

### Websites and contact information:

G.R. Crew Juniors- [www.grcrewjuniors.org](http://www.grcrewjuniors.org)

GVSA- [www.gvsoccer.org](http://www.gvsoccer.org)

Michigan State Youth Soccer Association-  
[www.michiganyouthsoccer.org](http://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org)

Gazelle's- [www.gazellesoccer.com](http://www.gazellesoccer.com)

### How to contact us:

#### **Club Administrator-**

Dana Hoebeke: [dana\\_hoebeke@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_hoebeke@yahoo.com)

#### **General Manager/D.O.C.-** Josh Sheldon:

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### Training, Winter Activities and

#### Tournaments:

We offer Keeper and Striker training to all of our players. It is included in your club fees. We also have a week long summer camp in August for all kids who make a Crew team at tryouts, which is also included in your fees.

We offer an academy style, Winter Training for 6-13yr. olds. The older teams typically train within their team.

Many of our professional coaches run their own camps through the summertime. We often have their website links on our website.

If your team decides to participate in indoor soccer over the winter, they can register at MVP Sports Spot on 32nd. St. It is a cost NOT included in your Crew fees, as it is in addition to league play.

Tournaments are a lot of fun for teams. They help build team camaraderie. There are many to choose from within state and out of state. We will have a fall Crew tournament for your team to participate in and is included in your fees. Our spring Crew tournament is encouraged for our younger teams, but is not included in the fees. Your team coach will determine what other tournaments your team attends.

### Uniforms:

Similar to last year, you are responsible for ordering directly from our vendor, Team Gazelle. Ordering happens online and you will find the link on our website, [www.grcrewjuniors.org](http://www.grcrewjuniors.org)

Players cannot choose numbers, we must assign them. If you have trouble with the sizes you ordered, you need to contact Team Gazelle.

We will be proudly wearing the Glidden sponsor on our jerseys, as the MLS Crew players do. This further displays our affiliation with them.

### Cost structure and what we offer:

#### Select fees:

U8,U9 &U10- \$585, U11-U14- \$595  
U15-U19- \$520

#### Premier fees:

U13-U14 - \$1830 U15-U18-\$1325

### What you get for your fees

Within our **Select fees**, we pay for the team registration dues to GVSA, Keeper and Striker training, week long summer camp, rental fees to MVP Fieldhouse for games and practices, coaches salaries, a Crew tournament in the fall, and referee fees.

Within our **Premier fees**, we include all the things listed above, plus a budgeted amount to include winter training, tournament entry fees, State Cup fees, and coach travel expenses.

G.R. Crew Juniors believes we provide the best overall experience and value for your athlete, all within a professionally and well run organization. We strongly encourage you to compare fees from club to club. G.R Crew Juniors strives to include as much as we can in the fees and keep the cost down, while providing you with the top coaching and training experience. With the many professional coaches, technical directors and affiliation with the MLS Columbus Crew, we will help your athlete to succeed and get the most out of his/her soccer experience.

### Our Club is a non-profit organization run by a board of directors:

President- Chip Hoebeke

Vice President- Mike Hoevenaar

Treasurer- Laurie Wilson

Secretary- Jennifer Ostrander

Registrar- Dana Hoebeke

Administrator- Dana Hoebeke

D.O.C./General Manager- Josh Sheldon

Merchandise- Angie Truskowski

Uniforms- Michelle Young

Trustee- Tom Bestrom

Trustee- Jeremy Taylor

Trustee- Jane McClure

Sponsorships- Philip Capobianco

Fund Raising- Rebecca Postelwait

Scholarships- Paul Diekema



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### Formation of Teams

Directly after tryouts, the **Premier teams** will be formed. Your player will find out after their age group has tried out if they have made a team. Directly afterwards, they along with parents, will need to proceed upstairs inside MVP Fieldhouse to register.

The **Select teams** will be formed after tryouts are over. You will receive a call about whether or not your player made a team before the registration day of June 21st. Most calls will happen within 3 days after tryouts.

### How far will we travel for games?

Most of our Select team's games are played within the greater Grand Rapids area, stretching from Lowell to the Lakeshore (some teams as far as Kalamazoo, Traverse City, or Lansing). Half of the season's games are played at our home fields. The Premier teams will travel further into Michigan and surrounding states.

### How can you help?

We have many volunteer needs within our Club.

- We always need help at Tryouts and Registration Day
- During Crew events such as tournaments and MRL weekends
- Team managers

If something here interests you or you have a talent you'd like to share with us, Contact Dana Hoebeke at [dana\\_hoebeke@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_hoebeke@yahoo.com)

### What is the difference between AYSO, YMCA, Select, Premier, and MRL?

AYSO and YMCA are recreational leagues. They are a great place to start to see if your child is interested in playing soccer. When your player's ability is beginning to stretch beyond the competition those leagues can provide them, it's time to check into Travel leagues.

G.R. Crew Juniors is a travel league. Within our Club, we have different levels of competition. **Select** is the first level. You have 2 practices a week and 8 games per season. The season is Fall and Spring. We play in a League called GVSA along with many other travel clubs, who are your opponents. During the winter, there are many training opportunities that are optional.

**Premier** is the next level of competition. It begins at age U13. The tryouts are much more selective and the players need to be ready for a serious commitment at this level. They generally practice 2-3 times weekly, have 8 games per season, and will participate in some in-state and out of state tournaments. The skill level at Premier is higher than Select. Some of our Premier teams will qualify as an **MRL** (Midwest Regional League) team. MRL teams have achieved a winning status in State Cup competitions and are in a regional league with other Midwest states. MRL teams have games in weekend groups rather than every weekend, sometimes requiring more travel than at the Select level.

### Registration~

Registration for all players playing Select fall/spring seasons will be on **Monday, June 21st from 12-3pm and 4-8pm at the MVP Sports Spot on 32nd St.** You must register before or on this date to avoid late fees.

**Premier registration happens the day of premier tryouts, June 12th, and then an alternate date on June 16th from 4-8pm at MVP Fieldhouse, behind cascade Meijers.**

#### The paperwork necessary for Select Registration is as follows:

- GVSA registration form
- Copy of birth certificate
- MSYSA Consent to Travel form
- MSYSA Medical release form-notarized
- small 1x1 picture
- GRCJ checkout form
- Check or credit card for payment

#### The paperwork necessary for Premier Registration is as follows:

- GRCJ registration form
- MSPSP registration form
- Payment form
- Player code of conduct E-form
- MSPSP code of conduct E-form
- Parent consent for pictures online form
- MSYSA Medical Release- notarized
- MSYSA Consent to Travel form
- GRCJ checkout form

*It will greatly enhance the speed of registration if you print your forms from our website and have them filled out prior to registration.*

### Our Mission

The Grand Rapids Crew Juniors' mission is to develop successful soccer players by teaching them lessons for life, while providing a positive club environment for the kids who want to compete at the highest level.

### Why the Grand Rapids Crew Juniors is the best Club in the area

- We offer the highest quality coaching staff at both Select and Premier levels in West Michigan.
- All of our teams practice & play home games at the best outdoor facility in G.R.- MVP Fieldhouse. The common location means that the Premier coaches will get many looks at your player's ability in practice and games from age U8-U12, rather than just at a tryout at U13.
- We have two outstanding, highly credited Technical Directors. Jeff Brown for our Crew girls and George Moni for the Crew boys. For their bio's and qualifications, check out our website.
- Our affiliation with the MLS team, The Columbus Crew, gives our players a special advantage over most clubs. Our players will have access to coaching clinics, player clinics, Crew weekends in Columbus, and many more perks. We are also a part of the Crew's youth development board.
- We are one of the few clubs that offers both Select and Premier. Our teams successfully compete at all levels. We are proud of our championships from State Cup, MRL, and many tournaments. The direct lead into Premier for our Select teams offers a great advantage and precludes a player from having to leave his or her Select club to play on a premier team.



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