

GOODLETTSVILLE SOCCER

Middle Tennessee Futbol Club / Moss Wright Park Spring 2012 Recreational Soccer Registration

\$105.00 per player
(\$95 for SoccerRoos)

Registration Deadline: February 26, 2012

Live registration: Saturday February 25 at Moss-Wright Park from 9am-1pm.

Any forms received after Feb 26, will be placed on a waiting list and placement on a team is not guaranteed. A \$10.00 late fee will be applied for registration forms received and accepted after February 26, 2012.

Register online:

www.MTFCsoccer.com

Or mail a check or money order with this form to:
MTFC Recreational Soccer League, Attn: Registrar
P.O. Box 482, Goodlettsville, TN 37070

Please Print

Boy Girl Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): ___/___/___ Age on July 31, 2011: ___ Height: ___ Weight: ___ # Seasons Played: ___ Where?: _____

Player's last name: _____ First name: _____

M.I.: _____ Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____ Medical Conditions/Allergies: _____

Parent/Guardian's Last name: _____ First name: _____ Work phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Emergency contact and phone numbers (list one): _____

Uniforms Shirt, shorts and socks are included. (Please make sure the size you select below is current and correct. There will be a \$20 fee for exchanging a uniform after it has been distributed.) Each child must provide shoes and shin-guards. **Player's Uniform Size** (circle one on each line):

SHORTS:	YXS	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL
SHIRT:	YXS	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL

Special Requests are not guaranteed but may be honored subject to players' skill level and the date registration was received and processed by the registrar. **New teams are formed each season** in an attempt to keep all teams as competitive as possible. **My Special Request is:**

Our organization is successful due to our parent volunteers. We need your help to continue this success.
I WANT TO VOLUNTEER BY BEING A: Coach Asst. Coach Team Mom Club Volunteer
Would any member of your family be interested in becoming a USSF Certified Referee? Yes No

Parental or Guardian Authorization

I/we, parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above listed candidate for a position in the MTFC Recreational Soccer League, hereby give approval to his/her participation in any and all league activities during the current season. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including, without limitation, transportation to and from all activities, and do hereby knowingly waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the City of Goodlettsville, the Middle Tennessee Futbol Club (MTFC), and the league organizers, sponsors, supervisors, officials, commissioners, coaches, assistant coaches, participants and persons providing transportation to and from league activities, for any claim or liability arising out of or related to any damages or injury to the candidate. I also grant permission to the league officials, coaches or other representatives to authorize and obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital, medical clinic or other similar facility should the candidate become ill or injured while participating in, or during transportation to or from, league activities, or at such other times when no parent or guardian is available to grant authorization for such treatment.

I have read and agree to adhere to the MTFC Parents' Code of Conduct.

Signature: _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

For League Use Only: Cash Check Amount: \$ _____ Date: _____ Check number: _____ MTFCsoccer.com

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

MIDDLE TENNESSEE FUTBOL CLUB / MOSS WRIGHT PARK

I will not criticize referees.

A number of our referees are young and learning how to officiate much as your children are learning to play. Please voice any issues or comments to the Head Referee on duty at the field. **Don't say anything to a referee that you would not want a stranger saying to your child.**

I will not "sideline coach".

It is very difficult to teach children the game, foster a competitive spirit *and* deal with unruly or demanding parents. Please try to be a cooperative, helpful parent that supports the coach and the team. Also, please refrain from being a "sideline coach." Do not sit behind goals, on the player's side of the field or pace the sidelines shouting instructions. **If you need to coach, we need volunteers to coach each season!**

I will encourage my player *and* the rest of the players on the team.

Let's pump up all the players so they'll have the time of their life out there. Keep comments positive and the results will be, too!

I will emphasize to my child that soccer is a team sport.

One play or player does not win or lose the game. Winning is team work.

I will address any problems quietly and only with my team coach.

Arguing or questioning the coach in public is detrimental to getting a successful resolution and sets a bad example for the players.

I will emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students.

I will set a good example of sportsmanship for the children.

Yelling at players on the field, coaches or referees shows great disrespect for soccer and sets a poor standard of sportsmanship. It is the coach's job alone to discuss any problems occurring before, during or after the game with the proper authorities.

I will make an effort to be on time to *all* games and team practices.

A commitment to the team is important. Plus plenty of time should be allowed on game days for proper warm-ups to help avoid dangerous injuries. If you can't make it, please try to make alternate arrangements for getting your player to the game.

I am aware that my coach is also my leader.

Per the league rules, it is your coach's responsibility (and the referees') to monitor both the players' and parents' conduct. Anyone who becomes a nuisance, out of control or aggressive may be asked to leave the game/field area.

I will always refrain from using abusive or profane language.

Abusive or profane language simply will not be tolerated on the soccer grounds or towards any person in attendance, whether an opponent, teammate or family member.

MTFC Spring 2012 Calendar

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| 1/1 Online Registration Available at MTFCSoccer.com , 24 hours a day | 3/12 Practices Begin at Moss-Wright Park |
| 2/25 Registration at Moss-Wright Park Soccer Complex, 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. | 3/31 Games Begin at Moss-Wright Park |
| 2/26 Online Late Registration at MTFCSoccer.com Ends at Midnight | 5/21-26 Tournament for U8 – U18 |



TUSC Summer Soccer Camps

Directed by...

Andy Poklad, a native of England, was the previous head coach of the Nashville Metros pro team, coached at Vanderbilt, Western KY University and has coached numerous school and select teams. He is currently Director of Coaching for the Tennessee United Soccer Club and holds the prestigious United States Soccer Federation National "A" License.

Visit MTFCSoccer.com in July for specific times.

Become a Referee

(Adults: Check out the special offer below!)

It's easier than you think to become a referee. Just take an 8-hour course, make a 75 on the test, and you'll be an official USSF Recreational Referee.

Not only is refereeing a great way to work outdoors and get some exercise, it's also a wonderful opportunity for players to stay involved in the game or parents to share the sport with their child.

E-mail SSpeer@aol.com or call 428-2077 to reserve a spot in an upcoming course.

Special offer for adults (16 and over):

We pay for the course, materials, uniform, *everything – a package worth \$125!* All you have to do is pass the course and work just a dozen games to pay us back. *That's it!* After the first 12 games, you start getting paid.

Help make MTFC an even better place for kids to play soccer!



MTFC Frequently Asked Questions

What is MTFC—Goodlettsville?

MTFC, which stands for Middle Tennessee Futbol Club, is a youth soccer program headquartered at Moss-Wright Park in Goodlettsville, TN. The league is a non-profit operation that is organized, managed and coached by volunteers that dedicate their own countless hours and dollars to making MTFC the best program available anywhere for our children.

What is the focus and philosophy of MTFC?

MTFC is focused on the development of children, ages three and older, including their athletic, sportsmanship, teamwork and coordination skills; having fun while learning the game of soccer in a safe and encouraging environment.

What is MTFC's format?

MTFC has implemented a small-sided game format, which is now being embraced by the more advanced and progressive programs in the U.S. MTFC has been praised by leading youth soccer authorities for its approach to the youth game. MTFC plays as few as 3 vs. 3 in the youngest age group, gradually increasing the number as the players' age increases. Such a format allows the children on the field to have more touches on the ball, more involvement with the game and more chances for success than larger size team formats would allow. It has been proven that such an approach helps to retain the interest of the children while developing their soccer skills to a more advanced level.

What age group is my child in?

<u>Born between</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
8/1/93 — 7/31/94	Under 18
8/1/94 — 7/31/95	Under 17
8/1/95 — 7/31/96	Under 16
8/1/96 — 7/31/97	Under 15
8/1/97 — 7/31/98	Under 14
8/1/98 — 7/31/99	Under 13
8/1/99 — 7/31/00	Under 12
8/1/00 — 7/31/01	Under 11
8/1/01 — 7/31/02	Under 10
8/1/02 — 7/31/03	Under 9
8/1/03 — 7/31/04	Under 8
8/1/04 — 7/31/05	Under 7
8/1/05 — 7/31/06	Under 6
8/1/06 — 7/31/07	Under 5
Three years old	SoccerRoos

Age groups are combined, usually in two-year increments, depending on the number of players registered.

When will we find out which team my child's on?

The league will be contacting parents about coaching needs upon completion of signups, then assign players to teams at a coaches' meeting about three weeks before the first games. Coaches are encouraged to contact their players as soon as possible after that.

Will my child get ample playing time?

We require that children play a minimum of half of each game. In older age groups, no player is allowed to play four quarters of a game unless all other players had an opportunity to play three quarters. The only exception is when behavior problems or poor sportsmanship has occurred. Under these circumstances, the referees and coaches of the other team are to be notified at that time.

Will I get my "Special Request"?

We sincerely try to honor all special requests (and spend countless hours doing so), **but every request simply can't be honored** because we must place more importance on trying to ensure a good soccer experience for all the players. One team winning all its games by wide margins does not challenge that team's players and discourages players of the other teams. We attempt to balance our teams through coaches' player ratings so all teams can be competitive. We wish we could honor every special request, but unfortunately we can't.

Where will games and practices be held?

All games and practices will be held at Goodlettsville's beautiful Moss Wright Park.

How often and how long will practices be held?

No more than two practices per week will be held. Practices typically last no longer than one hour. Once the season starts, some teams (especially in younger age groups) may practice only once per week.

Will practices and games be played on Wednesday or Sunday?

No. The Board of Directors feel strongly these days should be dedicated elsewhere with your family.

What about rainouts?

Soccer, like football, is played in light rain. If rain is strong enough that field damage is likely, the Goodlettsville Parks Department may close the fields. Field closure information can be found at www.MTFCsoccer.com or follow us at www.twitter.com/MTFCsoccer.

What do we bring to practices and games?

Your child should bring a soccer ball, shin guards and water to every practice and game. Without a ball your child will not be able to fully participate in practice. For insurance and safety reasons, under no circumstance can a child participate in either games or practices without shin guards on, fully covered by socks. Soccer cleats (not baseball/football cleats which have a cleat at the toe) are encouraged but not required.

Where can I purchase soccer balls, cleats and shin guards?

MTFC has a great relationship with Academy Sports in Rivergate and Hendersonville Sporting Goods. Each typically provides a soccer kit with everything you need. Let them know what league you represent and they'll be glad to help!

What size soccer ball does my child need?

Under 8 age group or younger	Size 3
Under 10 through Under 12	Size 4
Under 13 age group or older	Size 5

What does the registration fee cover?

Your fee is all-inclusive. Your child will receive shorts, socks and a jersey with a number. Your fee also covers individual awards, referee costs, registration fees with the state association and insurance costs and field maintenance. In addition, when soccer clinics are offered with a professional trainer at specified times during the season, your child is allowed to attend at no charge.

What if I can't afford to pay?

MTFC does offer a limited number of scholarships each season. These scholarships are not designed to cover the full cost of the season, but to make participation more affordable for those who are struggling financially. For a confidential discussion or more information, please e-mail the Board President or the Director of Recreational Play.

What if I want a refund?

The league will give a 100% refund prior to the Division Directors' meeting. Refunds requested after the Division Directors' meeting but prior to the first scheduled game will incur a \$25 cancellation fee. Refunds will not be given, regardless of the reason, once the game schedule has begun. (Expenses such as uniforms, registration fees and insurance must be paid by the club at the start of the season; therefore the majority of the registered child's expenses have already been incurred by the time practices start.)

What must I do to coach or volunteer?

All you have to do is commit to encouraging and loving the children of our league. It isn't necessary to have played the game, given most of our great coaches today never played the game of soccer. We'll help you with the rules, practice drills, etc., by providing coaching training prior to the start of the season. Soccer has fewer rules than any other team sport played in the U.S., which is one of the reasons it has become the number one played sport by youth in the U.S and the rest of the world.

WE NEED YOU AS A COACH OR VOLUNTEER!

What is select/travel soccer?

Select/travel soccer is for those children ages eight and older who are ready for the next level of competition or who may want a bigger challenge. MTFC has a close relationship with Tennessee United which also practices and plays games at Moss-Wright.

Select team parents make up a large portion of our volunteer force at MTFC and host tournaments each year for teams from all over the U.S. as a form of fundraising. The tournaments are a great boost to the local economy.

Tryouts for select teams are held in May of each year for the next soccer year which begins in August and ends in May. Please contact Director of Coaching Andy Poklad at 306-7314 for more information regarding Tennessee United Soccer Club.