

EDINA SOCCER CLUB FAQs – 2012

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1. New Players

What is the difference between ESC (traveling soccer) and ESA (house or recreational soccer)?

Commitment:

ESC teams have mandatory games and practices and are expected to be on the field a minimum of 3-4 times per week. This is usually a combination of practices, games, tournaments and skills clinics. Teams at the C1 and Premier level U13 and above may extend this to 5 times per week.

ESA has 1-2 games per week with an optional practice.

Competition:

ESC teams will play teams from other communities during their league season. Half of the games are played in Edina and half are played at the away team's fields. League games do not require overnight travel. Depending on age and level, each team will also participate in 1-3 weekend tournaments during the league season. Some top level teams participate in Metro or Regional play as well as out of state tournaments.

ESA teams will only play other ESA teams on Edina fields.

Coaching/Instruction:

ESC pays all of their coaches and instructors and rarely utilizes parent coaches.

ESA has mostly parent coaches, and uses paid instructors.

Player Development:

ESC has a year-round program for players on U11C2, U12+ C1 and Premier Teams which goes from the Fall League, winter into the Spring/Summer League.

U9/U10 teams and C2/C3 teams have optional winter training options available.

ESA has a Summer season and a Fall season. ESA players are invited to participate in an optional winter training program that ESC runs.

When can my child start playing traveling soccer?

The ESC entry age level is U9.

Players U7 and U8 who show the ability and are able to make the time commitment are able to play at the U9 level until they are eligible to be a “true” U9 player and then progress through ESC in the normal age progression.

What is my child’s age group?

Based on the governing body of soccer (MYSA), your child’s age group is based on the player’s birth date.

All players “age up” on August 1st of each year

i.e. Summer U10 players become U11 players for the fall and following summer seasons.

Players with August birthdays, who wish to play with their same grade, need to notify the club at registration. In this instance players are highly encouraged to play at their grade to avoid complications when the players transition to high school. See chart below.

Your age Group is	For Fall 2011 & Summer 2012 If your birthday falls between:		
U7	8-1-04	To	7-31-05
U8	8-1-03	To	7-31-04
U9	8-1-02	To	7-31-03
U10	8-1-01	To	7-31-02
U11	8-1-00	To	7-31-01
U12	8-1-99	To	7-31-98
U13	8-1-98	To	7-31-99
U14	8-1-97	To	7-31-98
U15	8-1-96	To	7-31-97
U16	8-1-95	To	7-31-96
U17	8-1-94	To	7-31-95
U18	8-1-93	To	7-31-94

Do I have to live in Edina to play on an ESC team?

No, anyone from any community is welcome to tryout for an ESC team.

Are there different levels of play?

Competitive Division				
Age	Gold	Maroon		
U9	SS	SS		
U10	SS	SS		
Age	Classic 3	Classic 2	Classic 1	Premier
U11	SS	SS		
U12	SS	SS	SS	
U13	SS	SS	SS	
U14	P/R	P/R	P/R	P/R
U15	P/R	P/R	P/R	P/R
U16	P/R	P/R	P/R	P/R
U17	P/R	P/R	P/R	P/R
Age	Classic 3	Classic 2	Classic 1	Premier
U18		SS*	SS*	P/R
U19		SS*	SS*	P/R

SS = Self Select: ESC selects the level the team plays at
P/R = Promotion/Relegation: The team can be promoted to the next level or an upper level based on the league and state tournament play. The team can also be relegated based on a less than 25% season in league play.

When does the season begin and end?

- Pre-season team practices start in March with ESC Skills trainers
- Team practices start in mid-April
- League games start the first week in May
- Club expectation that the team is on the field a minimum of 3-4 times per week from May 1 until July 15 (this can be a combination of practices, league games, and tournaments)
- League games go until the second week in July
- Apart from tournaments extending the season the U9/U10 season officially ends the third week in July
- U11-U18 teams have post season play until the end of July
- Fall league season begins the week after Labor Day and goes until mid-October. There may be a couple of preseason practices in late August or early September

How do I register my child for soccer?

Online registration for tryouts is open for the month before tryouts generally. You can find this on our website at www.edinasoccerclub.com.

How much does traveling soccer cost & why is there such a wide range?

U9/U10 Teams: pay a per season fee with any winter training being an optional additional sign-up.

Fall season ranges from \$220-250 for Fall 2010

Summer season ranges \$530-700 for Summer 2011

U11 C3 & U12-U18C2/C3 Teams: pay a per season fee with any winter training being an optional additional sign-up. (U15, 16, 17, 18 do not have a Fall Season)

Fall Season (for U11-U14 only) ranges from \$200-275 for Fall 2010

Summer season (for U11-U18) ranges from \$520-800 for Summer 2011

U11C2, U12C1 – U14C1, U14 Premier Teams: pay a per season fee which is separated as a fall fee, and a winter/spring-summer fee (includes a mandatory winter training fee).

Fall Season ranges from \$225-330 for Fall 2010

Winter + Spring/Summer ranges from \$950-1300 for Summer 2011

U15 – U18 C1 and Premier Teams: pay a yearly fee which includes mandatory winter training and the spring/summer season.

Winter + Spring/Summer ranges from \$845-1300 for Summer 2011

Tournament fees can vary based on number and cost of tournaments. If the team participates in an out of state tournament, travel and hotels costs are the responsibility of each family.

Why is there a difference in coach fees?

Coach fees vary based on the age and level of team, as well as experience and qualifications of the coach.

What is covered in the Team Fees?

There are four factors that comprise the Team Fee for a season. These include:

Club Fee: Everyone in the club is assessed the Club Fee. It covers all costs related to running the club such as MYSA team and player/adult pass fees, insurance, background checks, referees, field use fees, position clinics, grants, payroll (for Administrator, Boys and Girls Directors of Coaching), postage, facility rentals, coach equipment, coach licensing, state and district tournament fees, annual audit, website and online registration fees, credit card fees, supplies and printing, advertising, special projects, amongst other things.

Coach Fee: This is team specific. The coach fee for each team is divided amongst the number of players on each team.

Tournament Fee: This is team specific. The tournament fee for each team is divided amongst the number of players on each team.

Winter Training Fee: This is team specific and only assessed for teams who have mandatory winter training (all top level U11 and older teams) and is based on how much and what type of training they receive. This is also divided amongst the number of players on a team. It covers coach time and facility rental.

All U9s, U10s and U11C3 and older C2/C3 teams have optional winter training available and pay for this on a sign-up basis.

TEAM FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULES:

Summer Team costs will be spread out over the winter and spring. The payment schedule is as follows:

- \$200 deposit at tryout registration (refundable fee until Sept 30 if player drops from summer team) + \$35 non-refundable tryout fee due at registration
- \$250 due by November 30th (non-refundable fee if player drops after November 30th) If payment is not made or arrangements have not been made with Club Administrator, player may be dropped from team after this date.
- \$300 due by February 15th for top level teams that have required winter training. Fees will vary by team.
- Balance of fees due by April 15th. Fees will vary by team.

Fall Team costs will be made in two installments:

- \$50 deposit at tryout registration (refundable until August 7 if player drops from fall team)
- Balance of fall fees due by September 15th

Waitlisted players will need to pay all fees due at the time they are placed on a team, according to schedule above.

If I withdraw my child from traveling soccer, will I get a refund?

For Fall season, you have 5 days after the posting of teams to request a refund of your deposit. For Summer season, you have 30 days after the posting of teams to request a refund of your deposit. All requests must be in writing to the club and sent to traveling@edinasoccerclub.com. After the deadlines, you will forfeit your deposits.

What is the time commitment for traveling soccer?

Players are generally on the field 3-5 times per week, games, practices, and tournaments included. All players are expected to attend all games and practices.

What if my child has a conflict with the schedule?

ESC Standard Excused Absence Policy: “Excused absences include communicated required academic and religious functions, illness or injury. Unexcused absences could result in decreased playing time”

Communicate to your coach as early as possible about any conflicts that you may have.

How much ‘traveling’ is required?

Most of our teams are in the MYSA West District and would play such communities as Plymouth, Wayzata, Eden Prairie, Mpls United, Chaska/Chan, etc. Occasionally, we have a team or two that must play in the MYSA South, North or East Districts. Half of the games are played on home fields in Edina and half are played at away sites in the opposing communities.

What days are games and practices?

GAMES:

Summer league games are played either on Mon/Wed or Tues/Thu depending on age and level of team.

MYSA Playing Nights for Summer Season:

Age/Division	Girls	Boys
U9	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U10	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U11 Classic 2	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U11 Classic 3	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U12 Classic 1	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U12 Classic 2	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U12 Classic 3	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U13 Classic 1	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U13 Classic 2	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U13 Classic 3	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U14 Premier	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U14 Classic 1	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U14 Classic 2	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U14 Classic 3	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U15 Premier	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U15 Classic 1	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U15 Classic 2	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U15 Classic 3	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U16 Premier	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed

U16 Classic 1	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U16 Classic 2	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U16 Classic 3	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U17 Premier	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U17 Classic 1	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U17 Classic 2	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U17 Classic 3	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U18 Premier	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U18, U19 or U18/19 Combined Classic 1	Mon-Wed	Tue-Thu
U18, U19 or U18/19 Combined Classic 2	Tue-Thu	Mon-Wed
U19 Premier	Sun-Wed	Tue-Thu

Fall league games are played on Saturdays and Sundays.

PRACTICES:

Practices for both summer and fall can be on any day of the week and are dependent on both coach and field availability.

When will we know our game and practice schedules?

Specific game and practice schedules will not be available until the week before each season begins.

We missed the scheduled tryouts and are wondering if there is space available on a team? Can we join late?

We do place kids on teams after tryouts are complete if there is space available. Please contact the Club Registrar at traveling@edinasoccerclub.com to inquire about space for a certain age group. Or complete the Wait List registration form and turn in. Once received, the registrar will contact you to let you know if space is available. An on-field assessment may be required before team placement is made to ensure skills are at the appropriate level.

What is a Club Registrar?

The Club Registrar is responsible for collecting all necessary paperwork, waivers, and payments for all players and adults associated with any of the club's teams. Information is submitted to MYSA (MN Youth Soccer Association) and player and adult passes are created for each league season.

2. Uniforms

How much do uniforms cost?

The required uniform package for 2011 and 2012 will be \$109. The package includes one green jersey, one white jersey, one pair of shorts, and two pair of socks. You may purchase additional items as needed.

How do I order a uniform?

Uniform order forms are posted on the ESC website and can be downloaded and mailed in with payment. ESC has one or two uniform fitting sessions prior to season start. Complete uniforms or pieces can be ordered at those times, or anytime during the year by mailing in an order form.

Can I try on sizes somewhere?

ESC offers one or two uniform fitting sessions prior to the start of the season. They are not available to try on at other times of the year.

Can I pick my own number?

All jersey numbers will be assigned. No two players within the same age group should have the same number. Jersey numbers will follow the player through U18. If you miss playing a season with the club, your number may be reassigned to another player.

Can I order ESC apparel?

Optional apparel items include warm-ups, sweatshirts, soccer bags, t-shirts, hats, rain gear, etc. These items are available to special order only at certain times of the year, usually prior to the start of the summer season, and maybe again before fall. These times usually coincide with uniform fitting sessions.

How long are ESC uniforms used?

ESC uniforms are generally used for two complete years or four seasons. The current style will be used for Summer 2011 through Fall 2012.

3. Tryouts

I missed tryouts and am looking for a team to play on. Who should I contact to inquire about space?

You should contact the clubs registrar and fill out a Waitlist registration. Players are added to teams, if they are suitable to play at that level, on a first come first served basis typically. Occasionally, assessments are held during the winter to fill certain team's open spots for summer season.

Are there tryouts for all levels of play?

ESC has tryouts for all levels from U9 to U18.

If I register, will my child be guaranteed placement on a team?

Players are placed on teams after being evaluated at the tryout. A small percentage of players are not placed on a team if they are deemed not suitable for traveling soccer, or if space does not allow.

What is the tryout process?

ESC holds "game situation" tryouts, where players compete in small sided games and are evaluated on their skill level. The data is then compiled and teams are selected based on the previous season player ranking and the tryout data.

How are the players evaluated?

Players are evaluated by 4-6 people. The Directors of Coaching and neutral evaluators are present at the tryout and give each individual a tryout score. Players are then ranked by a combination of tryout score and past seasons coach evaluation (U10 and older)

Why do U9's have tryouts in February and August?

U9 players have a February tryout to determine placement on summer teams and also in July to determine placement for fall season teams.

When are tryouts held for ESC?

Tryouts for U9 are held in mid-February and mid-July. All other players from U10-U18 have tryouts in late July or early August. Teams are posted soon after the tryouts have been completed for both Fall (U9-U14 teams) and Summer seasons (U10-U18 teams).

4. Contacts

Who should I contact with issues, concerns or compliments regarding:

Tryouts- Girls or Boys Directors

Team Issues- First Team Coach, then Age Group Director, then Director of Coaching

Coaching- First Team Coach, then Age Group Director, then Boys/Girls Director

Playing Time- First Team Coach, then Boys/Girls Director

Practice Schedule- Team Manager or Team Coach

Club Fees- Club Administrator

Tournaments- Team Coach

5. Tournaments

How many tournaments are teams expected to play in?

ESC encourages all U9 teams to participate in 1 summer tournament. U10 and older teams are expected to participate in 2 tournaments in the summer. A third tournament is acceptable with approval of the Boys or Girls Director of Coaching.

Who registers our team for tournaments?

The Club Registrar will register all U9 teams for one tournament. For U10-U18 teams, the team manager will register the team for all tournaments. Managers then can submit a reimbursement request to the Club Administrator. Tournament fees will then be billed back to the team in their final Team Fee payment.

Does ESC recommend participation at any tournaments?

ESC sends out a list of preferred tournaments to all coaches and managers at the beginning of each season.

Does our team need to play in the MYSA League Playoffs and State Tournament?

All U11 and older ESC teams are expected to play in the MYSA League Playoffs and State Tournament if they qualify. This is given priority over all other tournaments.

For the different tournaments my team participates in, is all Coaching included in the Coaches fee?

All coaching fees for tournaments held in the summer season i.e. March 1st to August 1st, are covered in the coach fees.

When participating in an “Out of State” Tournament, who pays the Coaches expenses for hotel, travel and "per diem money"?

When traveling to an out of state tournament or out of town tournament, the coach is entitled to receive compensation from the team for hotel, travel and “per diem” money. The team should pay the hotel costs and a \$25 per diem for meals, as well as airfare or mileage of 55 cents/mile if driving.