



Frequently Asked Questions

What makes Indy Eleven Spirit the best choice for my child's development?

Indy Eleven Spirit provides a cohesive, cooperative environment where players can develop and reach their goals on and off the field. Our dedicated, professional staff includes Directors of Coaching and Soccer Operations, goalkeeper coaches, professional administrative staff and professionally licensed coaches.

- For the elite level players, Indy Eleven Spirit is the only club in our area with an affiliate high level pathway in Indiana, a regionally based National League membership for U13-U19 boys and a regionally based ECNL program for U13-U19 girls.
- For competitive and developing players, Indy Eleven Spirit offers state, regional and local competition to facilitate the various youth development programs offered.
- Indy Eleven Spirit's unique partnership with Indy Eleven Academy (Indianapolis) and Indy Eleven USL team provides direct access to the professional game for our players and direct curriculum, player development, and coaching development support for the club.

When should the player arrive for the scheduled tryout?

- Arrive at the Price Park fields 30 minutes prior to the start time for their age group. Times for each age group and a chart showing the 2026-2027 Soccer Age groups are posted on the club website.
- Players will be required to have their photo taken and be given a numbered tryout t-shirt to wear and need to plan accordingly to have enough time to complete the check in process.

What is the required equipment for tryouts?

- All players will be provided a tryout t-shirt and number at check in.
- Wear shorts, cleats and shin guards.
- Bring PLENTY of water.
- Players should NOT wear ANY outside club or high school apparel during the tryout session.

What are the options for joining/trying out for Indy Eleven Spirit teams?

- Premier Travel Teams: U13-U19 (
- ECNL Regional League: U13-U19 Girls, only.
- Select White & Grey Travel teams: U11-U19

Non-Tryout:

- Youth/Academy Teams: U7-U10. Open registration through early August.
- Sparks Juniors: Ages 3-6 years. Open registration through early September.

How are roster spots offered for Indy Eleven Spirit U11-U19 teams?

Following tryouts, U13-U19 players receive an email to ACCEPT/DECLINE their invite and pay the commitment fee online to join the team or an email letting them know we are unable to offer a roster spot to the player.

All U11/12 players will receive an email to ACCEPT/DECLINE a roster spot. If numbers allow for more than one team, there will be an evaluation period at the start of the Fall season (August) and teams will then be assigned.

If a player has any issue that will prevent them from being able to pay the commitment fee, the club must be notified in advance. Please contact kcbesc@gmail.com

What if weather cancels a tryout session? An alternative plan and schedule will be sent and posted as soon as possible. We may move indoors at CMTC Soccer Center with a fully new time schedule and/or move the sessions to Tuesday, June 9 @ Price Park.

Can my son or daughter try out to “play up”?

Players must register for their age-appropriate scheduled tryout. The club’s DOC’s and coaching staff will determine placement for any player. The DOC’s in cooperation with coaches will be the ones to determine during the tryout and/or during the year to place any players permanently on a team above their current registered age group. This decision will not be made by the player’s coach without consent of the DOC’s. You may contact the player’s coach, DOC’s or notify our administration ahead of tryouts if you would like to make the request for your child to “play up”. It is also important that you include this request when prompted while registering your player for tryouts.

What does it mean to be a “Trapped 8th Grader” and what age group does a trapped player attend for tryouts?

There are some situations where a player is a U15 by age; but will be in the 8th grade during the fall of 2026 and therefore not involved on a high school team. Players in this situation will try out in their true U15 age group. After the final tryout day, players will be notified of placement within a U15 team; the club (depending on the number of trapped players) may offer a fall-only training and friendly match program for trapped players, or we may offer trapped players to train with U14 teams for Fall. This determination will not be made until after tryouts and the number of trapped players is determined.

What is the IHSAA 7 player rule? Does it apply to any U15-U18 player?

The IHSAA 7 player High School rule will apply to ALL High School players. Using the upcoming Fall 2026 HS season team roster as a basis, no more than 7 players from the same HS team may roster/play together on the same Club team for Spring 2026. Note that incoming freshman intending to play on the HS team in Fall 2026 are counted, but Seniors that play on the HS team in the Fall 2026 are not counted since their HS eligibility will have concluded by Spring 2026. Failure to comply will compromise the HS rule and may result in the player losing his or her roster position. If a player will NOT be playing for his/her high school, that player does NOT count against that school’s 7 players. **This is an IHSAA rule that we must follow--this is NOT a rule set at the club level or by USYS or US CLUB SOCCER FEDERATIONS>**

How are teams formed and players selected?

The evaluation staff for an age group will consist of the age group head coaches and additional coaches from other age groups. Additionally, input from the 2025/2026 age group staff will be shared with the incoming 2026/2027 coaching staff. The tryout process will be supervised and governed by the Director of Coaching, using the evaluation data from the age group tryout; the team’s head coach will determine the rosters for each team. Roster sizes are based on the guidelines set for teams by soccer governing bodies such as USYS and US Club Soccer. Indy Eleven Spirit will finalize all rosters following the conclusion of the scheduled age group tryout for U13-U19 teams. **Final roster decisions will not be open for debate.**

Does a player remain on the same team for the whole year?

Indy Eleven Spirit uses the club player pass system to allow for player movement throughout the year, as deemed necessary & developmentally appropriate for each player. Players who show above-average development and commitment may be asked to train or participate in games with teams at a higher-tier or age level at various times throughout the year. This maximizes the experience for players who are committed to development by rewarding them with additional opportunities and challenges. Likewise, if a player is in an over-challenging environment, recuperating from illness or injury or not earning a lot of playing time with their primary roster team, that player may be given the opportunity to train or participate in games with teams at a lower-tier to gain experience, playing-time and confidence in play. All roster movement decisions are to be made by the coaching staff.

What is the notification process after tryouts?

Players will be notified by email regarding selection and team placement. Please ensure that the information provided during the online tryout registration process includes correct contact information for your player. Indy Eleven Spirit will not guarantee a player a roster spot beyond the first contact making the original offer. **Players who are invited to join a team with Indy Eleven Spirit are expected to respond to the email notification which will be sent to the provided email addresses and if they choose to ACCEPT, must pay the commitment fee online to hold their spot on the team.** All registrations are expected to be completed online. All players are expected to pay the required commitment fee even if they plan to apply for a need-based scholarship for club fees. If a player has any issue that will prevent them from being able to accept and pay the commitment fee outlined in the acceptance email, the club must be notified in advance. Please contact kcbesc@gmail.com

What if my child cannot attend tryouts?

Indy Eleven Spirit will not automatically grant an exemption to a player who is unable to attend and participate in the tryout session for their age group. An exception may be made for a player who cannot participate due to an injury or other emergency as approved by the Coaching Director. Other exemptions may include players currently rostered to Indy Eleven Spirit teams during the 2025-2026 year if other unavoidable commitments do not allow them to attend, in which case the club needs to be notified. To request approval and/or inquire about alternate evaluation opportunities, please contact: kcbesc@gmail.com or durandxengineer@gmail.com

Who should I contact if I have questions regarding payments and scholarship applications?

The 2026-2027 scholarship application will be made available on the website: www.indyelevenspirit.org. Scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated financial need only and may be applied to club fees only. The deadline for scholarship applications to be received will be July 20, 2027. Scholarship award notifications will be made on or about August 1st, 2026. Your child will need to register and participate in tryouts June 8th. You will need to pay the \$250 commitment fee regardless of scholarship amount. If your child is offered a spot on a team and you will be applying for a scholarship, but you are unable to pay the commitment fee at that time, you must contact kcbesc@gmail.com. If your child is not awarded a scholarship and you feel your family cannot afford the fees, we will release your child from the club obligation. There is no way we can predetermine if your child will receive a scholarship. We do have scholarship money budgeted, and we anticipate we will be able to fulfill partial scholarships for the majority of requests. Please note, we are unable to provide FULL scholarships to cover club fees. Additionally, all scholarships awarded will include a REQUIRED number of volunteer hours based on the amount of scholarship provided in addition to the 4 hours required at the team level. If you have questions regarding the scholarship application or process, please email kcbesc@gmail.com

What happens after we accept our roster spot?

You will receive communications in the weeks following tryouts regarding uniform ordering, summer class opportunities, etc. Team meetings for the 2026/27 season will be held at a later date after tryouts and each player is expected to have at least 1 parent/guardian attend.

IMPORTANT Paperwork Information:

All required paperwork will need to be uploaded and/or filled out electronically to our new platform called Playmetrics. This will include the following: .

- USYS Medical Release (electronic)
- US Club Waiver (electronic)
- Copy of medical insurance card (upload)
- 2026/2027 Player Agreement (electronic)
- 2026/2027 Commitment Statement (electronic)
- Birth Certificate (upload)
- Out of State Release- **Kentucky Residents ONLY**- this form is required by the KY Youth Soccer Association to allow a player to be carded to a club in another state.

***Sparks U6/7 and Academy U8, U9 & U10 will receive information by email as the Fall season approaches on how/when/where to submit paperwork and will also be provided with the upcoming season information in detail.**



The **INDY ELEVEN SPIRIT** U6-U12 Experience Players born August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2021

What is the seasonal playing calendar and travel for 6U-12U players?

- **Training**

U6-U10 Training will begin for all teams in August/early September. Over 6-8 weeks of August-October and March-May, U6-U10 players will train &/or play two-three times weekly. From mid Jan-February, the players will be offered a winter training futsal program through CMTC Soccer Center. Indy Eleven Spirit will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may be made available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided by email communications and posted to the website.

U11-U12. Required training will begin for all teams mid August. During the months of August-October and March-June, players will train two-three times weekly. From mid Jan-February, the players will train once during the week at CMTC Soccer Center as part of the club winter skills program. Indy Eleven Spirit will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may be made available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided through email and or Team Snap communications.

- **Leagues & Tournaments**

U6-U10 teams will typically play 6+ games in the Fall and 6+ games in the Spring. Some U8-U10 teams will typically play in our club hosted tournament in the Fall and 1-2 tournament in the Spring at an additional per player cost. Additional tournament play will be dependent on player/team development.

U11-U12 teams will play in local, state and regional-based leagues. Teams may play 6-8 league games in the Fall (August-October) and 6-8 league games in the Spring (April-June). Or teams may play friendlies only in the fall and league in the spring. They will play in our club hosted Fall tournament during the fall. Additional tournaments over the year (2-3) may include both local and regional events. A schedule of leagues and tournaments may be discussed at the informational team meeting following tryouts, but an exact schedule will not be available until released by by USYS, US Club or Indiana Soccer Association at the start of the fall season.

Do teams in these age groups train together or separately at Indy Eleven Spirit?

Indy Eleven Spirit strives to offer challenging, developmentally appropriate training environments for all players at every level. For the U6-U10 age groups, teams may train together as an age group with additional individual team training, scrimmages and cross-training scheduled as determined by the coaching staff.

Can my child balance school, Indy Eleven Spirit soccer and other sports and activities?

This is a question to be decided by each player and family. At U6-U12, the club realizes that kids are exploring multiple sports and activities. Some families and players are able and choose to balance multiple commitments. If a commitment is made to Indy Eleven Spirit, your child will be asked to make soccer their primary focus after their school commitment. Sometimes players may request alternate training nights to accommodate other activities or sports; these requests are typically decided on an individual player basis, are dependent on availability and are at the discretion of the coaching staff.

What is the cost for U6-U10 Youth?

Tuition for the U6-U10 player will be registered for in full or may be paid by season (Fall/Spring) The fees include all general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including field rental, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indy Eleven Spirit through online registration.

Tuition for the 6U-7U player that registers by season will be \$125 for Fall, \$125 for winter and \$125 for Spring.

Tuition for the 8U, 9U, 10U player will be **\$560** (total) for the Fall & Spring season.

** Winter skills class information will be offered, and registration will be an additional cost.

In addition to club fees U8-U10 teams will need to purchase the uniform jersey or kit. Players will wear the uniform for all practices and games.

U6/7 Players will receive a jersey/shirt and may purchase their own navy shorts and socks to wear for all practices and games.

What is the cost for U11/U12 Youth?

Club fees (only) for the 11U & 12U player for the 2026-2027 year will be **\$830.00**. Club fees include fall, winter and spring training programs and all general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including most field rental, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indy Eleven Spirit through online registration. See the complete fee structure on our website at www.indyelevenspirit.org

In addition to club fees, U11 & U12 teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league applications, referee fees, tournament entry fees, reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses and other miscellaneous fees. These fees will vary by team but usually range from \$250 - 350 in the fall and \$250-350 in the spring.

Because Indy Eleven Spirit is a 501 c 3 not-for-profit organization, our budget is based on our player registration at tryouts. There are no refunds for club or team fees for any reason other than season ending injuries or family relocation.

How much are uniforms and where do we order?

Our club is an Indy Eleven Academy affiliate club and wears Adidas uniforms you will order from Eurosport/Soccer.com, shipped directly to your door. We are required to follow the two-year uniform cycle. **The 2026-2027 playing season will be YEAR 1 of a NEW two-year uniform cycle.**

**For the U8-U10 age group, the basic uniform kit includes a numbered shirt, shorts and socks. All other items are optional. This kit is slated to cost about \$135- \$150.

**For the U11 & U12 age group, there will be a basic kit (game jerseys, shorts, socks), with a training kit (jersey, shorts, socks, jacket). All other items, including warm-up pants, additional socks and training shirts, ball bag, and cold-weather, inner and outer wear, is optional. The kit is slated to cost about \$300-\$350. This kit will be available to order in late June/early July 2026 through the club's website uniform ordering page.



The **INDY ELEVEN SPIRIT** U13 & U14 Experience Players born August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2014

What is the seasonal playing calendar and travel for U13-U14 players?

- **Training**

Premier Red travel teams: Required training will begin for all teams early-mid August. During the months of August-early November and March-early June, U13/U14 players will be required to train two times weekly. Mid Jan- February there will be a 6 week, 2x per week technical skills class offered at CMTC. Indy Eleven Spirit will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings will be included and made available at various times throughout the year, including a full winter training program (January-March). Exact training times will be provided to teams as the season approaches.

Select White travel teams: Required training will begin for all teams early-mid August. During the months of August-early November and March-early June, U13/U14 players will be required to train two times weekly. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week, 1x per week foot skills program included in club fees. Indy Eleven Spirit will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may be available at additional cost at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided to teams as the season approaches.

- **Leagues & Tournaments**

U13-U14 Premier and Select teams will play in state or regional-based leagues and will generally play in a 1-4 hour drive radius from Evansville. All teams will typically play 8-10 league games in the fall (August-October) and 8-10 league games in the spring (April-June). They will also play in the Indy Eleven Spirit tournaments as directed and 2-3 additional tournaments during the year. Tournaments may include both local and regional events. Teams may play in Regional tournament competition (per qualification) or apply for State Cup (top-tier for U13-U14), Presidents Cup (second tier for U13-U14) or Challenge Cup (third-tier for U13-U14) based on ability and recommendation by the coaching staff and as long as the team had participated in the ISL during the 2026-2027 season. A schedule of leagues and tournaments will be discussed at the informational meeting with the coach, but an exact schedule will not be available until released by the leagues.

Do teams in these age groups train together or separately?

Indy Eleven South strives to offer challenging, developmentally appropriate training environments for all players at every level. For the U13-U14 age groups, teams train independently with scrimmages and cross-training scheduled as determined by the coaching staff and availability.

Can my child balance school, Indy Eleven Spirit soccer and other sports and activities?

This is a question to be decided by each player and family. Some families and players are able and choose to balance multiple commitments. For the U13-U14 age groups, especially at the Premier level, the primary commitment of soccer is strongly encouraged. If a commitment is made to Indy Eleven Spirit, your child will be asked to make soccer their primary focus after their academic school commitment during the league season. Winter training is highly recommended for the benefit of the player and his/her team.

What is the cost for U13-U14?

Tuition for the U13-U14 player for the 2026-2027 year will be **\$895 for Select and \$1200 for Premier**. At all levels, club fees include fall and spring required training programs, functional and goalkeeping sessions and all of the general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including field usage at Goebel, Price Park and CMTC, maintenance and upkeep, winter skills training, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to Indy Eleven Spirit through online player registration. See the complete fee structure on our website at www.indyelevenspirit.org

In addition to Club Fees, U13-U14 teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league application, referee fees, tournament and cup entry fees, miscellaneous team expenses and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses. These fees will vary by team and usually range about \$300 - \$400 in the fall and \$300 - \$400 in the spring.

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How much are uniforms and where do we order?

Indy Eleven Spirit is an Indy Eleven Academy affiliate club and wears Adidas uniforms ordered through Eurosport/Soccer.com and shipped directly to your door. We are required to follow the two-year uniform cycle. **The 2026-2027 season will be year 1 of a NEW two-year uniform cycle.**

The U13-U14 age group will use a required kit. This includes home and away jerseys, shorts and socks and a training jersey, shorts and socks. It also includes a warmup jacket. Items such as additional socks and training shirts, ball bag, and cold-weather inner and outerwear are available through soccer.com. The cost of the full kit is approx. \$300-350. This will be available to order in late June/early July 2026 through information provided by the club and/or through the club's website uniform ordering page.



The **INDY ELEVEN SPIRIT** U15U-U19 Experience

Players born August 1, 2007 – July 31, 2012

What is the seasonal playing calendar and travel for U15-U19 players?

- **Training**

Premier Red U15-U19 travel teams: After the June tryouts most players will begin training with their respective high school programs. Required training will begin for all Premier teams at the conclusion of high school play. From late October -June, players will train 2x times weekly in team training or winter training programs at CMTC Soccer Center, EVSC Soccer Complex, Goebel Soccer Complex or Price Park. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week, 2x per week team and technical skills program included in the fees. Indy Eleven Spirit will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Specified optional functional trainings may be included and made available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided to teams and coaches as the season approaches.

Select White U15-U19 travel teams: After the June tryouts most players will begin training with their respective high school programs. Required training will begin for all Select teams at the conclusion of high school play. From late October-June, players will typically train 2-3x times weekly. Mid Jan-February there will be a 6 week, 1x weekly foot skills program included in the fees. Indy Eleven Spirit will not be responsible for loss of training time due to weather issues. Optional functional trainings may become available at various times throughout the year. Exact training times will be provided to teams and coaches as the season approaches.

- **Leagues & Tournaments**

U15-U19 teams may play in state and/or regional-based leagues. Teams will play 8-10 league games Nov-June. They will also typically play in the Veterans Invitational Tournament hosted by our club in November, 1-2 college showcase events, and/or 1 state or regional cup event (with qualification). Teams will apply for State Cup (top-tier for U15-U19) Presidents Cup (second tier for U15-U19) Challenge Cup (third tier) based on ability and recommendation by the coaching staff. National League teams may play in regional play offs upon qualification. A schedule of leagues and tournaments will be discussed at the team meeting, but an exact schedule will not be available until league play is finalized.

Do teams in these age groups train together or separately?

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Can my child balance school, Indy Eleven Spirit soccer and other sports and activities?

This is a question to be decided by each player and family. Some families and players are able and choose to balance multiple commitments. However, for the U15-U19 age groups, especially at the Premier levels, the primary commitment of soccer is required. If a commitment is made to the club, your child will be asked to make soccer their primary focus after their school commitment. Winter training is highly recommended for the benefit of the player and his/her team.

What is the cost for U15-U19?

Tuition for the U15-U19 player for the 2026-2027 year will be **\$895 for Select or \$1200 for Premier**. At all levels, club fees include late fall and spring required training programs, functional and goalkeeping sessions and all general overhead costs of operating a soccer club including field usage, maintenance and upkeep, coaching and support staff, utilities, insurance, and office operations. These fees are paid directly to the club through the online player registration. See the complete fee structure on our website at

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In addition to Club Fees, U15-U19 Select & Premier teams will have a team budget and collect team fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of league application, referee fees, tournament and cup entry fees, miscellaneous team expenses and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses to game. These fees will vary by team and usually range between \$300-700.

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The U15-U19 age groups will use the required kit. This includes home and away jerseys, shorts and socks and training jersey, shorts and socks. It will also include a warm-up jacket. Additional items such as including warm up pants, additional socks and training shirts, ball bag, and cold-weather inner and outerwear are available through soccer.com. The cost of the full kit is approx \$300-350. This will be available to order late summer/early Fall through club email communications and the club's website uniform ordering page.



ECNL 2026-2027

Indy Eleven Spirit ECNL teams compete in the Regional League of the prestigious Elite Clubs National League. We will compete in the Mid America regional conference with 7 other clubs from Indiana, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Participation on ECNL teams is by tryout/invitation only. Our coaches are constantly working to identify the most talented players in our area and may promote talent towards the Indy Eleven Academy ECNL teams. ECNL participants have the chance to play against some of the toughest competitors, which allows players to develop soccer skills that may take them through college soccer and beyond.

Our ECNL teams begin at U13. The U13 & U14 teams will begin in August and usually participate in pre-ECNL type events throughout the year. Our U15-U19 teams begin training late October, with optional fall training for players who are not playing on their respective high school teams. The U15-U19 teams usually participate in two to three college showcases, which attract many college coaches from top schools.

Indy Eleven Spirit ECNL registration fees for the 2026-2027 season will be \$1550 and will include 2-3x weekly training, a comprehensive college soccer recruiting package and all coaching and administrative costs involved in facilitating the program.

In addition to Club Fees, U13-U19 ECNL teams will have a team budget and collect Team Fees, which are used to cover costs specific to the operation of that team. Team fees include the cost of referee fees, tournament entry fees, misc. team expenses and reimbursement costs for the coach's travel expenses for games and tournaments. These fees will vary by team and usually range between \$400-700.

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The U13-U19 age groups will use the required kit. This includes home and away jerseys, shorts and socks, a training jersey, shorts and socks and a warmup jacket. It does not include a ball bag. Additional items such as warm-ups pants, additional socks and training shirts, ball bag, and cold-weather inner and outerwear are available through soccer.com. The cost of the full kit is approx. \$300-350.