



Welcome to Soccer in Hopkinton - 2024!

Outside of school team opportunities for our middle and high school athletes, we have two great organizations in town that provide soccer opportunities for Hopkinton's youth – the Hopkinton Soccer Club (HSC) and the Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA).

Both organizations are nonprofit organizations run exclusively **by volunteers** in our community for the kids of Hopkinton. While the principal goal of each organization is the enrichment of our community's youth through soccer, each offers different approaches and emphasis.

Hopkinton Soccer Club (HSC) is a travel soccer club that offers a more competitive soccer program with a focus on player development. Selection of players is based on soccer skill, athletic ability, and player attitude. This results in *ability-balanced teams* composed of kids from a single *birth-year* (i.e. a 2014 boys team); in 2024, we will offer teams for 2013-2016 birthdays. Not all who try out will make the team. Playing club soccer requires player and family commitment, with practices 2-3 days per week and travel outside of the local area to play weekend games against other competitive teams within the New Hampshire Soccer League. Coaches are community parents who have been certified by the US Soccer Federation through participation in required training courses. Depending on coach & player interest, HSC also occasionally offers indoor soccer, spring in-town soccer scrimmages, and tournament participation.

Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA) offers recreational soccer in a less competitive environment but also with a focus on player development. All Hopkinton youth who register are placed on a team, as there are no tryouts. Teams are grade-based, typically 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th, in addition to preK-2 Saturday soccer. HYSA offers a soccer program in the fall, and typically competes against other town rec teams (such as Henniker and Hillsboro) in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. There are typically two games and one practice per week, making this a great choice for multi-sport athletes or those who wish to have less of a time commitment and travel distance. Schedules are often coordinated so that players can do both HSC and HYSA if they choose.

Not sure? Want to chat? Reach out! **We'd love to talk to you** and help you and your player find the right fit for you. Or join us at one of our Spring Information Nights, Spring Sunday Soccer, or June Evals for more information! Registration for fall 2024 will start in June for both organizations!

Go Hawks!



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