



## Sporting Lee's Summit SC Competitive Division Information for Parents New to Competitive Soccer

### Competitive Soccer

- The age division for a competitive player is determined by the calendar year of player's birthdate. For 2018/2019 soccer year, the age divisions are below:

Birth year	Division
2012	U7 (meaning 7 years old and under)
2011	U8
2010	U9
2009	U10
2008	U11
2007	U12
2006	U13
2005	U14
2004	U15
2003	U16

- Sporting LS Competitive soccer teams compete in Heartland Soccer League, with games scheduled at four locations: Legacy Park in Lee's Summit, the Overland Park Soccer complex, Swope Park in Kansas City, or Heritage Park in Olathe, KS. More information about the Heartland Soccer League and locations of fields can be found at the website: [www.heartlandsoccer.net](http://www.heartlandsoccer.net)

### Tryouts for Sporting Lee's Summit - Competitive Teams

- All Competitive Soccer teams are formed during the summer Tryout period (June) as designated by State Youth Soccer Associations, with a year-long commitment between player and club/team. The soccer year begins with teams being formed in June, and continues through the following May (Fall, Winter, Spring). Players are bound to their club/team for the entire soccer year.0

*The Sporting Missouri Valley (SMV) Academy program is for elite players who demonstrate advanced skill and desire to pursue a higher level of competitive play. The SMV Academy will hold tryouts for teams at each age division, under the direction of Zoran Savic, SMV Academy Technical Director.*

*See the Tryout information posted on the website regarding specific times for each division. Preregistration for tryouts will open prior to tryouts. The link to register for tryouts can be found on the TRYOUTS page of the website [www.sportingls.org](http://www.sportingls.org).*

*There will be a SMV **Pre-Tryout camp** to allow players to be familiar with the types of drills that will be used during the tryouts. Players who demonstrate advanced skill and mastery of tryout drills may be offered a spot in the Academy Program, which features a tiered team structure. Parents will have the option of accepting or declining the offer. Acceptance of the offer constitutes an agreement for the full soccer year (fall, winter and*

*spring seasons). If the offer is declined, or if no Academy Program offer is made, the player is encouraged to try out for other Sporting LS competitive teams.*

- Sporting LS has competitive teams that are not a part of the Academy Program. These teams hold tryouts during June when they have roster openings to fill.
- Every effort will be made to place a player onto the appropriate team for his/her ability, to provide the best opportunity for continued skill development of each individual player.
- Player/Parent contact information will be shared amongst the Sporting LS Competitive Coaches, as appropriate, based on tryout registration information provided. Players/Parents may be contacted following the initial tryout session, should further, team-specific tryouts, be needed to complete a team roster.
- There is no certain date that players would or would not be contacted by coaches. Generally, coaches try to settle a team roster during the week of the tryout period, but changes and additions can be made for several weeks after that. If a player does not hear anything after about two weeks, he/she should plan to register for recreational soccer for the upcoming fall season. If a competitive team subsequently makes an offer, the recreational division will process a refund upon request. A full list of Sporting LS Competitive teams and contacts is located on the website.  
[www.SportingLS.org](http://www.SportingLS.org)

### **Costs for Competitive Soccer**

- Each Competitive team is independently managed. Some coaches may have more than one team. Practice locations and times, tournament participation, team rosters, and all other team decisions are the responsibility of the individual coaches/team managers. Costs vary by team, according to the costs of team activities divided amongst the players on the roster.
- Costs for club fees, uniforms, carding fees, league fees, tournament participation, winter league or off-season training, team equipment costs, and other estimated costs will be communicated before commitment between team and player is made.
- The coach/manager of each team is responsible to register and pay for the team's events and league fees. All required individual player paperwork and fees are collected by the coach or manager of the team.
- For "ballpark" budgeting purposes, parents should estimate a minimum of \$750-\$1,000 per player per year for participation in the competitive league. This can vary greatly between teams. Older teams tend to be more expensive than younger ones. Some teams actively participate in fund raisers to reduce costs. There are many variables.

Questions: Please email any questions to [Competitive\\_Admin@sportingls.org](mailto:Competitive_Admin@sportingls.org)