



Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club

Mikro – New Parent Guide

Welcome to Mikro Soccer!

We're excited to have your family join the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club Mikro program!

Mikro soccer is often a child's first experience with soccer. Mikro is a fun, playful introduction to the game for our youngest players, ages 3-5. At this stage, it's about movement, games, and building confidence with first touches on a soccer ball.

About Mikro Soccer

- Ages: 3U-5U (3-4 year olds)
- Coaches: Lead coach with other trained coaches
- Format: 6 week seasonal classes
- Philosophy: Fun, imagination, and basic soccer touches
- Competition: None! This is meant as a first experience to sport and soccer

MKSC Structure

Milwaukee Kickers is one club, but it is organized into multiple Regions across Southeastern Wisconsin. Mikro soccer is located in areas where our Regions play for recreational and competitive soccer.

What You'll Need

- Soccer Ball: Size 3
- Shin Guards: Recommended, but not required
- Shoes: Athletic shoes are fine; cleats are optional at this age
- Uniform: Provided by the club, distributed at first class
- Water Bottle: Bring to every session

Pro Tip: Dress in layers! Soccer is played in spring and fall, often in chilly or wet weather!

What to Expect

The Mikro season is a seasonal class held in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter in locations specific to MKSC Regions. Registration for the class often opens about 1-2 months before the session starts.

- Sessions are 60 minutes long
- Activities are based on games and imagination (ex: sharks and minnows, Mr Fox)
- Coaches focus on fun first; skills will come naturally through play
- No official games, scores, or teams; just lots of fun activities and smiles

Pro Tip: Some games and lessons will not involve a ball, and this is ok! Part of Mikro is beginning to understand some of the basic movements that go into playing soccer.

Parent Role

Parents play one of the biggest roles in creating a positive soccer environment!

- Be patient with your child and the coaches. This might be your child's very first experience in a group setting and it also might be a young coach's first experience formally coaching the game.
- Cheer positively and encourage participation.
- Jump in to help if coaches ask for parent support.
- Keep expectations simple! The most success with this program is your child having fun and being active. Not all exercises will include the ball; this is perfectly normal.

Pro Tip: Progress looks different for everyone at this age! The developmental milestones for 3–4-year-olds will be much different based on their experiences so far in life. Every child is different, and everyone's experience will be different.

Communication

All communication will be done directly through Playmetrics, the system you registered your child for.

- Mikro Director: Your first contact for practices and general soccer questions.
- Club: Provides seasonal emails and overall MKSC updates.

Pro Tip: If you have any concerns, reach out to our Mikro Director.

Next Steps after Mikro

Once your player is 6U (under 6) they will be eligible to play in our 6U Recreational programming.

- Practices and games are slightly more structured
- Players will likely join a team coached by a parent volunteer
- Still focused on fun and learning, but with real game experiences!

Pro Tip: Keep up to date with the club via our monthly newsletter and social media platforms! This will keep you informed with all program openings, deadlines, and additional programs for your child to play in after Mikro.

Key Contacts & Resources

- Club website: <https://www.mksc.org/>
- Regional contacts: <https://www.mksc.org/regions/>
- Club policies: <https://www.mksc.org/about/policies/>
- Next step/Recreational programming:
<https://www.mksc.org/programs/recreational/>
- Playmetrics Guides:
 - [Adding the PlayMetrics app to your mobile device](#)
 - [Registering with PlayMetrics](#)
 - [How do I register for a program?](#)
 - [Adding Additional Contacts to your account](#)
 - [How do I sync my Team Calendar with my personal Calendar?](#)
 - [How to Update Your Player's Profile Information](#)
 - [Setting Your Communication Preferences](#)