

Nashoba Cup and MTOC Qualifying Tournament 2026

June 20 and 21 – SBLI Fields, Progin Park, Lancaster, MA

MTOC Qualifier - Massachusetts Tournament of Champions - Division 1

Nashoba Cup Tournament - Division 2

Please note:

This is a living document that may be updated. Last update 6/16/2026. Updates will be added as the league receives further information.

NVYSL Playoffs:

All games for all genders and grade_groups from 56 to 9PG will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21 at the SBLI Fields at Progin Park, Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Grade 56 and 78 games will be played on Saturday, June 20 and Grade 910 and 9PG games will be played on Sunday, June 21.

Qualifying for Post-Season Play:

Per the Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League Policies and Procedures:

2.5.02 Rescheduling Matches

For the spring season only, all Division 1 and Division 2 make-up matches must be played no later than the Wednesday prior to the playoff matches.

Eligibility and seedings for the post-season will be based on records prior to and including Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

2.6.01(b) Tiebreakers for a Spot in Post-Season Tournament Play If two teams are tied for a spot in a Post-Season Tournament, then the winner will be determined by a one match playoff at a date and time arranged by the Grade Director. If there are more than two teams tied for a spot in the Tournament, there will be a series of matches played to determine the representative. For example, if three teams were tied, two of the teams

would play each other and the winner of that match would play the third team. The winner of that second match would be the representative.

The ORDER of play will be decided by Seeding for Post-Season Tournament Play. For example, in the case of the three-way tie, if one of the three teams had beaten the other two during the season (head-to-head), that team would play the winner of a match between the other two teams. If there was no clear-cut head-to-head winner, then the team with the greatest goal differential would play the winner of a match between the other two teams. If a tie for highest goal differential occurred, then the team with the least goals allowed would play the winner of a match between the other two teams. If a tie for least goals allowed occurred, then a coin toss would be used to decide the order.

2.6.01(c) Seeding for Post-Season Tournament Play

Teams will be seeded in a Post-Season Tournament in accordance with their season records and the tie breaker procedure for seeding, if necessary. For all post-season matches, the higher seeded team will be the Home Team. The tie breaking procedure for seeding is: 1) Winner of head-to-head competition 2) Total goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) with a maximum differential of 4 goals per match 3) Least goals allowed 4) Coin Toss Note that in the above tie breaking procedure, all matches that count in the standings will be used. In case of a Forfeit, the match score shall be 4-0.

Please see the Policies and Procedures on the NVYSL website for further information.

Format:

For Grade 5/6 and Grade 7/8: The top 4 teams in D1 will go to the MTOC Play-in Playoffs. The top 4 teams in D2 will go to the NCUP Playoffs.

For Grade 9/10 and 9PG: The top 4 teams will go to the MTOC Play-in Playoffs. The next four teams (if available) will go to the NCUP playoffs. Girls 9/10 will not have separate play in 2026 because only one team was registered.

Games: Seeds 1 vs 4 & 2 vs 3. The winners of each game will play in the Championship Match.

D1 – The winner of the Championship Match will be the D1 representative to MTOC. The runner-up will be the D2 representative to MTOC unless there is a Wild Card at D1 for that group. In that case, both finalists will play D1 at MTOC and the winner of the Consolation game will be the D2 representative. For Grade 9/PG, there will only be D1

play at MTOC. The winner of each final will represent Nashoba Valley as the B9PG and G9PG teams.

D2 – The winner of the Championship match will be the NCUP Champion for D2.

Consolation Matches – Consolation matches will be held to determine third and fourth place (optional match if both teams agree). This is optional except for brackets where NVYSL has received a Wild Card or Alternate entry, as shown on the schedule spreadsheet. An Alternate designation means that team will attend only if another team cannot make it.

Play:

Game times will consist of two 30-minute halves with two 5-minute overtime periods followed by PKs, if necessary. No Golden Goal.

MTOC:

The MTOC championships will take place the weekend of June 26th – June 28th. Each team that qualifies will play a minimum of three games over Friday and Saturday to determine who makes the semi-finals and finals on Sunday. Please prepare your teams for play on BOTH Friday and Saturday this weekend.

Nashoba Valley will be sending both girls and boys teams in the Grade 56, 78, and 910 levels in both Division 1 and 2. Grade 9PG Girls and Boys will send one team at Division 1.

Per the Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League Policies and Procedures:

2.3.04 Team Commitment Teams receiving an invitation to MTOC are expected to accept the invitation. In the event that a team does not accept the invitation, and a viable alternative cannot be identified, then the corresponding Club will be subject to any monetary penalties imposed on NVYSL.

Player Pass:

MTOC – Division 1 Teams:

Per the updated P&P, Player Passes cannot be used for MTOC teams in the

tournament. *New for 2026: High school teams (910 and 9PG) that are playing in the NCUP group on Sunday may now use Player Pass.*

Other Sunday teams are all Division 1 and are considered MTOC-eligible. They must use their Roster Freeze date roster for the tournament.

NCUP – Division 2 Teams:

NCUP – Division 2 teams may use the Player Pass, and it resets to zero for the tournament.

However, two stipulations:

- (1) A player may play for only one team in the tournament. If a G56 team from Leominster is in NCUP, then players from that team cannot play on the Leominster G78 team. Player Pass players must come from teams not in the tournament.
- (2) Players and teams using the Player Pass must notify Rosemary by Friday, June 19th by 10:00 PM (which is very generous). Those names will be made known to the site directors before midnight on Friday into Saturday.

Rosters and Credentials:

Coaches of participating teams need to be fully credentialed and have those credentials on them at registration. No credentials means the coach is watching the game from the parent sideline. Credentials must be printed and should be in a holder visible to the referee and registration personnel. The credential must be for the 2025-2026 soccer year.

Coaches should have four copies of their current roster with them. When the team registers, a copy of that roster will be cross-checked against the current roster on file with the league.

MTOC – Division 1 rosters should be dated on or prior to May 15, 2026 which was the roster freeze date.

MTOC – Division 1 rosters will also be checked for issues that will need to be corrected if the teams should clear to MTOC the following weekend.

For Coaches and Parents:**Parking:**

All Nashoba Valley teams will be parking in the lower back field lots. We are hoping golf carts will be available to transport people having difficulty walking.

Please do not park in the upper lots. The parking here is for the front fields which will be used by Middlesex.

Please do not park in lots reserved for referees and volunteers

Please follow the instructions provided by the parking attendants.

Please instruct your teams to arrive at the site an hour before the first game, that will give them enough time to park, get to the field, register, and have the team checked in.

Sideline Tents:

No pop-up tents or shelters are allowed on the spectator side of the field.

Teams may set up one shelter on the team side of the field. This single tent should be tied down or weighted securely.

This is the policy of MA Youth Soccer.

Those not in compliance may be asked to leave the facility.

Food Availability:**Very Important so take note:**

A food truck will be set up in the back fields on both tournament days.

Shirt Vendor:

There will be a vendor on site selling shirts commemorating the NCUP Tournament.

There is no price list available at this time.

It is possible that these sales will be Cash Only.

Shirts will be available with the Nashoba Valley logo.

The vendor will be set up in the back fields.

Medals and Trophy Presentation:

Champion medals will go to the winners of the final. Finalist medals to the non-winners. Therefore, both teams in the finals need to come to the registration area at the end of their final. We will present medals and trophies and there will be the opportunity for photos.

Trophies are given to the winners of all MTOC and NCUP final games. These are one-year only trophies and must be returned for the next year's tournament.

Photo Opportunities / Banner:

A banner will be in place near the registration area. The banner can be used for team photos and other photo opportunities during the tournament. All of our clubs are recognized on the banner.

Volunteers:

We need help the day of the tournament. We are hoping that every club provides us with at least one volunteer to help on either Saturday or Sunday – morning or afternoon. We are in need of Field Marshals to monitor spectator behavior. We also need "Runners" (or fast walkers) to get scores and game cards to the registration area. We will have shirts available which identify you as being "Official".