

## **LAND PARK METRO SOCCER**

Metro (or Select) is a level of soccer between recreational and competitive. It offers an environment for dedicated and skilled players to develop and play. Metro is classified as a Class III youth soccer league. (Recreational teams are Class IV. Competitive teams are Class I.) In Metro league play, you may play teams from Fairfield to El Dorado Hills to Elk Grove to Chico. The greatest difference between recreation and select is the opportunity for tournament play. The number of Tournaments is determined by the individual Metro teams. There can be as many as 8 Tournaments a year. Cost for Metro is higher than Recreation. Actual cost for playing in Metro is determined by individual teams. Additional cost for playing Metro, besides the normal registration fees, are uniforms, equipment, trainer and entry fees for each Tournament.

Metro teams are normally formed by returning teams from the previous year or a Recreational team that decides to advance to the higher level. Typically these teams have a limited number of returning or core players. To fill out the teams there will be open tryouts.

## **Land Park Soccer Club Metro/Class III Soccer Policies**

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The following sets forth the basic policies, rules, and objectives of the Land Park Soccer Club (LPSC) as approved by the LPSC Board of Directors for Metro/Class III teams that are part of Land Park's Club. Metro Soccer is Class III league and tournament soccer conducted by and played within District VI of CYSA-N. The purpose of these policies is to provide clear guidelines and procedures for existing and potential Metro teams, coaches, and team managers. Teams and coaches are expected to follow both the letter and the spirit of the rules with the underlying theme being that the purpose of the program is to allow kids to play soccer and to become better players.

### **I. Metro Coordinator - LPSC Support of Metro teams.**

- A. LPSC Metro teams are coordinated by the Metro Coordinator. The first contact for a coach is with the Metro Coordinator.
- B. Metro teams are part of LPSC. All teams are subject to the same rules applicable to LPSC teams, unless specifically stated below. While the Club supports the Metro program, it does not wish the Metro teams to unduly consume the volunteer resources of the Club, and so those coaches who have or wish to have a Metro team must be familiar with these policies.
- C. Teams and/or coaches who consistently fail to follow the policies and their spirit will not be approved the following year as a Metro Team.

### **II. Team Selection.**

- A. All LPSC teams and coaches must be approved by the LPSC Board of Directors. Teams should apply for the next soccer season by the end of February of the calendar year for which the team wishes to play Metro. The Metro Coordinator will have the necessary information needed for a coach to apply to be a Metro team.
  - a. The LPSC will establish a committee to recommend approval of all Metro Teams at the April Board meeting. This review process may include an interview with new and returning coaches and assistant coaches.
  - b. The committee will be chaired by the Metro Coordinator
    - i. The Metro Coordinator will be a voting member of the committee.
  - c. The Coaching Coordinator will be a voting member of the committee.
  - d. The Assistant Manager will be a voting member of the committee.
  - e. The Manager will be a voting member of the committee.
- B. In addition to approval by LPSC, all teams and coaches must be approved by SYSL/District VI. All teams (returning and new) must satisfy the requirements of SYSL for Metro teams. Currently, all Metro teams must have a head coach with at least an E coaching license and an assistant coach with at least an F coaching license. (There are other requirements.) New Metro teams can apply if the coach(es) can satisfy the licensing requirements by June 1st before the beginning of the season.

### **III. Tryouts.**

- A. LPSC Metro teams that are planning to conduct tryouts for player selection will do so dates and locations coordinated by LPSC. LPSC will schedule its tryouts to

cause the least amount of conflict with the competitive and recreation soccer programs.

- (1) The LPSC may provide assistance with the try-out process.
  - (2) The LPSC may provide assistance to help evaluate and rank players. This tool will only be to assist a coach in determining player skills demonstrated at the try-out. Any evaluation will not obligate a coach to select a specific player.
- B. If there is more than one team in an age group conducting tryouts, players that two or more coaches are interested in will be selected by a coach based on the following rules.
- (1) The player's preference for a particular team governs.
  - (2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> year team of the given age group will have first selection until filled.
  - (3) The 1<sup>st</sup> year team of the given age group will have selection of remainder.
- C. If there are more than two teams of the same age group or both teams are 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the given age group then LPSC Board Directors will determine selection order. The following criteria for establishing the selection order will be used by the Board:
- (1) The player's preference for a particular team governs.
  - (2) The Metro team with the best Metro record, including tournaments, from the prior year.
  - (3) The Metro team whose coach has the longest tenure in LPSC as a Metro coach.
  - (4) The Metro team with the best recreational record from the prior year.
  - (5) The Metro team coach with the highest level coaching license.
- D. All returning and new players are encouraged to attend tryouts.

#### IV. Rosters

- A. A Metro team shall provide a roster of players and coaches to the Metro Coordinator by May 15 of the calendar year. While players may be added and dropped during the year (subject to the rules of SYSL, Dist VI, & CYSA), a coach must have a roster with the minimum required number of players by May 15th
- a. The minimum roster for Under 10 teams is 12 players.
  - b. The minimum roster for all other teams will be 15 players.
- B. The coach shall ensure that the Metro Coordinator receives a LPSC registration form, CYSA registration form, the proper fees, a picture, and for all players, and a birth certificate for each player on the team's roster, and copies of the coach's and assistant coach's licenses. [To the extent that a coach can let the Metro Coordinator know who is signing up for Metro, it will make the Metro team selection process (and consequently the recreation registration process) easier for all.]
- C. Since Metro teams may play in tournaments in early August, it is strongly recommended that coaches complete the rosters as soon as possible so that player passes can be issued by the end of July. LPSC is not in control of issuing player passes, and the sooner the required information is provided to SYSL, the better the chances of passes being timely issued. (If the package is provided to SYSL only one week before the date the passes are needed, they will not be issued.) Remember, player passes and the CYSA registration form needs the player's signatures. The player pass needs to be signed before lamination, so everything needs to be done sooner rather than later.

- D. All Metro rosters must be signed by the LPSC Manager prior to submission to SYSL.

#### V. Equipment

- A. LPSC provides practice balls and home uniforms to every team.
- B. LPSC Metro teams may select and purchase their own alternate uniforms. The uniform tops may only be purple and white as its primary color, with white or black numbers and lettering. The uniform shorts must be black, and the socks must be purple. The uniform must be approved in writing by the LPSC Board.
- C. LPSC provided uniforms may not be worn at non-LPSC sanctioned events. This restriction does not apply to team purchased uniforms.

#### VI. Practices

- A. For practice field usage starting before August, coaches must contact the Metro Coordinator. LPSC shares fields during June and July with Sac United, so selection of fields and days of the week may be restricted.
- B. For practice starting in August, LPSC assigns days of the week and fields to each Metro and Recreation team. Preferences for days and times are submitted at Registration. Once practice field assignments are made, changes are difficult.

#### VII. Tournaments.

- A. One of the objectives of Metro Soccer is the chance to play more games each year than under the Recreation program and this is accomplished by entering tournaments. The tournament schedule is posted on the District VI web site in late April ([www.d6soccer.org](http://www.d6soccer.org)).
- B. Each team is responsible for submitting applications to the individual tournaments. Procedures for submitting an application can be found on the District VI web site.
- C. All qualified LPSC Metro teams will be reimbursed entrance fees for one tournament, up to \$325 (This is subject to Board approval each year) if they play in more than one tournament. Proper paperwork needs to be provided for reimbursement.

#### VIII. Regular Season Play.

- A. District VI writes the schedule for Metro teams. The operative word is flexibility. It is crucial that as soon as you receive your regular season schedule, a copy be provided the Metro Coordinator and the Referee Coordinator. Because of potential problems and conflicts, this information must be provided immediately. Metro teams playing in the regular season are provided three certified referees by LPSC for all their home games. This takes substantial effort by the LPSC Referee Coordinator. If you are not playing a home game at the time originally scheduled by Dist VI, you must let everyone know as soon as possible, but in no event later than Tuesday the week of the game. Failure to timely notify the Referee Coordinator and Metro Coordinator of the change will cause the team to incur additional costs for three referees at the newly scheduled game time.
- B. As a courtesy to the other Metro teams who may be sharing your field (and especially for purposes of setting up and taking down nets) coaches must notify the other team of any schedule changes.
- C. Under CYSA Metro rules, all players must play one-half of each game.

IX. Post Season Play.

- A. LPSC strongly encourages teams to play District Cup and Association Cup.

X. Equipment Return.

- A. Once the soccer season is completed, LPSC provided uniforms and equipment must be promptly returned. Failure to return items will result in fines being assessed.

XI. Rule/Policy Violation.

- A. If any team fails to meet any of the deadlines or violates any of the rules and policies described above, it may be subject to being placed in Class IV soccer. The players on the registered Metro team will be dispersed in the recreation draft.