

MUYSA Uniform Questions/Answers:

Question: What uniform do I order/get for my child?

Answer: It depends on your child's age group. Please reference the table below:

Age Group	Uniform	Distribution
U06	White T-shirt with MUYSA logo	Given out by coaches/age group coordinator at the first session.
U07	Solid Color T-shirt with MUYSA logo on front, sponsor name on back	Given out by coaches at the first session as each team will have its own color.
U08	Kit consisting of 2 tee shirts: one green and one white. Black shorts and black socks. Tee shirts have MUYSA logo on front and a number on the back.	Purchased at the Soccer Spot in Milford (Kohl's Plaza). Initial inventory should be available after 8/18/09
U10 and Up	Green/black stripe jersey (non-reversible) with crew neck (numbered on back), black shorts and black socks	Purchased at the Soccer Spot in Milford (Kohl's Plaza).

Question: Why did you change the uniforms?

Answer: We were having delivery lead time issues with our vendor which led to uniform shortages which we had little control over. Our new vendor can deliver the uniforms in less than 4 weeks. We also felt that the "reversibles" were very uncomfortable in warm weather and we were able to provide an alternative for the U08s which was not only more comfortable for the kids, but less expensive as well.

Question: Is there a price difference if I buy the whole package (shirt/jersey, shorts, socks) versus individual pieces?

Answer: There is a price break for the whole package; however, individual items are available for purchase as needed due to the growth of the child.

Question: What if my child played U08 or U10 last year and has a v-neck reversible travel jersey, which still fits him/her?

Answer: We are not forcing anyone to buy new jerseys when their present one fits their child. The only differences between the new one and the old one are that the new one is NOT reversible and they have different neck trim and the numbers on the new one are white instead of black. Color pattern is pretty much the same. You may purchase a new one at any time.

Question: My child played in a travel league last year and has a travel jersey with a black folded collar. Do I need to get a new one?

Answer: We are not forcing anyone to buy new jerseys when their present one fits their child. The basic style is the same at the travel level so minor differences are not a big deal. A jersey may be purchased on an ad hoc basis as your child outgrows them.

Question: I called the Soccer Spot and they don't have any uniforms in stock. What should I do?

Answer: The Soccer Spot manages our inventory. They contact us when stocks are low and we authorize additional orders. Since we believe our new vendor will provide reasonable lead times, we hope to minimize uniform shortages for extended periods of time.

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Question: My child plays indoor soccer. What uniform should they wear?

Answer: Indoor soccer is not a sanctioned (official) program of Mendon-Upton Youth Soccer Association. Teams are created by volunteer coaches on a private basis. The coaches will provide direction on uniform requirements although we would prefer that if town uniforms are used, that coaches stay within the age group uniform guidelines (meaning if U08 – that they use the t-shirts from outdoor soccer and not deplete our travel uniforms from older age groups). Some coaches find creative uniforms for their teams (i.e. decorated inexpensive t-shirts)..so its up to the coach.

Question: What about shin pads? How often should I get new ones for my child?

Answer: Shin pads protect the shin area below the knee. If they properly fit, they come midway up the shin. Its always a good idea to check their fit each season due to the rapid growth of children at certain ages. The Soccer Spot can help size your child properly.

Question: What about cleats? How often should I get new cleats for my child?

Answer: Cleats (or any footwear for that matter) should be comfortable and not hurt the child's foot when running. Most mid-range and lower cleats do not have adequate arch support for the pounding the feet take when running. Soccer requires a lot of running. We suggest that you remove the insole that comes with the cleats and purchase inserts (like Dr. Scholl's or equivalent) which provide stronger arch support. Your child will not complain of heel or arch pain and enjoy running. Another good idea, like with the shin pads, is to check the fit of your children's cleats on a seasonal basis as their feet often grow a size or two during a given year. Scrunched up toes from a cleat which is a size or two too small will be very unpleasant. The Soccer Spot is helpful in sizing footwear. There should be about ¼ to ½ inch of space between the toes and the end of the cleat for optimal comfort. Cleats tend to run small, so a good rule of thumb is to purchase a size larger than your child's current shoe size.