



# KICKSTART

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**KICKSTART IS UNITED FC'S ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM TO TRAVEL SOCCER FOR 6, 7 AND 8 YEAR OLD PLAYERS.**

### **WHAT IS UNITED FC'S KICKSTART PROGRAM?**

U7 and U8 players tryout for the KickStart program during the United FC official tryout period (in June). These teams are assigned a professional coach and then registered in the Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) to compete against teams from other communities. Players interested in the KickStart program should preregister for tryouts on our website at [www.unitedfc-soccer.com](http://www.unitedfc-soccer.com).

### **WHAT DO I GET FOR A FULL YEAR (U8) UNITED FC CONTRACT?**

With the full year KickStart program, your player will participate in our Fall Pre-Season Club week-long day Camp, fall and spring 1x per week 1.5 hour practices, fall and spring games (number of games determined by League), fall and spring Goal Keeper Training, fall and spring Speed & Agility Training, and Technical Training, games for the first and second indoor sessions.

### **WHAT DO I GET FOR A HALF YEAR (U7) KICKSTART UNITED FC CONTRACT?**

With the half year KickStart program, your player will participate in our Fall Pre-Season Club week-long day Camp, fall or spring 1x per week 1.5 hour practices, fall or spring games (number of games determined by League), games for one indoor session. There will be a registration night in December for players who would like to continue through to spring.

### **WILL I NEED TO PURCHASE A UNIFORM?**

Yes, all KickStart players will need to purchase a uniform from Bloomfield Sports located on the corner of West Maple and Laser.

### **WHEN DO KICKSTART TEAMS PRACTICE?**

KickStart teams practice one night per week in the fall and spring outdoor seasons. The actual day is determined after tryouts.

### **IS THERE KICKSTART PRACTICE FOR THE INDOOR SESSIONS?**

In order to keep your time commitment and your costs down, we have not included indoor practices in the price of the program, however we do offer an optional KickStart Technical Training program at an additional charge. See our website for more information and to register.

### **WHEN DO KICKSTART TEAMS PLAY GAMES?**

Outdoor games are played September-October each fall and April-May each spring (on weekends); indoor session 1 games are November-January and indoor session 2 games are February-April (game day-of-the-week is determined by the indoor facility).

### **WHERE WILL KICKSTART TEAMS PLAY INDOOR GAMES?**

Not all of the indoor facilities where United FC teams play may offer U7/U8 divisions. Indoor League play is decided by the coach based on location, competition level and availability. The goal of the KickStart program is always for the players to have a positive learning experience. Total Soccer - Royal Oak is the facility where the majority of our KickStart teams play.

### **WHAT IS 'U8 GOLD' AND WHY ISN'T EVERY TEAM U8 GOLD?**

A team is designated "Gold" due to the fact that that team is a full year team. A player offered to play U8 Gold usually has had previous experience with travel soccer and/or a family with an older sibling that understands the financial and time commitment. Gold teams' fees are also higher; a regular KickStart team has a reduced price. If during the course of the fall season, an entire KickStart team wishes to switch to Gold for the second half of the year (January-June) and is willing to incur additional financial responsibilities and training nights, this can possibly be arranged through the KickStart directors. A KickStart team would need to express that wish during November for consideration.

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER KICKSTART? WHAT IS TRAVEL SOCCER?**

Signing for a travel team is a year commitment to one team who plays in a League with other community teams such as: Rochester, Clawson, Berkley, Royal Oak, etc.

### **IS UNITED FC PLAYING 4V4 OR 7V7?**

United is playing 7v7 for U7 and U8 teams. United will only offer 4v4 for U6 teams.

**For additional KickStart program information please contact our directors.**

**Boys' teams—contact John Bache at 248-765-9644**

**Girls' teams—contact Ian Fairbrother at (248) 789-0738**