



2026 New Trier Boys Soccer Tryout Info



2026 Important Dates	
Event	Date
2025-26 NTHS School Year Ends	Friday, 6/5
Summer Soccer Begins	Monday, 6/8
Summer Strength and Conditioning Begins	Monday, 6/8
Summer Soccer Ends	Thursday, 7/2
Summer Strength and Conditioning Ends	Thursday, 7/16
Soccer Tryouts Begin	Monday, 8/10
2026-27 NTHS School Year Begins	Wednesday, 8/19
Season Opener vs. Prospect – All Levels	Monday, 8/24 -or- Tuesday, 8/25
Last Game – Frosh, Sophomore, and JV	Saturday, 10/17
Program Banquet	Monday, 10/19
IHSA 3A State Finals	Friday, 11/6 and Saturday, 11/7

Tryouts for the 2026 NTBS fall season begin on Monday, August 10, 2026.¹ All age groups will start their tryout at **7:00am** on the Northfield Campus. The first tryout session will include a fitness test (the Beep Test, or Multi-Stage Fitness Test) and additional small-sided activities. Later tryout sessions will evaluate offensive (dribbling, passing, receiving, shooting, etc.) and defensive (pressure, cover, tackling, heading, etc.) technical skills in 1v1, 2v1, and 2v2 scenarios as well as overall skills in small-sided and full regulation 11v11 games.

Except for returning varsity players, all athletes will begin tryouts with their age group (rising freshmen, rising sophomores, and rising juniors/seniors). Any movement of individual players to an older age group during tryouts will be at the discretion of the coaching staff and communicated to families privately.

Unquestionably, selecting teams is the most difficult part of every season. As a program, we plan to field five teams (Varsity, JV, Sophomore, Frosh A, and Frosh B) and will likely make cuts at all levels. We acknowledge that the tryout process can be challenging on many levels for athletes and their families. Please know that we, the NTBS coaching staff, will make every effort to ensure a safe, fair, and thorough tryout experience for all athletes. Final decisions regarding team selection will be made in a private conversation between an athlete and coach(es). Please also be aware of the following:

- **Players that do not attend tryouts are not eligible to participate in the 2026 Boys Soccer Season!**

¹ The Boys Soccer season calendar is set each year by the IHSA. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ihsa.org/sports/boys-soccer/calendar>

- In order to participate in tryouts, each player must register online at least one week before the start of tryouts (i.e., Monday, August 3, 2026) → <https://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/athletics/athletic-registration>
- Soccer cleats, shin guards, athletic shorts, and an athletic t-shirt are required to play.
- Tryouts for ALL levels will be at the **Northfield Campus**
- Final selections for all levels will be made no sooner than Wednesday, 8/12/26 (i.e., after Tryout Session #3) and no later than Friday, 8/14/26 (i.e., after Tryout Session #5).
- Rising seniors will **not** be selected for the JV team.
- Roster sizes tend to fall within the range of 18-22 players (includes GKs).
- Technical skill, tactical acumen, athleticism, and size are important factors in team selection, but so are our program values (i.e., leadership, “nails” mentality, positivity, competitiveness, and commitment)!
- Local club gear is not permitted during tryouts.
- Cross Country (Head Coach Matt Sloan), Football (Head Coach Brian Doll) and Boys Badminton (Coach Kelsh) are options for athletes who are not selected for a soccer team.
- Good luck to everyone trying out!!!
- If you have any questions, please contact Head Coach Matt Ravenscraft
 - Email → ravenscm@nths.net
 - Office Phone → (847) 784-6673
- Please refer to the schedule below for the first TWO weeks of the soccer season (i.e., August 10—August 24).
- Note that this schedule is a subject to change at any point and players should confirm with coaches of their respective levels **every day** to ensure they know when and where to be for tryout sessions and training sessions!

Monday, August 10

Tryout Session #1: Check-in, Fitness Test (Running Shoes), and small-sided games (Cleats, Shin Guards)

Time	Location	Level(s)
7:00am—8:00am	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	ALL
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	Frosh
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Sophomore
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Junior/Senior

Tuesday, August 11

Tryout Session #2

Time	Location	Level(s)
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	Frosh
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Sophomore
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Junior/Senior

Wednesday, August 12

Tryout Session #3

Time	Location	Level(s)
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	Frosh

8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Sophomore
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Junior/Senior

Thursday, August 13

Tryout Session #4 (if required) -and/or- Training Session

Time	Location	Level(s)
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	Frosh
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Sophomore
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Junior Varsity
8:00am—12:00pm	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Sophomore

Friday, August 14

Tryout Session #5 (if required) -and/or- Training Session

Time	Location	Level(s)
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	Frosh
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Sophomore
8:00am—10:00am	Northfield Field 3 (Turf)	Junior Varsity
8:00am—12:00pm	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Sophomore

Saturday, August 15

Morning training: Program Training Session #1

Time	Location	Level(s)
7:00am—8:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	Varsity
8:30am—10:00am	Northfield Field 2 (Turf)	ALL (Program Training)

Sunday, August 16

REST DAY – ALL LEVELS

Monday, August 17 (Institute Day #1)

Afternoon Training

Time	Location	Level(s)
4:15pm—6:00pm	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Varsity
3:15pm—5:15pm	TBD	Frosh, Sophomore, Junior Varsity
TBD	Equipment Distribution Athletic Equipment Room (Winnetka)	TBD

Tuesday, August 18 (Institute Day #2)

Afternoon Training

Time	Location	Level(s)
TBD	TBD	Varsity
TBD	TBD	Frosh
TBD	TBD	Sophomore, Junior Varsity
6:00pm—7:30pm	Winnetka (Main Gym, McGee)	ALL (see below)

Mandatory Fall Sports Info Meeting, Main Gym (Winnetka)

Tuesday, August 18, 6:00pm—6:30pm

Mandatory Boys Soccer Info Meeting, McGee Theater (Winnetka)

Tuesday, August 18, 6:45pm—7:15pm

Wednesday, August 19 (First Day of Classes)

*Afternoon Training**

Time	Location	Level(s)
4:00pm—6:00pm	TBD	Frosh
4:00pm—6:00pm	TBD	Sophomore, JV
4:00pm—6:00pm	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Varsity

Thursday, August 20

Afternoon Training: SCRIMMAGE SCHEDULE

Time	Stadium (Turf)	TBD (Turf)
4:00pm—4:40pm	Frosh A vs. Sophomore	Frosh B vs. Frosh B
4:45pm—5:25pm	JV vs. Sophomore	Frosh A vs. Frosh B
5:30pm—6:10pm	Varsity vs. JV	N/A
6:15pm—6:55pm	Varsity vs. Varsity	N/A

Friday, August 21

Afternoon training

Time	Location	Level(s)
3:30pm—5:00pm	TBD	Frosh
4:00pm—5:30pm	TBD	Sophomore, Junior Varsity
4:00pm—5:30pm	Northfield Stadium (Turf)	Varsity

Saturday, August 22 (Team Picture Day)

Morning Training

Time	Location	Level(s)
TBD	Team Pictures Northfield Forest Preserve	Team Picture Schedule TBD
TBD (likely morning)	Northfield (Field TBD)	Frosh, Sophomore
TBD (likely afternoon)	Northfield (Field TBD)	Junior Varsity, Varsity

Sunday, August 24

REST DAY – ALL LEVELS

Monday, August 25

Frosh A, Frosh B, JV → Season Opener @ Prospect High School!

Sophomore and Varsity → Training After School

Each coach will issue their respective team's training schedules via email and/or the REMIND APP for Monday, August 25 and beyond.