



Superiorland Soccer Association 2026 Recreational Soccer Program

Dear SSA Families,

Welcome to Superiorland Soccer Association! We are very excited to begin our 2026 Season. We'd like to share a few Program details.

Our 8-week Program runs from June 15 – August 6, 2026.

On the Fields this Season you will see all our SSA Staff & Volunteers, who each have an important role in the quality & success of our Program.

- **Our SSA Program Directors:** Amy Niemi, (Board President & Recreational Soccer Program Director), Pete Hrodey, (SSA Treasurer, MUSC Travel Soccer Program Director, & Travel Soccer Coach), Paul Clarke, (SSA Director of Referee's), Alex Fatovic, (NMU Men's Soccer Head Coach, & SSA Director of Youth Development), Erin Egolf, (NMU Women's Soccer Head & SSA Director of Coaches), overseeing the entire Program. They are on the Fields, rotating throughout the complex, to assist our Coaching Staff, Team Managers, Referees, & your Players during Training Sessions, Pre-Game Warm-Up's, & Games.
- **Our SSA Field Supervisors:** Sydney Lake & Erik Maillard will assist our Program Directors, Team Managers, & Coaches. They will be on the Fields nightly assisting all our SSA Staff.
- **Our SSA Division Coaches:** All our Coaches are current or former Soccer Players. Many are NMU Men's & Women's Team Players, SSA-MUSC Travel Players, MSHS/Negaunee High School Players. We also have our Parent Coaches who are current or former Players. They will lead your Players during their Training Sessions with our Age/Division specific Curriculum, & during Games.
- **Our SSA Assistant Coaches:** All our Assistant Coaches are current or former Soccer Players. We also have Parent Coaches in this role. They are on the Fields to Assist our Division Coaches & Team Managers with Training Sessions & Games.
- **Our SSA Team Managers:** Our Team Managers are our valued Parent/Family Member Volunteers. They are welcomed & encouraged to participate in our Training Sessions, & will be on the Sidelines, assisting the Division Coach, each week, with your Players during Pre-Game Warm-Up's & Games. They will positively stand behind the Team Bench OR sit with the Team, & guide your Players throughout the Games to assure each Player has equal playing time on the Field, receives adequate breaks, & most importantly is having **FUN!** Our Team Managers will assist SSA in Squad/Team Communications, Reminders, etc.
They will be your direct contact for any & all updates. Player absences can be reported to the Team Manager/Coaches.
- **Our SSA Referees:** Our Referees are on the Fields to assure the Safety & Fair Play of each Game. They will Educate & Guide your Players with the Rules of the Game. We encourage everyone to be **Respectful & Supportive** of all our Referee's. They are Trained & Assisted by our **Director of Referee's:** Paul Clarke. This is the first opportunity for Your Players to learn a new aspect of the Game, working as a Referee. Please, be kind, as they learn & grow. There are clearly marked **Spectator** areas on the Fields, **Opposite** of the Players. **Please, stay within those boundaries.** We do not allow spectators to sit or stand behind the Goals. We ask that all Players keep their Water Bottles, & all necessary Soccer items on the **Team Bench** marked areas of the fields, with their Coaches.

- **Our SSA Field & Equipment Manager:** Sawyer Dietsch, (SSA-MUSC Travel Player, MSHS Player, & Wisconsin ODP Player) will be working diligently all Season to maintain all our SSA Equipment, to assure your Player will have all the SSA Equipment they need to enjoy Fun & Safe Training Sessions & Games all Season. He will be marking & lining the Fields weekly. We are required to remove all Equipment at the end of each evening, placing along the fence line. If your Players Session is the last of the evening, your assistance, moving our Equipment, as you exit the Fields, is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT: EQUIPMENT

What you player will need (and not need) for SSA Soccer:

- Your player will need to wear shin guards, soccer socks (or socks that cover their shin guards) and soccer cleats (please no baseball, softball or football cleats). These must be worn for both training sessions (e.g. practice and the game)
- Your Player does **NOT** need to bring a Soccer Ball to Training Sessions or Games. Soccer balls are provided.
- Please, send your Player to Training Sessions & Games with a **LABELED** Water Bottle. Extra water is encouraged on hotter days. Please plan ahead as there is not water available at the field.
- **Due to safety concerns, NO JEWELRY IS PERMITTED TO BE WORN TO TRAINING SESSIONS OR GAMES, (THIS DOES INCLUDE EARRINGS)**
 - Players wearing a Medical Alert Band Must have these taped with Sports Wrap, & must notify team managers, coaches, & referees of the medical condition.

Jersey / Uniform

- Each **U5** Player will receive 1 **PEACH** Jerseys this Season.
 - U5 Players must wear their jersey to their session
- Each **U7 – U19** Player will receive 2 Jerseys; 1 **PEACH** & 1 **LIME**.
- For our U7-19 Players, Jerseys are **ONLY** to be worn on Game nights. If your players Team is listed First on the Game Schedule, they will wear their **Home-Team PEACH** Jersey. If your Players Team is listed Second on the game schedule, they will wear their **Away-Team LIME** Jersey. Please have your U7-19 Player bring **BOTH** Jerseys to every Game!
- Jerseys will distributed by their coach during Week #1.
- **Team and individual photos** will be taken during Week #1 and #2 (depending on weather): June 15-18 and June 22-25

***Inclement Weather** may affect Training Sessions & Games. For up to date cancellations please, refer to the SSA Weather Policy, as well as our website & our Facebook Page at: www.superiorlandsoccer.com & <http://www.facebook.com/superiorlandsoccer> . Team Mangers will be receiving any weather cancellations & will update your Players Squad/Team.

Our Soccer Passionate & Prideful Staff are all looking forward to getting outdoors & Playing Soccer! We are very appreciative of you allowing us the Pleasure to Work with your Players. We want to express our sincere Gratitude to all our Generous Sponsors. On behalf of Myself, our entire SSA Board, & our 2026 SSA Recreational Staff we are sincerely grateful for your Encouragement & continued Support.



THANK-YOU, Amy - SSA Board President/Recreational Soccer Program Director

