

Websites and contact information:

G.R. Crew Juniors- www.grcrewjuniors.org
Visit us on facebook and twitter!

GVSA- www.gvsoccer.org

Michigan State Youth Soccer Association-
www.michiganyouthsoccer.org

Gazelle's- www.gazellesoccer.com

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

President- Chip Hoebeke
Vice President- Mike Hoevenaar
Secretary- Jennifer Ostrander
Registrar- Dana Hoebeke
Administrator- Dana Hoebeke
D.O.C./General Manager- Josh Sheldon
Uniforms- Michelle Young
Team Manager Liaison- Michelle Young
Trustee- Tom Bestrom
Trustee- Rebecca Postlewait
Fund Raising- Rebecca Postlewait
Website coordinator- Ken Coviak
Tournament director- Marc Frankland
Book keeper- Lewis Robinson
Scholarships- Paul Diekema



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Training, Winter Activities and

Tournaments:

We offer goal 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. We are excited to announce that winter training is now included in your fees!

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 Select fees. Your team coach will determine what other tournaments your team attends.



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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 You will receive an email letting you know when you can order. Players cannot choose numbers, we must assign them. If you have trouble with the sizes you ordered, you need to contact Team Gazelle.

NEW Goal Keeper Training available

We are excited that this year we will be offering a formal goalkeeper training for all keepers club-wide. It will include fall, winter and spring training for all ages. There will be no additional cost to this training. We recognize the importance of this training to our keepers and are committed to providing this training as a part of the club's regular fee structure.

National Premier League (NPL):

We are proud to announce that G.R. Crew Juniors is one of only 5 clubs in the State of Michigan that was invited to participate in this exclusive league. The league is comprised of clubs from across the Midwest that consistently field high quality teams that successfully compete regionally rather than locally.

The recognition of our club consistently and successfully competing at these high levels has created this opportunity for the top players in our club.



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Cost structure and what we offer:

Select fees:

U8-U14 (full year)- \$665 U15-U19 (1/2 year)- \$565

Premier fees:

U13-U14 - \$1885 U15-U18-\$1365

What you get for your fees_____With-

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

Within our **Premier fees**, we include Keeper and Striker training, week long summer camp, winter training, rental fees to MVP Fieldhouse for games and practices, coaches salaries and travel expenses, referee fees, league fees, State fees, plus a budgeted amount to include tournament entry fees and State Cup fees.

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. We believe you will find that by packaging all fees into the annual dues it is less expensive to play for the Crew than other clubs that continually add additional fees on throughout the year on an ala carte basis. 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.



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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 27th. Most calls will happen within 3 days after tryouts.

How far will we travel for games?

Most of our Select teams' 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
- Working with the merchandise sales



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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 club. 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 seasons are 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 and State Cup. 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.



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Registration~

Registration for all players playing Select fall/spring seasons will be on **Monday, June 27th 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 and MRL registration happens the day of tryouts, June 18th 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:

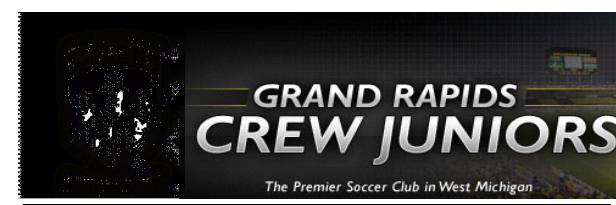
- MSPSP registration form
- Payment form
- MSYSA Player code of conduct
- MSYSA code of conduct
- MSYSA Medical Release- notarized
- MSYSA Consent to Travel form
- GRCJ checkout form
- Check or credit card for payment

NPL Teams- include US Club medical form and extra birth certificate copy and another 1x1 picture.

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



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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.

- 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 Select, Premier and MRL level competition. Our teams successfully compete at all levels. We are proud of our championships from tournaments, State Cup, MRL, and National level. 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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