

Hershey Soccer Tryout Process Summary

Which teams have a tryout process?

- All teams between U8-U12 must hold a tryout within the specified club dates and times. Both Orange and Blue teams will be evaluated together.
- All teams U13 and up will be reviewed by the coaching committee to determine whether or not to hold separate team tryouts, participate along with the club tryout date, or choose not to hold an open tryout.
- **All teams no matter what the age, will hold a tryout if there is more than one travel team for that age group.** This will also be the case if the coaching committee believes there is enough player interest to form a second team.
- **See attached Tryout Schedule** for team dates and times.

Which team/age group should I sign up for?

- Players who wish to try out for an older team (older than their age specific team), **must try out for the team they are interested in playing on as well as their age appropriate team.** Along with the coaching committee, the Coaching Director will determine whether a player wishing to 'play up' qualifies for the specific older team.
- **See attached age group chart** to see which group your child should be trying out for.

How do I sign up for tryouts and play travel soccer in the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 Season?

- Simply go to www.hersheysoccer.com and register for Fall 2014 Travel. Try out fees are \$10 and non-refundable.
- We also take walk-in registrations the day of the evaluation, however parents or guardians will be asked to register online at the site. Everyone must be registered for tryouts online in order to try out.

Tryout Procedure:

- Most teams will have two tryout sessions at different dates and times. If you cannot make one of these tryouts, you need to email the coaching director Adam Clay to make other arrangements to get a separate assessment along with an explanation of why you cannot attend the scheduled tryouts.
- Attending both tryouts will give you the best chance to be placed correctly. Please attend both tryouts.
- Tryout sessions and evaluation procedure will be organized and run by our coaching director.
- **Rankings and team placement are determined by coaching director with input from independent evaluators and the head coach.**

Team Placement Process

1. All evaluations will be scored and tallied.
2. Once evaluations are tallied, Coaches will be emailed, their age group only, results from tryouts.
3. Coaches will speak with coaching director to go over selections for team. Players will be placed in one of three categories: 1. Invitation, 2. Bubble list (between Elite-Orange, Orange-Blue or between Blue-Rec), 3. Recreational option
4. All players/ parents will be emailed by the club. By emailing everyone simultaneously, it should avoid some of the potential conflicts we have seen in the past.
 - All three emails will be pre-written to keep consistent with club message. Players on the bubble will be asked to respond whether they want to still be considered for the team if someone turns down a position. Recreation players will be offered information and placement to a recreational team.
5. **It is now the coach's job to follow up the club email and get the responses necessary to put together a team roster.** Phone calls can and probably should be made to follow up.
6. All players offered invitation will be required to give a confirmation to play on the team and pay the initial deposit for Travel.
 - If a team is still participating in the State Cup Tournament, team selections may need to be postponed until the tournament has played itself out.
7. Coaching director and Coaching Committee will be responsible for informing all new teams and finding appropriate coaches and managers for each team. **Team meeting should be scheduled within one month of final evaluation to go over upcoming year details.**