



## Marshall County Dynamo FAQs

**How long do the seasons last?** The fall season will begin in late July/early August and run through late October/early November. The spring season will begin in late February/early March and run through mid-late May. During the winter, some teams play an indoor season, but this is a team decision and participation, or lack thereof, is not required.

**What practice/game schedule is typical during a season?** Most teams will practice twice a week and play games on weekdays and weekends. It is up to the team manager to schedule games with teams (Paducah, Murray, Hopkinsville, Paris, Evansville, Clarksville, etc). Most teams will compete in 2-3 tournaments each season as well.

**What does it cost to play?** Cost varies based on tournament fees, coaching fees, referee fees, etc. 1)Everyone will pay a registration fee each season (fall and spring) of \$80. 2)Players purchasing uniforms will pay an additional \$120-140 initially for 2 jerseys and one pair of shorts and socks. Teams try to make the jerseys work for as many seasons as possible. Due to growth and wear, they typically last 3-4 seasons (2 years). 3)The MCSA covers the cost of referees for 8 home games. Any home games over the 8, referee costs are split among the team members. 4)Tournament fees are also split between team members. Most tournaments cost between \$450-\$700 to enter. 5)Coaches fees are \$40/month during the 3 month season. Teams pay a coach a monthly stipend and provide a hotel and travel allotment. 6) Hotel and other expenses for overnight tournament weekends vary.

**How are teams formed?** Teams will be formed based on birth year rather than school year (although that changes next summer). Current Dynamo coaches and those selected to coach some of next fall's new Dynamo teams will meet to determine what the teams will look like in the fall. Much of this decision making will depend upon the number of players in each age group that try out. Our hope is that we will have a full team of boys and a full team of girls for U9 (2017 birth year). Older teams will also depend on the number of players in each birth year, but also involve many more players already having played multiple seasons on their current team. **Players will be notified by their coach or a member of the Dynamo committee by mid June about team formation.**

**How are team coaches and team managers determined?** Team coaches will have to attend and pass standard courses required by Kentucky Youth Soccer in order to coach any Dynamo travel team. Due to the limited number and proximity of the courses, a grace period may be granted to provide time and opportunity to obtain the required coaching license. The Dynamo board will help recruit and secure team coaches. A team manager is required of all teams. The Dynamo board will work to identify a manager for each team. The manager should work with other managers in Dynamo and other managers in other clubs to schedule games for the season; reserve fields for practice; communicate with parents about practices, games and activities; register teams for tournaments; collect money or designate someone else to collect money for coaching fees, tournament fees, and the like.

**What if we decide we want to continue to play recreational soccer?** Competitive soccer, like any travel sport, carries with it a more time and financial commitment than recreational soccer. Some parents and players may decide that they cannot commit the time or money to playing competitive soccer. **We just ask that you let us know by June 1 so we can plan accordingly when forming teams.** Likewise, players are not guaranteed equal playing time with competitive soccer. Coaches realize that all players need playing time in order to develop, but it is possible that a player, especially in a tournament setting, may not play at all in a game or games. If you have any questions after leaving tryouts, please feel free to email:

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