

What is Pee Wee soccer? Pee Wee soccer is for players from 4 to 8 years old. The age divisions are U5 (under 5 years old), U6 (under 6 years old), U7 (under seven years old), and U8 (under 8 years old). Games are played only against other DHSC teams from the same age division. No scores or standings are kept. All players receive a trophy at the end of the session. The emphasis is on fun and learning how to play soccer. Pee Wee teams consist of both girls and boys. For the Fall 2006 - Spring 2007 season your child must have been born on or before 7/31/02 to be eligible to play.

What is Travel soccer? Travel soccer is for players from 9 to 19 years old. The age divisions are U9 through U19. Games are played in the Great Lakes Soccer League or the Michigan State Premier Soccer League against teams from other soccer clubs. Scores and standings are kept. Only the top two finishers in each division receive trophies. The emphasis is on fun and learning how to play competitive soccer. Travel teams consist of either all girls or all boys and compete against teams of the same sex.

What equipment does my child need? A size four **soccer ball** for U5 to U12 players, size five for U13 to U19 players. Buy a stitched ball. Avoid plastic balls as they get hard when wet or cold. **Shin guards -Your child will not be allowed to practice or play in any game without shinguards.** A **water bottle.** **Soccer shoes** with rubber cleats are recommended, but not required. Baseball shoes may not be worn. A soccer shoe has two side-by-side cleats at the toe of the shoe, a baseball shoe has only one cleat at the toe.

What equipment does DHSC supply? Each **travel** player is provided with a uniform (shirt, shorts, and socks). The uniform must be used for both the Fall and Spring sessions if the player registers for both sessions during Fall registration. Returning peewee players may continue to use their uniform from the previous season. Peewee players must purchase a uniform if they are new to the club, or if the returning player has outgrown or worn out their uniform. Children not in uniform may not play. All uniforms are yours to keep. Socks and a water bottle will be provided each session a player plays with the club.

Why are the fees different for PeeWee vs. Travel players? In-house peewee teams are issued a uniform that is reversible. White on one side is worn by the "home" team, and "green" on the other side is worn by the "visitors." These uniforms are very durable, and are sized so that the peewee players are often able to wear them for several seasons. Registration fees have been lowered for peewee players so that the uniform purchase is optional. This way, players who have a uniform that still fits and is in good condition do not have to pay for another one. The travel teams represent our club in other communities. The uniforms are not "stocked" by our supplier to be available year after year, and new ones will be issued each Fall. The uniform cost is included in the registration fee. Players who take advantage of the price break by registering for Fall and Spring at Fall registration will wear their uniform for both sessions.

If my child changes his/her mind about playing, or we move can I get a refund? Refunds will only be given if we cannot place your child on a team.

Where, when, and how many times a week will the team practice? The location, time, and number of practices will be determined by the coach. Most teams practice once or twice a week. Practices usually begin two or three weeks before the session starts.

When will the games be played? The Fall session begins in early September and ends in late October. The Spring session begins in late April and ends in the middle of June. Most games are scheduled on Saturdays from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Games for U13 to U19 players are on Sundays. Some games are during the week in the evening.

Where are the games played? Teams play at Municipal (Silvery Lane north of Ford Rd.), Warrendale (Warren Rd. east of Telegraph), Wallaceville (Beech Daly, north of Warren Rd.), and Canfield (Beech Daly south of Ford Rd.), Warrendale, Boy Scout Shelter (Hines Drive, east of Telegraph), Parr field (Hines Drive, west of Telegraph), and Wallaceville (Beech Daly north of Warren). Fields are subject to change based on weather conditions.

What is the difference between a Select (also called Open) travel team and a Recreation travel team? A Select/Open team is formed after players participate in a try out for that particular team. Select/Open teams play in Select/Open divisions. Recreation travel teams are formed by the DHSC registrar and consist of all players who have registered except the players who are on the Select/Open teams. Recreation teams play in Recreation divisions.

When will I hear from a coach? Most coaches call the players two to three weeks before the session begins.

What if I would like to coach a team? You will have a great time. If you would like to coach, please contact the registrars. As a coach you get to schedule practices around your schedule, and your child plays for free. All of the coaches in DHSC are volunteers. If we do not have a coach for a team, the team will be disbanded.

Is there training available for new coaches? The DHSC offers a coaches clinic twice a year outlining soccer fundamentals and fun drills and games. There are also formal training programs offered through the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA).

What is Risk Management? It is 100% compliance with screening of all coaches and Board Members for crimes committed that would prohibit their involvement with children.

What if I would like to be a referee? We need you. Referees are paid and DHSC never has enough. If you can referee or would like to take a referee class, usually offered in the winter, please contact the referee scheduler, Kevin Kabacinski, at (313) 278-0899.

Does DHSC offer any social events? DHSC offers a banquet in November after the Fall session at which the Pee Wee players receive their trophies. A picnic at Warrendale is offered in June after the Spring session. Free hot dogs, chips, and pop are available and the Pee Wee players receive their trophies.

Who is in the DHSC? All DHSC soccer players and their parents and guardians. All coaches and Executive Board members are volunteers. DHSC is **not** affiliated with the Dearborn Heights Parks and Recreation Department. Residents of any city or town may play.