**Q: What is the schedule for the season?**

**A:** December: Final registration, formation of teams and mandatory player/parent meeting.  
January – March: Indoor practice at coach's discretion.  
March: Outdoor practices begin depending on snow melt and field conditions.  
April – May: Practices weekly, 2 games on Saturday (dependant of schedule).

**Q: Can I play other sports and play for Kootenai Rapids?**

**A:** No. Other sport schedules conflict with soccer game and practice schedules. Players involved with band, baseball, Drivers' Ed, and other activities need to disclose potential conflicts at the time of registration.

**Q: How much travel is involved?**

**A:** Games are scheduled during April thru May on Saturdays. At least one (maybe 2) home games will be scheduled and 3-5 away games will be scheduled. Games will be scheduled in Libby/Troy, Whitefish, Kalispell, Missoula, Hamilton, Stevensville, Butte, Helena and the Montana Cup Tournament will be in Helena. For parents unable to travel to out of town games, carpooling with shared expenses can be arranged with other team members.

**Q: What are the player expectations?**

**A:** Players are expected to attend each scheduled practice and game; players unable to attend scheduled events must contact the coach prior to missing an event. Unexcused absences will affect player's playing time in games. All players representing Kootenai Rapids will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects good sportsmanship and respect for all others (players, coaches, parents, referees, etc.). Coaches and the Board of Directors reserve the right to discipline players accordingly.

**Q: What is the cost associated with Kootenai Rapids?**

**A:** The cost for registration is \$150. The fee covers insurance, state registration fees, uniforms, coaching clinics, referee fees, field maintenance, balls and supplies and coach's travel reimbursement. Players will be issued a team uniform requiring a deposit (\$60) which will be returned at the end of the season; players will keep their socks. Matching team warm ups may be ordered by players at their expense. Families are responsible for their own travel expenses and their share of entry fees to tournaments, other than State Cup/Montana Cup at the end of the season.

**Q: What are the requirements for fundraising and volunteer positions?**

**A:** Each team will be required to raise \$300, either by fund raising activities or direct contributions, to offset uniform and other costs. Teams are required to furnish the following personnel: coach, assistant coach, 2-3 certified referees, uniform coordinator, field coordinator, fund raising coordinator, public relations coordinator, travel coordinator, and team manager in charge of the teams' registration book.

**Q: Is financial assistance available?**

**A:** Yes! Families with multiple players placed on teams and others seeking financial assistance are encouraged to submit a letter explaining their need to: Kootenai Rapids Soccer Club, PO Box 1103, Libby MT 59923.

**For more information or clarification of Club policies, please call Mark Petersen, Vice Chairman for Competitive League, 293.3626.**