

SPRING TRAVEL SOCCER RULES

1. All players must be registered and paid before participating in tryouts.
2. Each individual age group must hold tryouts together.
3. The BOD will appoint a Soccer Committee, with a minimum of three persons, to assign tryout coordinators within each age group. These coordinators will be responsible for coordinating the tryout dates with other coaches, notifying all interested players of the tryout dates and running the tryouts.
4. The tryouts coordinators should have at least 3 coaches to run the tryouts and assess the players.
5. Tryouts will be complete at least three weeks before the first roster deadline, or by October 15th for Spring Travel.
6. All players shall try to attend at least one tryout. If a player cannot attend at least one tryout the player must notify the tryout coordinator of the inability to attend the tryout and their desire to play in the respective age group. The tryout coordinator will notify the coaches of any such players.
7. Travel team tryouts must be held on at least two separate occasions by neutral evaluators.
8. In the event there are only enough players to field one team in any age group, tryouts will be deemed not necessary.
9. The Soccer Committee will determine the teams using neutral tryout evaluations and fall town evaluations when available. Coaches may have input into player placement on teams.
10. All teams must meet the minimum requirements of being able to field fifteen players for 11 V 11; twelve players for 8 V 8; and eleven players for 6 V 6. The soccer Committee may approve overrides for minimum player requirements.
11. After tryouts are complete the Soccer Committee has one week to determine teams for every division.
12. After teams have been selected the coaches will be allowed to request changes to the teams with the Soccer Committee approval. Changes must be made prior to South Shore Soccer deadlines.

13. Once a coach has been assigned to a team they may not change their team without the Soccer Committees approval.

14. For U8 and U10 age groups: coaches should make every effort to give players equal amounts of playing time; for playoff-eligible age groups (U12) all players must play at least 20% of the game during regular season games. During the postseason, playing time is at the discretion of the coach.

- For U14+ age groups, efforts will be made to receive playing time in regular season games, but it is not guaranteed depending on roster size.

- For all playoff eligible age groups (U14+), playing time is at the discretion of the head coach.

- In addition, if the roster size for U14+ age groups exceeds 18 players, the head coach has the option to hold tryouts to make cuts, or can carry the South Shore Soccer League/Massachusetts Youth Soccer roster maximum of 22 players but MAY assign alternates to the team. If the decision is made to carry more than 18 players, the WBYAA will consider a reduced registration fee for those players ranked 19-22 in the spring tryout evaluations. (amended 2024)

15. Players are required to play Fall Town Soccer in order to be eligible to play Fall Travel Soccer.

16. No wait list player can ever take the place of a player who has met registration deadlines.

17. Travel Soccer coaches will follow WBYAA Coaches Code of Conduct.

18. Where applicable, the travel soccer rules supersede WBYAA rules.

19. Pursuant to Section III Rule 3.1.1 of the South Shore Soccer League:

If a waiver request is filed, the following process will start:

1. The Spring Committee will meet for discussion and end with a recommendation.
2. The recommendation will be moved forward to the E-Board for discussion.
3. Final decision rests with the Spring Commissioner and the WBYAA President.

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