

YSSL is looking to expand membership!

YSSL is looking to expand membership to enhance competitive alignments and increase geographical divisions. If YSSL sounds like the kind of league that you'd like your club — or your child — to be a part of, please contact us at the YSSL office:

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The YSSL organization

The YSSL is organized to provide optimum support for players, parents, and clubs. Our structure ensures that the direction and administration of our league considers, and is responsive to, all levels of league participation, from players and parents to coaches and referees. The YSSL organizational structure includes:

- Board of Directors
- YSSL Administrator
- Director of Coaching Committee
- Geographical Assignors
- Referee Administrator
- Referee Mentors

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At the Young Sportsmen's Soccer League, **it's about more than just playing soccer.**

It's about **teamwork**, taking responsibility and learning to work together toward a common goal.

It's about **skill-building** and learning how to improve with integrity, hard work, and determination.

It's about learning to **respect** coaches, referees, fellow players, competitors, the game, and one's self.

It's about **growth** as an athlete, a team member, and an individual, and playing with character at all times.

It's learning about **life.**
...and it's life-changing.



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About YSSL

The Young Sportsmen's Soccer League (YSSL) is a not-for-profit youth soccer league located in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Our organization is dedicated to advancing the personal and athletic skills of youth soccer players by providing an organized competitive soccer program designed for all skill levels.

YSSL has been incorporated in Illinois since 1968, and is affiliated with the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA). That means our clubs can participate in Illinois Cup and State Cup competitions, and your teams are covered by their insurance.

League structure

The YSSL is operated by Officers and Board members who are elected through the member clubs, which guarantees that the league's members have a voice in the direction and structure of the organization. The YSSL also features a Director of Coaching (DOC) committee, comprised of coaching directors from clubs within our league. This committee meets monthly, providing our Board and staff with valuable input on the direction of our league. Biannual meetings are held with the League's membership to gather feedback and direction, and ensure that the YSSL is meeting the needs of their clubs in the best way possible.

Teams & players

The YSSL provides a competitive schedule of games for boys' teams and mixed teams for levels U8 through U19. Our league currently represents more than 500 teams from more than 70 clubs, including clubs from private organizations, community-organized groups, and park district travel programs.

Teams are assigned to divisions by age and their level of competitive compatibility. A schedule of games for each division is created for each season. At the end of the season, division standings are evaluated and teams are assigned for the next season, moving up and down the levels of competition based on their earned points.



“ I wanted our club to be a part of a soccer league that offered top-notch competition and fair team seeding for our players, along with a strong level of input, flexibility and support for players, parents, and coaches. YSSL has proven to be an ideal choice for us, not only for the level of competition our players have been able to enjoy, but also for the excellent, positive experience we've all had working with this organization. YSSL is a well-run, supportive, superior league all around. ”
— Darryl Skale, President, Spartan FC —

Game schedule

U8 - U14: Outdoor games are scheduled in the fall, between September and November, and in spring, between April and June. Ten games are scheduled each season for a total of 20 games per year — half on the home field, and half away.

U15 - U19: Games are scheduled in the spring only.



Why join YSSL?

At YSSL, it's not just about playing soccer.

We believe that in the process of learning to play the game, making friends, improving their athletic skills, and competing in league play, young people will also learn invaluable lessons that can be used throughout their lives, whether on or off the field:

Teamwork. Skill-building. Respect.

Growth. YSSL is committed to providing our clubs, teams, and players with these opportunities through a league that demonstrates its commitment with outstanding coaches and referees, reasonable fees, and a level of support that exceeds that of other leagues.

Coaches

Starting in 1991, the YSSL was the first and only league to require that the Head Coach of every team have a minimum of a State “E” license. We believed then, as we do now, that if we could improve the level of coaching, we could improve the player's level of play.

Referees

YSSL assigns and pays certified referees to officiate games in seven geographic districts. We feel there is no better officiating system than the three-man system, and we require it for all U11-U19 games. However, because there are not enough certified referees available in Illinois, the YSSL asks clubs to assign Assistant Referees for their games. To support this requirement and to expand the available pool of referees, the YSSL sponsors clinics and uses a mentoring system for new referees.

Club support and information

Clear communication is critical to the success of our league and our clubs, and therefore, we hold a scheduling meeting and a seeding meeting before the start of each season. We have also invested in a league website — www.yssi.org — that is extremely user-friendly, and allows clubs to handle the following club business online: updated schedules, field directions, game changes, player passes and transfers, game cards, and IYSA and tournament rosters.

