

# North Tacoma Soccer Club

## Recreational and Select Soccer Comparison

	Recreational (Rec)	Select (Sparta)
Philosophy	Participatory model. Provide a fun and safe soccer experience where kids can develop their skills by “playing the game”. Especially at the younger ages, the Rec club is about team sports, not intense focus on soccer skills.	Developmental model. Designed for players that want to excel in soccer and develop soccer skill and soccer team strategy. They desire professional coaching, to play in a more competitive environment and are committed to a longer season and travel.
Club Organization	Volunteer board of directors. Paid director of coaching (shared with Sparta) & Registrar. Volunteer coaches.	Volunteer board of directors. Paid director of coaching (shared with Rec), paid Club Manager & Registrar. Some paid coaches.
League Affiliation	WSYSA and TPCJSA.	US Club and PSPL.
	Much of the cost structure is based on the charges of the affiliated leagues	
Season	Typically Fall Season only. Typically September to November, 8-12 games.	Fall and Spring Season plus summer tournaments and State Cup tournament. Typically at least a 12 month commitment.
Age Groups	Ages 4 to 18	Ages 9 to 18
Tryouts	There are no tryouts or cuts. All players who sign-up are guaranteed placement on a team.	There are tryouts and players can be cut. Players are selected based on their experience, skill level, commitment and attitude.
Coaching	No Paid Coaches. Coaches are supported to help our players learn “by playing the game”. Lines, laps and lectures are minimized and FUN is maximized while teaching the foundational soccer skills players need as they get older.	Some paid Coaches, managed by a Director of Coaching. Focus is on age-appropriate skill development, conditioning, and game tactics.
Commitment	For the 5 and 6 year old player 1 weekend day for 8 weeks. For U8 and above 1-2 practices per week for 10-12 weeks and 1 game on the weekend k (8 weeks)	Generally 2 practices per week and 1- 2 games on the weekend. 12 months with holiday breaks. Possibility of travel throughout the state.
Playing Time	Coaches are required to give equal playing time. Players are guaranteed to play at least 1/2 of every game.	Coaches are encouraged to strike a balance between winning and player development. Players play at least 1/3 of every game, but this could vary by team.
Travel	All games are very near the Tacoma Metro area	Travel varies greatly. Younger teams will travel less than older teams. Older teams travel will depend on level of competition being sought.
Cost	League costs run \$60-\$140, depending on age. Players are responsible for the cost of cleats, shin guards. Uniforms are provided for players up to U11. Players U12 and above purchase their own uniform.	Costs vary by team, but range from \$750 to \$1,500. Costs include: <b>Nortac Registration Fee:</b> U09 / U10 \$240, U11 and above \$350. <b>Team Fee:</b> Varies (depends on number of tournaments, Coaching fees, training fees, etc.). <b>Uniform kit:</b> Estimated cost \$150 - \$250 Players are responsible for the cost of cleats, shin guards, and transportation lodging costs to/from games and tournaments as necessary.
Standings /Scorekeeping	We do not keep score or track wins and losses until our players reach U12 as recommended by the US Soccer Federation.	Wins and losses are tracked and Standings are kept. At tournaments, teams advance further in the tournament based on win/loss record.