

Portage Soccer Club



All soccer enthusiasts come play with Portage Soccer Club!

If you want to develop your soccer skills, knowledge and passion, **Portage Lightning** is the answer. PSC is committed to assist players in reaching their potential through quality training, tough competition and lots of fun.

PSC: A great soccer experience at a competitive price.

Portage Soccer Club offers the following advantages to its players:

- Excellent and dedicated coaches (licensed by USSF or NSCAA)
- Competitive & instructive environments without excessive emphasis on winning
- Club owns & maintains a state of the art facility with nine beautiful fields
- Private practice fields – no fighting for space with other organizations
- Teams may play at Select, Elite or Premier level depending on team capabilities
- Most teams offer optional training during winter months
- Sportsmanship, Respect & Integrity are core values
- Structured Non Profit organization puts the interests of players first and foremost
- Academy Play for U7/U8
- Code of Conduct for Players, Coaches & Parents can be found on our website

How much time is involved? Where are games played and how much travel is there?

- Teams usually practice 1 ½ hours – twice a week during the season
- Two seasons: eight games in the fall & eight games in the spring
- Home games played at Portage Soccer Complex located on Bishop Road, Portage
- Away games played at nearby clubs (usually less than an hour away – many much closer)

What does it cost?

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| | Premier | \$260 |
| | Elite/Select | \$195 |
| ● Club fees 2010 – 2011: | One Season | \$155 |
| | Academy | \$ 45 |
- Uniforms purchased thru Back of the Net approximately \$115 for a full kit: shorts, two Puma® jerseys, & two pair of socks.
 - Like any Non-Profit group Volunteer time is necessary. Volunteer time includes Portage Soccer Classic Tournament & two hours in concessions 1-3 times per year
 - Scholarships available – see website for details



For more information check out our website: www.portagesoccer.com

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Portage Soccer Club Tryout Information



Preregister at www.PortageSoccer.com: Please print and sign the form to turn in at Registration. Be sure to include a 1 ½ x 1 ½ photo if you did not upload one into your GotSoccer account when you registered. Players who cannot be present should contact Dana Pope at 269 743-7177 or psregistrar@att.net for further information.

Premier U14 (97) Boys: Tryouts will take place on Saturday, June 12th at 8:00 am at our Practice Fields, 8201 Cox's Dr., Portage

Elite & Select Teams

Where: Portage Soccer Complex
4422 Bishop Road
Portage, Michigan

Time: Registration at 5:30 – Main Concessions
Turn in Signed Registration Form

Tryouts on the fields

Monday, June 14th: Girls Elite & Select teams 6:00 – 7:45
Tuesday, June 15th: Boys Elite & Select teams 6:00 – 7:45
Wednesday, June 16th: Girls 5:30 – 6:30 Boys 7:00 – 8:00

Age Group	Team	Birth Date Range	Field #	
			Girls	Boys
U7/U8 Academy	Co-ed Squads	August 1, 2002 – July 31, 2004	*turn in form	
U-9	02	August 1, 2001 – July 31, 2002	5	5
U-10	01	August 1, 2000 – July 31, 2001	4	4
U-11	00	August 1, 1999 - July 31, 2000	3	7
U-12	99	August 1, 1998 - July 31, 1999	2	6
U-13	98	August 1, 1997 - July 31, 1998	8	9
U-14	97	August 1, 1996 - July 31, 1997	6	8
U-15	96	August 1, 1995 - July 31, 1996	6	3
U-16	95	August 1, 1994 - July 31, 1995	9	3
U-17	94	August 1, 1993 - July 31, 1994	7	2
U-18	93	August 1, 1992 - July 31, 1993	7	1
U-19	92	August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992		1

What to bring:

- Water Bottle
- Ball – appropriate size
- White shirt – no club logos please
- Shin Guards
- Soccer Cleats
- New players: Copy of Birth Certificate

What coaches look for:

Selected players will possess a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, commitment to train and above average soccer ability. Portage Soccer Club wants players which possess an intense desire to train and compete at the highest level, with a passion for the sport of soccer. A list of our 2010 – 2011 coaching team can be found on the next page, and the most current list is on our website

For more information check out our website: www.portagesoccer.com



2010 - 2011 Portage Soccer Club Coaching Team

BOYS TEAMS		
<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Background</u>
U7 / U8 Academy	Mark Murry	8 yrs coaching PSC & AYSO, 20+ yrs playing incl college, USSF E
U9	Steve Branch	1 yr PSC coach and 3+ yrs AYSO coaching
U10	Paul Ciccantell	3 yrs coaching travel & AYSO, coached other sports, USSF E
U11	David Mih	4 yrs coaching PSC & AYSO, 10+ yrs playing, USSF E
U12	Jeff Merasco	1 yr head coach PSC, other coaching, athletics instructor, USSF E
U13 Elite	John Twiehaus	6 yrs coaching experience, 20 yrs playing, USSF E
U13 Select	Melissa LaFave	4 yrs PSC & AYSO coaching, 11 yrs playing experience
U14 Premier	David Rice	19 yrs head coach PSC, USSF D certification
U14 Select	Wayne Harpenau	8 yrs coaching travel & AYSO, IYSA Youth Modules 1 & 2, USSF E
U15	TBA	In preparation
U16	Brent Zeitler	1 yr PSC coaching, 10+ years playing experience
U17	Mark Verburg	4 yrs head coach PSC, PCHS JV coach, USSF E certification
U18 / U19 Elite	Mike Cattell	in preparation
U18 / U19 Select	Brian Pouw	Extensive coaching experience, assistant coach at K College

GIRLS TEAMS		
<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Background</u>
U7 / U8 Academy	Mark Murry	8 yrs coaching PSC & AYSO, 20+ yrs playing incl college, USSF E
U9	Wayne Harpenau	7 yrs coaching travel & AYSO, IYSA Youth Modules 1&2, USSF E
U10	Frank Rodin	1 yr coaching PSC, additional coaching, 20+ years playing, USSF E
U11	Melissa LaFave	4 yrs PSC & AYSO coaching, 11 yrs playing experience
U12 A	Matt Janicke	3 yrs coaching AYSO, other youth coaching
U12 B	Ann Woolley	4 yrs coaching PSC, USSF E certification
U13	Jerry Orwin	8 yrs coaching travel & AYSO, coach instructor, USSF E
U14 Elite	Vu Le	11 yrs coaching PSC, played 3 yrs college, USSF D certification
U14 Select	Paul Knight	20 yrs coaching youth, 30+ yrs playing (4 yrs D1 college), USSF E
U15 Elite	Vu Le	11 yrs coaching PSC, played 3 yrs college, USSF D certification
U16 - U18 Elite	David Rice	19 yrs head coach PSC, USSF D certification
U16 - U18 Select	Brian Pouw	Extensive coaching experience, assistant coach at K college
"B" team coaches are being recruited on an ongoing basis for boys and girls and will be named where warranted		

All PSC coaches are USSF or NSCAA certified, or in a few cases will have USSF certification by the end of their first year of coaching. Many assistant coaches are also USSF certified. USSF level D is more advanced than E.

More information for coaches is available at <http://portagesoccer.com/coachpsc.htm>

Portage Lightning: A great soccer experience!