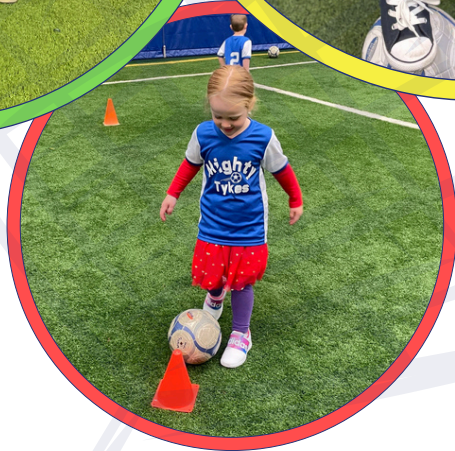


Naperville Yard

Mighty Tykes Soccer



About the Program

Adventure themes are the foundation of the Mighty Tykes soccer program. Coaches use imaginative themes to introduce key soccer skills and simulate real game scenarios. Games like Steal the Bacon, Sharks & Minnows, and Hungry Hippos are top favorites amongst our players (and coaches).

As players progress through Mighty Tykes, coaches build off the Adventure themes by introducing basic game concepts like out-of-bounds and restarts (kick-in passes). Additionally, players will learn that “offense” and “defense aren’t position names - instead, we talk about attackers and defenders to lay the groundwork for the next level of play.

By the time players reach the 5-6 year-old classes, things get a little more strategic - and a lot more fun! Coaches introduce position shapes like triangles, squares, and diamonds, along with basic position names - goalie, sweeper, right wing, left, wing, and striker - to help players understand how to work together on the field. This is also the age where we dive a bit deeper into footwork, teaching players about the different parts of the foot: sole, inside, outside, and laces.

No matter the age group, players are introduced to soccer moves - aka “tricks”! The two stars of the show are pull backs and step overs. While we don’t expect our 2 - 4 year olds to master these right away, early exposure helps build confidence on the ball and encourages players to start experimenting with their moves during small-sided games.



Parental Involvement

2 - 3 yrs

1 Parent **MUST** be actively participating on the field with their soccer child.

All other family members are off the field unless permission received from Manager.

3 - 4 yrs

1 Parent may sit along the sideline for reassurance or participate on the field as needed.

If you are on the sideline or field, please stay off your phone.

4-5, 4-6, & 5-6 yrs

Parent is off the field.

Please inform the Manager if your soccer child has any physical/mental disabilities or speaks a language other than English.

We kindly request that you do not sit inside the player boxes on field 2.



Parental Support

We understand that children ages 2–6 are still learning how to listen, follow directions, and stay focused. At times, this may look like being silly, goofing off, or testing boundaries—this is completely age-appropriate.

All of our coaches complete a 7–8 week training program before becoming head coaches. Many of our coaches are high school students or college-aged adults who do a great job leading sessions; however, there are moments when a parent or guardian can be especially effective in helping redirect their own child's behavior.

While our coaches will always do their best to redirect behavior, there are situations where a child's behavior becomes disruptive or unsafe, and parental support is necessary. We kindly ask that parents step onto the field when needed to help redirect their own child so the session can continue safely and positively for everyone.

If a child is repeatedly disruptive or engages in unsafe behavior and redirection is not effective, the child may be asked to step out for the remainder of the class. This is not intended as punishment, but rather as a way to maintain a safe, positive, and productive environment for all players, coaches, and families.

Dress Like the Pros



Starting in March 2026, one Mighty Tykes t-shirt is included with each child's initial monthly membership registration.

Available sizes: 4T, 6T / Youth Extra Small, Youth Small

Additional shirts are available for \$10

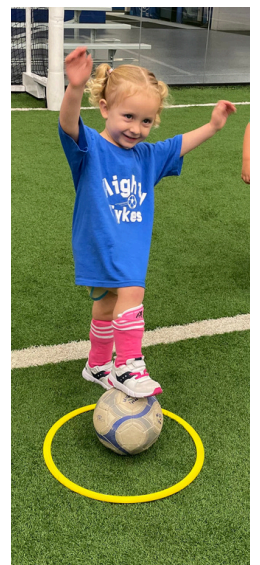
2 - 3 & 3 - 4 yr Classes

- Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sneakers.
- Acceptable footwear includes sneakers, soccer cleats, or soccer flat/turf shoe.
- Shin guards are **not** required.
- Players may bring a ball, size 2 or 3, but only if they can share it with others.
- Bring a water bottle.

4 - 5, 4 - 6 & 5 - 6 yr Classes

- Wear comfortable athletic clothing.
- Acceptable footwear includes soccer cleats, soccer flat/turf shoe, or sneakers.
- **Shin guards are mandatory.** We recommend the slip in shin guard as the velcro can be "itchy."
- Players may bring a size 3 ball as long as they are willing to share it.
- Bring a water bottle.

Types of Shin guards



Scheduling a Make-Up Class

- Soccer players are permitted 1 make-up class per month.
- Make-ups must be used within 3 months of the missed class and are subject to class availability.
- Parents/Guardians must notify Naperville Yard using the designated form at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled class to be eligible for a make-up.
- No refunds or credits are issued for any missed classes, including those not made up.
- If a child is absent from a scheduled make-up class, the class is forfeited and will not be rescheduled, refunded, or credited.



Scan to schedule



Frequently Asked Questions



- **How does the refund process work for the monthly membership?**
 - If you wish to cancel, please call the facility at least 7 days before your next billing date to avoid being charge for the following month.
 - No refunds or credits will be issued for a child's absence.
- **Do classes take place indoors our outdoors?**
 - **Unless otherwise noted on the Mighty Tykes webpage, all Mighty Tykes classes take place indoors on artificial turf soccer fields.**
- **Can my child move up to the next age group mid-month?**
 - Yes, as long as there is space available in a class.
- **My child is a little too advanced for Mighty Tykes. Do you have anything more challenging?**
 - Our Recreational Soccer Program is open to players in Kindergarten to 8th grade. In Rec, our focus is to prepare your child for Park District, and/or Club soccer.
 - The Recreational Soccer Program is not recommended for players who struggle with dribbling and have not mastered the pull back and step over moves.
- **When can my child play in the Playroom?**
 - The Playroom is available Monday - Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
 - Mighty Tykes participants get in free during their enrollment.
- **Can we request a specific coach?**
 - No



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