



## North Alabama SC 2021 NPSL Season Information

North Alabama SC is excited for our inaugural season in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL). Described below is preliminary information for the upcoming 2021 season.

### **Head Coach**

The Head Coach and staff announcement is pending.

### **Player Eligibility**

All male players ages 16 and up are eligible to participate. **Note** - *Player must turn 16 on or before April 30, 2021 to be eligible.*

Current/active high school and college players are eligible. NCAA eligibility is not affected by playing in the NPSL. However, current/active college players must complete their fall season before being eligible to tryout for the NPSL team during the 2020 winter break tryout being held December 13-14, 2020.

**Note** – If you are currently playing collegiate soccer, be sure to inform your coach that you are trying out and consult your school's compliance office with any eligibility questions. The rules vary between NCAA divisions, NAIA, and Junior College.

### **Tryout Dates**

Open tryouts will be held at Merrimack Soccer Complex in Huntsville, AL on the following dates

- **December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** – Times are TBD
- A spring combine will be held in April 2021 Dates will be finalized and announced by April 1, 2021.

Register for tryouts at [North Alabama SC NPSL Open Tryouts](#)

### **Conference Information**

North Alabama SC will compete in the Southeast Conference for the 2021 season. Conference opponents are expected to be

- Georgia Revolution FC
- Georgia Storm SA
- Inter Nashville FC
- LSA Athletico Lanier
- Metro Louisville FC



- Nashville United

Conference schedule will be at least 12-games: 6-home and 6-away.

### **Season Dates and Schedule**

The season dates including the regular season schedule will be finalized by the league in January 2021. Information will be communicated once dates and games schedules are approved by the league.

Below are the anticipated 2021 season dates – ***Nothing is finalized until February 1, 2021.***

**Regular Season:** May 1<sup>st</sup>-July 4<sup>th</sup>

**\*Southeast Conference Tournament:** July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**NPSL Regionals:** July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

**NPSL Nationals:** July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>

\* Participation in the Southeast Conference Tournament is determined by the end-of-season conference standings. The conference tournament champion will represent the conference at the NPSL Regionals.

### **Home Stadium**

Home games will be played at the John Hunt Championship Soccer Stadium: Fields 1 and 2 in Huntsville, AL located at 2151 Airport Road, Huntsville, AL 35802

### **Training**

Training schedule has not been set; however, expect a minimum of 3-days of training per week. Training will also include conditioning: speed and agility.

Training location is expected to be the John Hunt Championship Soccer Stadium with the Merrimack Soccer Complex Turf Fields serving as back-up in cases of inclement weather.

### **First Team and Reserve Team**

North Alabama SC will only field a first team for the 2021 season.

### **Away Game Travel**

Chartered team travel (bus or van) for away games will be managed and provided by North Alabama SC. No overnight stays are planned; however, if an overnight stay is required, lodging and meals will be managed and provided by North Alabama SC. Players will not incur any travel expenses.



### **Housing Accommodations for Players**

North Alabama SC will evaluate housing support and options on an individual player and need basis.

### **Player Expenses**

All in-season player expenses are covered by North Alabama SC as allowed by the NPSL and NCAA.

***This is an amateur league. Players are NOT paid a salary.***

### **Uniform Kit and Training Shirts**

Full uniform kit (home, away, and keeper) and training shirts are provided by North Alabama SC. Players are responsible for providing any other required equipment: i.e. cleats, shin-guards, etc.

Uniform kits items (jerseys and shorts) are owned, maintained, and managed by the Club. At the end of the season players are allowed to keep their team issued training shirts and any provided accessories.

### **Soccer Camps**

North Alabama SC is scheduled to host soccer camps during the summer. Players will have the opportunity to be employed as assistants for the camp. The number of opportunities available for assistants will be based on the number of camp participants.

### **Questions**

Please refer any questions you have to [NPSL@NorthAlabamaSC.org](mailto:NPSL@NorthAlabamaSC.org)