



MSSA MEETING SUMMARY
Spring 2025 Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, February 5th, 6:00pm

Spring Season Schedule - 5 weeks, 10 games. Easter Sunday falls on April 20th this year.

Deadline to declare teams:	February 26th, Wednesday
Deadline to withdraw from MSSA Tournament:	April 23rd, 11:59pm
Regular Season:	Wednesday, April 2 nd through Saturday, May 3 rd
Make-up Games:	Sunday, May 4 th through Friday, May 9 th
Tournament:	Saturday, May 10 th - First Preliminary Round Games
	Saturday, May 17 th - Remaining Preliminary Round Games
	Sunday, May 18 th - Championship Games

Sixteen representatives from twelve participating communities attended the spring organizational MSSA meeting.

The seasonal start dates and all deadlines indicated throughout this summary are as stated.

Mercy Rule eliminated Spring 2025

The mercy rule—deemed ineffective by consensus—has been **eliminated** from the MSSA rules beginning spring 2025. Instead, coordinators are encouraged to counsel coaches on strategies for letting up if the goal differential reaches 4 so that everyone can leave the field with their dignity. Revised MSSA rules will be posted on the webpage soon and sent with schedules later this spring.

Weeknight Game Days

Girls Team Games will continue to be scheduled on Wednesdays and Co-Rec Team Games on Thursdays. All weekend games will continue to be scheduled for play on Saturday mornings.

Spring Fees: Fees for spring 2025 will remain at \$325.00 per team.

Deadline – To MSSA – February 26th EARLIER if you have them!

1. Team Declarations
 - a. Team Name(s), with:
 - b. Coach Name, email address and phone number (preferably cell)
 - c. Recommended division placement (A, A/B, B, B/C, etc.) See 'Guidelines' attached.
2. Team Colors
3. Address of your Field Location(s). (If different than the fall.) Addresses of all fields are provided so that maps/directions can be obtained from the internet.
4. **Include the date your fields open and any field/game restrictions.**
5. Check for Spring Fees (\$325 per team), payable to "DSL" or "Dublin Soccer League".

We are expecting 6 or 7 Co-Rec divisions and 2 to 3 Girls divisions.

Deadline – From MSSA – Week of March 10th (depends on receipt of declarations)

1. Regular Season Schedules
2. Association Rules
3. Addresses of Field Locations
4. Contact Information

Deadline – To MSSA – April 14th – Tournament T-shirt Sizes

- T-shirts are for players only. Sorry! No coaches. Although, if we wish to do that it would require increasing fees further.
- Sizes that may be ordered are YM, YL, YXL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, or AXXL.
- The order will be based on the information received by the date above. If we do not have a team's information by this date, we will order eighteen (18) adult large t-shirts for that team.

To avoid fines, teams must email MSSA by 11:59pm on April 23rd their intention to withdraw from the tournament. A team that does not notify MSSA (email preferred) of their intention to drop out of the tournament by 11:59pm on the date specified on the webpage and MSSA summary, will incur a \$200 fine. If that team, or the League through which they are registered, does not pay the fine, they will NOT BE ALLOWED to play in MSSA in subsequent seasons until the fine is paid.

Deadline – From MSSA – Week of April 28th

1. Tournament Schedules - Will be based on game scores reported through April 24th.
2. Tournament Rules

Re-Scheduling Games continues to be a problem due to increased demand for fields and conflicts with other activities. If anyone has any ideas for a solution, please share your thoughts. Please also note the following "local policies":

1. Westerville (WASA) will NOT re-schedule a game unless it is cancelled due to weather.
2. Dublin will re-schedule games. HOWEVER, the visiting team will have to pay for the referees unless at least 48 hours' notice is provided.
3. Pickerington (PASA) will not reschedule a game, other than for weather cancellations, unless at least 48 hours' notice is provided and approved by the PASA Scheduler.

Tournament Locations - Saturday May 17th and Sunday, May 18th

The minimum field requirements to host one division on Saturday is 2 fields for 4 consecutive hours. The Host Site typically also hosts the Championship game on Sunday. Any assistance you can provide will be most appreciated! If you wish to discuss, don't hesitate to call. Perhaps you could check NOW for field availability on these dates.

Current locations include: Dublin, Gahanna, Pataskala, Teays Valley, Westerville