

# Indy Burn Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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## What is Indy Burn soccer?

Pike Soccer Club's competitive division is called "Indy Burn." Children 8-23 years old play in leagues against other teams in central Indiana (mostly Indianapolis). Teams play at their true age, meaning all members of a team are born between 8/1 of one year and 7/31 of the next. In Indiana, travel teams are named using the second half of players' birth year. The new teams formed each June (for Fall through Spring play), at the youngest age for travel play, are called "Under 9" ("U9") teams, as all players turn 8 years old between August 1 and July 31. There is an age chart on PSC web site.

## Who coaches the teams?

The Club selects Coaches based on their youth soccer coaching experience and formal coaching education. Coaches have earned state or national soccer association coaching licenses and meet or exceed State Minimum Coaching Standards. Criminal background checks are performed on all coaches and managers.

## Who is on the team?

Coaches select players after a fair and open tryout held each June. The number of players selected and number of teams formed depend upon the number and skill level of players trying out. When there are enough skilled players, additional teams are formed. Indy Burn Premier teams are formed when the correct combination of player and coaching talent and parent desire exists. Indy Burn U9 and U10 Academy teams accept all players. On game days teams are divided into teams of 8 to play 6 vs. 6 games. Coaches place on the roster 11-13 players for each U11-U12 8 vs. 8 team and 16-18 players for each U13-U23 11 vs. 11 team. Teams are formed with the players exhibiting the highest skill level. The decisions of which players are made by the Coaches involved and PSC Soccer Director.

## What is the cost?

Travel fees range from \$300 to \$500 per season. This amount covers all known expenses including coach's fee, referee fees, league registrations, player registrations with IYSA and the US Youth Soccer Association, field and equipment maintenance, skills clinics, tournament fees, uniform, and games. There may be additional fees for tournaments, including coach's hotel expense if a tournament is out of town. Players purchase uniforms, which are expected to last for 2 to 3 years. The basic uniform package is about \$70.; warm ups are not included. Club fees are due in full by August 1 for fall play and by February 1 for spring play. Club fee assistance is available for qualifying children who otherwise would not be able to play soccer. Applications are due July 1 for Fall and January 1 for Spring. Contact Indy Burn Committee Chairperson for more information.

## What travel is involved?

Most league games are in the Indianapolis area. Travel in central Indiana as far as Lafayette, Terre Haute, Fort Wayne, Bloomington, or Columbus is possible, but usually travel that far is only once or twice a season. Teams may decide to register for out of town or out of state tournaments. This is especially true for teams playing at the Premier level.

## What other things should I know?

Team training sessions are usually held two days per week. Each u9-u14 team plays in the PSC hosted PikeFest tournament in August. Each team playing at the A or above level is encouraged to enter one of the two State Cup tournaments. The decisions on how many and which tournaments is made by PSC Soccer Director and the coaching staff with input from parents and players. The decision whether to play winter indoor soccer is left to the parents and players of each team. PSC Soccer Directors will recommend specific tournaments for teams and the Club may have joint marketing agreements with other local tournaments. All Indy Burn teams are expected to adhere to PSC Soccer Director direction and recommendations. Winter training sessions are held at an area indoor facility, usually once a week during January and February. Parent volunteer support is expected throughout the year. Travel parents perform a variety of volunteer work, including team management, field maintenance and fund raising, and also staff the PikeFest tournament (fields, parking, concessions, scoring).

## What do I need to do to get involved?

Indy Burn competitive teams are formed near the end of each June at Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex. The schedule is posted on the Club web site [www.pikeyouthsoccerclub.org](http://www.pikeyouthsoccerclub.org) Teams sometimes add players throughout the year. If you have any questions, contact PSC Soccer Director, Pike Youth Soccer Club, Inc., PO Box 532472, Indianapolis, IN 46253. Rev. 05/31/09