



## U8 Boys Commitment Info

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### Fall Programming

#### Training Sessions

1. Team training begins in late-July to early-Aug. Each coach will communicate the exact first day of training to the parents and players at tryouts. Players are required to attend training twice per week during August, September, and October. Each training session lasts from 1¼–2 hrs, depending on the philosophy of the coach and the team that he/she is developing.
2. Director of Coaching (DOC) training. The club strongly encourages all players to attend 'DOC' sessions, which are held a minimum of 2 sessions for 1 to 1½ hrs during the fall season. The emphasis at DOC Training is on developing technical skills and team play.
3. Goalkeeper Training will run twice a week for August-September, once a week October-April and twice a week in May. These sessions will be run by the Director of Goalkeeping Jeff Shuk.
4. Technical Training will run 4-5 times during the fall season, typically on Friday nights.

#### Games

U8-U12 teams play 8-10 games in the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL). Other communities in WSSL are the South Lyon, Plymouth, Livonia, Novi, Walled Lake, Hamburg, and Huron Valley.

### Winter Programming

Teams will train either twice a week or three times every two weeks depending on age group and commitment. Teams are recommended to play 2 sessions of indoor games. Team coaches and parents are encouraged to discuss benefits/costs of indoor soccer leagues and/or futsal leagues. An additional option for winter programming is team training additional skill training session.

### Spring Programming

#### Training Sessions and Games

The spring season is very similar to the fall season in relation to games, training sessions, club training, and tournament commitments. The spring season training begins in late March or early April, weather permitting. The spring season ends in the beginning of June before tryouts.

This outline is accurate for most Michigan Rush teams. However, our coaches have the right to change the calendar in an effort to maximize player development.

### Tournaments

Michigan Rush selects one to three tournaments in the fall and one to three tournaments in the spring. The purpose of attending tournaments is to "tune up" for an upcoming season, to experiment with strategies of play, to build relationships among team members, and to experience a variety of competition. Most tournaments are held over a Saturday/Sunday weekend. The tournaments chosen for the younger teams are local to the Midwest. Expected tournaments are local tournaments that do not require a hotel stay. Recommended tournaments require a hotel stay are recommended for elite competition. Our older teams may travel outside of the Midwest for a tournament. Rush coaches will follow up with each team regarding spring tournaments. ***(Tournament schedule is subject to change.)***

#### White Team

Rush Kickoff Classic, Northville (August 17-19)  
Red's Invitational, Pontiac (August 24-26)  
Michigan Club Challenge (Spring 2019)

#### Blue Team

Rush Kickoff Classic, Northville (August 17-19)  
Red's Invitational, Pontiac (August 24-26)  
Michigan Club Challenge (Spring 2019)

**Cost Estimate:** Includes all league, game, tournament, official, club, coaching, training and uniform costs - Does not include individual travel expenses, uniform

**White team: \$1,687**

**Blue team: \$1,687**

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