



## *Metro Soccer League*

Metro Soccer League is a member of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, (MSYSA) and United States Youth Soccer (USYS). We believe youth soccer should be a rewarding experience for the parents, as well as the players.

MSL schedules games through Great Lakes Soccer League which is a recreational scheduling entity which includes approximately 15 clubs with cities as close as Taylor and Downriver as well as games in Livonia and Canton and now yours, Grosse Ile. Age groups are from U9 – U19 and has boys and girls divisions.

You can expect to play to have to travel for half your games as you will play one away and home game against each team in your division. Normally you will play 8-10 games with 10 being the norm dependent on number of teams in the division during placement. Generally 8 weekends and two week day games. Week day games should not start before 6:00. U9-U12 age groups generally play on Saturdays while U13 and up generally play on Sundays dependent on field availability from the various clubs.

First year teams are placed in the middle of all teams registered in an age group and then are adjusted for the next season to allow for proper competition. It is important to realize that teams are re-seeded after each season. Not to get to high or to low based on one season.

Fall season is played in September – November and Spring Starts in late April and runs thru the second week of June. Registrations are due to MSL on August 1 and February 1 respectively.

MSL recommends two practices per week but this will be decided by your coach along with days and times. Playing time should be 50% for each player but can be adjusted based on disciplinary reasons or practice attendance.

MSL offers competitive pricing for travel play. MSL believes in club cohesiveness in its teams and tries to portray a premiere image. The boys team name is the Fire playing in red & the girls are the Storm and play in sky blue.

Uniforms are high quality for durability and made with ClimaLite and can be used for several seasons. The look is that of a premiere club and reflects the commitment of the club, coaches, parents, and of course the players. MSL recommends ordering a larger but comfortable size. This will allow for room to grow and for warmer clothes such as a hoodie to be worn underneath. Parents can save approximately \$35 per year for re-using the uniform.

MSL plans to have one fundraiser during the year. The funds raised help to keep the costs as low as possible and goes for items such as field or equipment costs. In the past, we have had candy sales.

