



## Dakota Premier League

### FALL 2021 – East & West

South Dakota Youth Soccer (SDYSA) is the sanctioned governing body of US Youth Soccer and (USYS) US Soccer Federation (USSF) and is dedicated to serving the development of players while being supportive of and in compliance with our national organizations' requirements and programming.

The Dakota Premier League (DPL) is designed to provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate competition for league members. The DPL is guided by creating meaningful game opportunities for teams in the upper Midwest. Through these meaningful games, the long-term development of players can be better served.

#### Guiding Principles of the DPL

- **Player Centered** – The DPL focuses on what is in the best interest of players that can positively impact their long-term development.
- **Club Development** – The DPL understands that the primary development of players occurs within the players own club environment. The league will help support club development and help foster the best environment for player development.
- **U.S. Soccer Standards** – Supporting certain player development initiatives will allow for the league to mirror the vision of US Soccer and lead players down a structured developmental pathway. For example: Consistent schedules, developmentally appropriate matchups and age appropriate rules.

#### DPL Standards of Service

- Professional Administration
- Flexible Scheduling
- Affordable Cost
- Transparency

#### Important Dates

- League Registration Opens: August 2nd
- League Registration Closes: September 6th

**Match Day Details: Fall 2021 League (Teams receive 2 games on a given play date. However, there are circumstances based on uneven divisions/matchups for example where some teams may be asked to play 3 games.**

#### WEST DATES

- Play Date 1: September 18/19 – Billings, MT

- Play Date 2: September 25/26 – Rapid City, SD
- Play Date 3: October 16/17 – Casper, WY

## EAST DATES

- Play Date 1: September 12 – Sioux Falls, SD
- Play Date 2: October 10 – Aberdeen, SD
- Play Date 3: October 17 – Fargo, ND

## Age Groups of Competition – Fall 2021

- 2013 – U9
- 2012 – U10
- 2011 – U11
- 2010 – U12
- 2009 – U13
- 2008 – U14
- 2007 – U15
- 2006 – U16
- 2005 – U17
- 2004 – U18
- 2003 – U19

## \*Fall Fees

- League Registration U9 – U19
  - Register for three play dates (receive 6 games) - \$500/team
  - Register for two play dates (receive 4 games) - \$400/team
  - Register for one play date (receive 2 games) - \$300/team

If you are unable to fulfill the commitment of your schedule once the schedule is released for each play date. Your fees will be forfeited to the league and a \$300 fine will be assessed.

**\*\*TEAMS ARE EXPECTED AND ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO LEAGUE DATES. AS WE STRIVE TO GROW THE LEAGUE, YOUR COMMITMENT TO IT CAN ONLY BOLSTER THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A TRUE LEAGUE WITH MEANINGFUL & UNIQUE GAMES LEAGUE DATE TO LEAGUE DATE!\*\***

**Weather Protocol - [Refer to Guidelines on League Webpage](#)**

## Divisions of Play

- U9-U10 - Pool
- U11-U19 – Elite Division & Select Division

## Division Placement

- The purpose of having two divisions at the U11- U19 is to create appropriate levels of play. Teams will register based on birth year and divisions will be organized around birth year first. Then placement of teams in each division will be based on level of team and



ability. Within the registration process, a team profile will need to be uploaded. This will aid in determining division and game matchup placement.

- In most cases for U11-U19, we will create pure age group divisions (U11, U12, U13...), however, we understand we may need to combine birth years/age groups, specifically with our older age groups (U15 – U19).

### **Standings**

- Scores will be kept for U9 – U12. The purpose of keeping scores is to help with the alignment/matchups of teams in the spring and future league seasons.
- Scores and standings will be kept for U13 – U19.

### **Level of Commitment**

Any team looking to participate in the DPL must understand the level of commitment to participate in a league that covers such a large geographical area. It is important for families to understand this is a travel league and teams will have to travel to participate. The determination of game sites is based in part on 1) Facility availability and standards and 2) Referee availability. The DPL understands travelling great distances is challenging. That is why the DPL is hosting play dates with two games on a given play date to accommodate travel.

### **Player & team eligibility within the League**

- All teams must be registered through either USYS, AYSO, US CLUB or USSSA.
- Any teams/clubs participating from South Dakota must be registered SDYSA/USYS members teams/clubs.
- The DPL rules allow for teams to use 'club passes', which is the sharing of players within the same club among its teams. This should help having enough players to compete in all matches teams are registered for.
  - The 'club pass' is not a physical pass or card, however, the player(s) being shared must be registered to the same club.
- **Participating teams must be members of a club or association. That member club, which must be a member of the aforementioned national associations, must have at a minimum 75 registered players (competitive or recreational).**

### **Rostering of Players**

- A state approved roster must be provided to the referee on site on match days. Players not participating should be crossed off the roster.
- Rosters will be checked prior to each game during the pre-game player check-in process.

### **Shared Coaches**

Teams may be coached by different coaches within the same club as long as the coach has completed their mandatory risk management disclosure. We will work to not schedule overlapping games.

### **Referees**

All DPL games will be assigned 3 officials U11-U19. All DPL games will be assigned 1 referee for U9/U10 games.



We look forward to you and your club participating in the DPL. Please contact, Dale Weiler, DPL Commissioner, at [td@southdakotasoccer.com](mailto:td@southdakotasoccer.com) or call at 651-503-8927.