



The **Iowa Soccer League (ISL State League)** is designed to serve competitive players/teams in the U11-U19 age groups in the Fall season and is made up of multiple divisions. Please carefully review age group/division information prior to registering and placing your teams.

**Purpose:** The ISL is the highest level of competition for domestic league play in our pathway and league programming pathway and is guided by one overarching focus – player development. As such, all league programming strives to be in full alignment with US Soccer’s Player Development Initiatives (PDI’s). Additionally, given the importance of alignment in programming and competition standards from a player development perspective, Iowa Soccer must ensure teams, players and coaches are following US Youth Soccer rules and policies.

**Player Development Standards and Priorities:** The league is player-centered and focuses on what is in the best interest of long-term player development. There are several priorities that help shape the league model. These include: 1. Players play in games on a regular weekly basis which is essential for development. 2. Players play in games that have developmentally appropriate match up’s. 3. Players are coached by a licensed coach appropriate to the developmental stage. 4. Players play in games that are aligned with the U.S. Soccer PDI standards. 5. Players are officiated by a licensed referee.

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**CUP DIVISION:** This is a division for teams planning to apply and compete in our "premier cups" including both State Cup and Presidents Cup. ISL CUP division games will be used to seed teams in our Premier Cups. Teams in this division should expect statewide travel and will play each team in the division at least once. Rosters will be required (max roster, 22 players)

**SINGLE YEAR AGE GROUPS:** 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U

FALL SEASON	WEEKEND	NOTES
Weekend 1	August 26-27	MUST BE AVAILABLE
	September 2-3	NO GAMES - HOLIDAY
Weekend 2	September 9-10	MUST BE AVAILABLE
Weekend 3	September 16-17	
Weekend 4	September 23-24	MUST BE AVAILABLE
Weekend 5	September 30-October 1	
Weekend 6	October 7-8	
Weekend 7	October 14-15	
<b>Weekend 8</b>	<b>October 21-22</b>	<b>CUP WEEKEND 1</b>
<b>Weekend 9</b>	<b>October 28-29</b>	<b>CUP WEEKEND 2 (FINALS)</b>
Weekend 10	November 4-5	

**SCHEDULING:** CUP Division Teams may black out (2) weekends or (4) individual play dates.

**DIVISIONS 1, 2, & 3:** The numbered divisions will be generally a bit more flexible in regard to roster flexibility, ability to club pass, and will schedule games based on both geography and team availability.

**AGE GROUPS:** 11/12U, 13/14U, 15U/16U, 17U+

FALL SEASON	WEEKEND	NOTES
Weekend 1	August 26-27	OPT-IN
	September 2-3	NO GAMES - HOLIDAY
Weekend 2	September 9-10	
Weekend 3	September 16-17	
Weekend 4	September 23-24	
Weekend 5	September 30-October 1	
Weekend 6	October 7-8	
Weekend 7	October 14-15	
Weekend 8	October 21-22	
Weekend 9	October 28-29	
Weekend 10	November 4-5	Reschedule Games

**SCHEDULING:** DIV 1,2,3 Teams may black out up to (3) weekends or (6) individual play dates.

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The **Iowa Soccer League (ISL State League)** will do work to manage team blocks (teams sharing coaches or players). Team blocking efforts strive to avoid conflicts, although does not guarantee the teams will travel and play together. Clubs/Teams must work with the league to properly identify and block these teams, additionally they must be active in the schedule review process and work to optimize these blocks during that time.

The **Iowa Soccer League (ISL State League)** will provide clubs an opportunity to review the initial draft of schedule and be active in 'optimizing' their individual team schedules by request. Once the league schedule is published for public, league matches MUST be played as scheduled. League schedules are based on (3) primary principles including Team Availability, Team blocks, and Field Availability. Additionally, we strive to balance field usage, travel, and other factors related to referee coverage.

We appreciate your support and commitment not only to the league, but to the membership and all league participants. We look forward to working with you to provide you and your membership a quality / affordable league play experience. **Thank you!!**

If you have questions regarding player registration and/or team formation, please contact Casey Betting @ [CBetting@iowasoccer.org](mailto:CBetting@iowasoccer.org)

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**Let's Play Soccer!!** Thank you,

Your Iowa Soccer Member Services Team