



# Iowa Rush Soccer Club Recreation Program Policies

## 1. Iowa Rush Financial Policies

**1.1 Commitment and Payment of Fees** - Your club assessment is based on one season of play (spring or fall).

### 1.2 Seasonal Program fees

**1.2.1** Iowa Rush Recreation Fees include yearly facility fees, fall or spring league fees, state association fees, referee fees, professional director/coach trainings and club registration fees. There will be additional/separate costs for uniforms, camps, clinics and any winter activities if participate. Please refer to the website for more detail on recreational offerings.

Age	Recreation Seasonal Fee
5U-6U	\$99
7U-8U	\$130
9U-10U	\$140
11U-19U	\$155

**1.2.2** The club has financial obligations it must meet, so please plan to pay promptly.

**1.2.2.1** All payments are due at time of registration and before participation.

**1.2.2.2** Unpaid fees will be notified one month prior to start of the season by email.

**1.2.2.3** Unpaid fees will be notified two weeks prior to the start of the season. If fees are not paid by this time, player may be removed from the team roster for the season and their spot can be given to a player on the waitlist. If the player is removed from the team for the season due to non-payment, they will not be eligible to participate in practice or games. If a player is removed from a team due to non-payment, they may not be eligible to stay on that team in the next season if the roster stays full.

**1.3 Scholarships** - Iowa Rush offers limited scholarships to players who are interested in participating but would not be able to due to economic circumstance.

**1.3.1** Scholarships generally cover only a portion of the Rec fees charged by the club and usually do not include the costs of uniforms. More information about scholarship opportunities can be found on our website [www.iowarush.com](http://www.iowarush.com) or by contacting our Office Manager at [jenyounq@iowarush.com](mailto:jenyounq@iowarush.com).

<b>Iowa Rush Scholarship Timeline</b>	
<i>Recreational/Academy Spring</i>	<i>Recreational/Academy Fall</i>
Application Opens: Dec. 15th	Application Opens: May 15th
Application Closes: Jan 15th	Application Closes: July 1st

**1.4 Player Refunds** - Refunds for recreational soccer program, camps or leagues can be made if requested in writing to the Iowa Rush office. The refund request form can be found [HERE](#). Please fill out this form and return it to the Office Manager at [jenyounq@iowarush.com](mailto:jenyounq@iowarush.com). The Board of Directors will review requests for refunds monthly. Those making refund requests will be notified by email once the committee has reached a decision. All decisions made by the committee are final. If approved, payment will be granted in the form paid when registered. Payment may take 4-6 weeks for processing if approved for refund.



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- 1.4.1** Partial refunds for Recreation players (less a \$30 administrative charge) may be made upon receipt of a written request by the parent or guardian of a player unable to finish the remainder of the season/session due to an extensive injury, move out of the area, or a long-term illness. The written request for refund must include doctor's verification of the extensive injury or illness and a statement by the doctor that the player cannot play soccer. Refunds for injury will be pro-rated in accordance with the number of weeks that player could not participate against the number of weeks in the season/session. Requests will not be considered for such reasons as or similar to: child does not like soccer, child has chosen to play another sport, child's team started practicing without us, child does not like their team or the child does not like their coach, etc.

## 2. Iowa Rush Recreation Structure and Team Formation

### 5U-8U Rec Players

1. Practices will be led by Iowa Rush professional staff with CITs (coaches in training) and parent volunteer coaches assisting.
2. League games are held in house (we as a club form the schedules) and games are played against other Iowa Rush teams at Prairie Ridge.

### 3. 5U-6U Age Groups:

- a. Players will be placed in pods of 10-12 players for the first 4 game days and then will be switched to a different pod of 10-12 players for the last 4 game days of the season. These 10-12 player pods will be on the same field for 4 weeks (game days). The pod of 10-12 players will be divided into two teams for each weekly scheduled game, so teams will be slightly different each game day within your pod of 10-12. This allows the kids to play with different team members within the pod, but also allows for them to become familiar with one another due to getting to play with them over a small span of time. All attempts will be made to have the same 1-2 coaches for each pod of the 4 weeks.

### 4. 7U-8U Age Groups:

- a. Teams will be re-shuffled and formed randomly at the beginning of each season (Fall & Spring). This allows players to play with others they may have not had the chance to play with in the past.
- b. Goal of the program would be to increase player challenges, foster new friendships, increase player comfort in playing with different players or for different coaches and to unify club overall– not a group of teams under one name. This strengthens our soccer community and culture within the club.
- c. Once team assignments have been given, Iowa Rush will not make any adjustments to the rosters other than adding new players to teams.
- d. Parents may request that their child play up one age group. Requests to move up an age group will require a review from the Recreational Program committee; please submit a written (or emailed) request to the Director of Coaching- Recreation at [RecDOC@iowarush.com](mailto:RecDOC@iowarush.com).

### 9U and Above Rec Players

1. All practices and games are coached by a volunteer coach (usually a parent of a player). Team practices at these age groups are set by the team coach.
2. Rec Pro Sessions- These sessions will be run by Iowa Rush professional coaches. There will be opportunities for both goalkeeping and field players with these sessions. These sessions are free.
3. League games are played as a part of the Iowa Soccer Association's Level 3 State League (ISL Level 3). Clubs need to register teams based on player registrations for ISL before the



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- league established date set by Iowa Soccer for each season (spring-early February/fall-late June).
- a. ISL then creates and distributes schedules against outside clubs in the local area.
  - b. Games include local travel to different club facilities as well as games at Prairie Ridge.
4. Iowa Rush Recreation Team Formation
- a. The team formation process will be random.
  - b. IF your child played the previous season (ex: fall 2017), then as long as they are registered and paid in full by the upcoming season registration deadline, they may have the opportunity of being placed on the same team (ex: spring 2018). However, we cannot guarantee team placement.
  - c. You can request a coach or to be placed on a team with a friend, but we cannot guarantee that your child will be placed on that team.
  - d. Once an age group is full, we will open a wait list. IF there are enough players to form another team, we can do so as long as it is before the state league closes their registration.
  - e. If you would like to request that your child is placed on a new team, we can take them off of their current team and randomly place them on another team.

### **Rec Small Sided Placement Policy-**

Every attempt is made by Iowa Rush to form full-sided teams, however, 13U and above players may be placed on a small-sided team (6v6) if the club is unable to form an adequate full-sided (11v11) roster based on registration numbers. These small-sided teams will participate in the ISA Level 3 Central League small-sided divisions.

- 3. Iowa Rush Parent/Spectator/Player Policies** - As adults we have to set the right example for the players. Teamwork and fair play are lost on our children when we act inappropriately at games, practices, "re-live" it at home or on the car ride home.

#### **3.1 Parent/Spectator's Code of Conduct**

- **Support all Players and Coaches**
  - Make your team participation a top priority.
  - Assure that your player is on time and prepared. Be prompt when picking up after practice.
  - Promote the concept that soccer is a game.
  - Help create a culture of support for all players in the club by avoiding sharing personal opinions or criticism of other players.
  - Treat the players and coaches on the other teams as opponents, not enemies.
  - Educate your child to play both within the spirit of the game and the written rules of the game.
  - Never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
  - Be honest about your child's athletic capability, his or her competitive attitude and sense of Fair Play.
- **Support Iowa Rush**
  - Meet the club's financial and other requirements promptly and responsibly.
  - Volunteer to assist the team or the club in some manner.
  - Respect all players, coaches, officials, other parents/spectators.
  - Show your best behavior. Do not use profanity or harass players, coaches, or officials.
  - Always show respect to the official's decisions.
  - Applaud good play by your team and the opposing team.
  - Do not engage in coaching from the sidelines



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- Do not try to influence the makeup of the team
  - Never ridicule or scold a player (your own or someone else's) for making a mistake during competition.
- 3.2 Player Removal** – Iowa Rush reserves the right to remove players from the Recreation program if they are deemed to fall outside of club standards and expectations of behavior, or found to be considered detrimental to self, teammates, coaches or club. Players can be suspended from training, games, or removed from the club as deemed necessary. If players are suspended for any amount of time or are removed from the club for behavior, no refunds are provided, and recreation fees are expected to be paid in full per payment policies including any remaining recreation fees.
- 3.3 Coaching from the sidelines** - This may be the hardest adjustment that a parent has to make but it is important to learn to modify your natural instinct to instruct your child. In soccer, it is up to the player to make the ever-evolving split-second decisions. Let them work to solve problems, learn from the games and from the coaches whom are there to guide their development.
- 3.4 Comments to the referee** - Harassing the referees is not acceptable behavior in soccer, especially youth soccer. A referee CANNOT change a ruling. They CAN develop an attitude against a team based on sideline behavior, which can affect future calls. They CAN demand that you leave the game. Remember, although trained and licensed, like our players, they are not professionals and are learning and trying to get better. In the game of soccer, the state of Iowa loses numerous referees annually due to sideline ridicule and parent/coach behavior. Please keep the game in perspective and help keep young refs involved in the game to keep getting better. If you or your child is interested in becoming certified to referee, please contact our referee assignor at [refassignor@iowarush.com](mailto:refassignor@iowarush.com).
- 3.5 Complaints** - Complaints from referees and/or opposing teams about Iowa Rush parents will be reviewed with parent and the coach. As a result, you could be "sanctioned" including: required to attend Fair Play classes; "yellow card" caution or; "red card" sent off and not allowed to watch your child play from the sidelines. If you do not comply, it may be that your player may not be allowed to continue in games or with Iowa Rush whatsoever. We expect and demand appropriate behavior from our players and that behavior begins with parents.
- 3.6 Parent to Coach Communication** – Coaches in the recreation program are all volunteer coaches. They have taken the time to coach your player and help them learn the rules and techniques of the game as well as making sure they have an enjoyable season. Parents, players, and coaches need time to reflect and process performance. Parents are asked to refrain from approaching coaches immediately after the game to discuss their concerns. We recommend waiting 24 hours before contacting a coach. We also ask that parents not approach coaches immediately prior to, during, and after training unless absolutely necessary. Please follow the Escalation Policy below by going to the appropriate person and in the appropriate order when needing to communicate information regarding your player:
- Team Head Coach
  - Recreation Director
  - Director of Coaching
  - Executive Director
  - Board of Directors
- 4 Use of name and logo** – Being a part of a National Organization the Rush Name and Logo are trademarks that have guidelines for usage. Members wanting to use the Rush name and logo must get approval from the Executive Director of the Club. Members must also be aware that they cannot



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seek out sponsors without permission from the Executive Director. The club has certain agreements with current sponsors that may be infringed upon if members seek out their own sponsorships.

- 5 Ethical Concerns** - We are committed to providing a safe environment for our players, parents and staff. If you are aware of situations or have ethical concerns about coaches or staff, please contact the Director of Coaching at [jeffadamiak@iowarush.com](mailto:jeffadamiak@iowarush.com).
- 6 General Waiver** - By completing your child's registration online, any parent, guardian or other person consents for themselves and all family members for the child participating in an Iowa Rush program to be subject to the rules and regulations of Iowa Rush as such rules apply to any child's play and a parent's participation as a spectator, coach, or Iowa Rush volunteer.
- 7 Liability Waiver** - I grant permission to the coach of my child's team or staff member of Iowa Rush Soccer Club to act on my behalf for my child in granting permission for evaluation/treatment of minor medical problems. I understand that should a major medical problem arise; an attempt will be made to notify parent/guardian by telephone. In event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my consent to such medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb or wellbeing of your dependent. Parents or guardians who do not consent to the above waiver will need to provide a letter detailing what actions should be taken in times of emergency for their child. You further authorize the officer, leader, coach or agent(s) of Iowa Rush to transport as required the above minor to and from sponsored activities in the event of an emergency. All parties involved hereby give consent for all emergency medical care for their minor as his/her parent or legal guardian. In addition, I hereby release the Iowa Rush Soccer Club, its employees and agents from all claims on account of any injuries which may be sustained by my child while traveling to, participating in and returning from any Iowa Rush sponsored program. I also agree to indemnify the Iowa Rush Soccer Club, its employees and agents from any claim which hereafter be presented by my minor child as a result of illness or accident while my child is participating in any Iowa Rush Soccer Club Programs.
- 8 Use of Member Information/Email Address**- I agree that any email address I provide may be used by Iowa Rush Soccer Club, Rush SPI, Iowa Soccer, US Soccer and any of their assignees to provide me with information about their programs and sponsors such as e-newsletters. Iowa Soccer and Rush do not lease or sell any of our email lists to outside vendors.
- 9 Photography Release** - In the Iowa Rush Soccer Club, photographs or likenesses may be released without written consent unless the parent/guardian provides the club with written notification that they object to this policy. This written notification must include the players name and address.