

## Kootenai Rapids Spring 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 9 vs. 9 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, coach and Montana Youth Soccer Association prior to the start of the season. Players must also wear state approved headgear.

**Q: What is the schedule for the season? A:** December: Registration, formation of teams.

January – March: Indoor practice at coach's discretion.

February: Mandatory parent meeting.

March: Outdoor practices begin depending on snow melt and field conditions.

April – May: Practices weekly, 2 games on Saturday (dependent on schedule).

**Q: Can I play other sports and play for Kootenai Rapids? A:** KRSC discourages participation in other sports although it is allowed. Other sports schedules conflict with soccer games and practice schedules. Players involved with band, baseball, Drivers' Ed, and other activities need to disclose potential conflicts at the time of registration. Missing practices and/or games may result in less playing time.

**Q: How much travel is involved? A:** Games are scheduled during April through June 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, Polson, Bigfork, and Plains. Tournaments may be farther away. 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 reserves the right to discipline players accordingly.

**Q: What is the cost associated with Kootenai Rapids? A:** The cost for registration is \$225. The fee covers insurance, state registration fees, uniforms, coaching clinics, referee fees, field maintenance, balls and supplies and coach's travel reimbursement. Players will keep their socks. Matching team warm ups may be ordered by players at their own 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: 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 302,  
Libby MT 59923

**For more information or clarification of Club policies, please call Joe Martineau, 293-1531, Jana Hall 293-1096, or Eric Kapan 334-0029 for Competitive League.**