

## TRAVEL TEAM EVALUATIONS, TEAM FORMATION AND COACH, TRAINER SELECTION

### **Player Evaluations**

Travel Team Evaluations will be governed by the Travel Team Evaluation Committee. The committee will be co-chaired by the VP/Travel and the Head Coach. The Committee will:

- With the support of the Correspondence Secretary, make sufficient advanced notification to the community of registration dates, times and places through flyers, newspaper articles and other media. This will take place in the spring prior to the start of the new season. All players will be registered prior to evaluations via the online registration system.
- Based on registrations received, schedule staffing for evaluations (tryouts) for each age group. Adequate time must be provided to allow the VP/Travel a sufficient period to register teams with the League.
- Schedule Committee, Board members and other qualified personnel to supervise evaluations.
- Plan skill stations and other evaluation techniques which make the best use of available resources and avoid idle time of players being evaluated.
- Clearly record, tabulate, summarize and present evaluation data to Committee Chairpersons. The player's name, date of birth, email address, phone number, coaches and skill level will be included as key data.
- Evaluate players and make recommendations for team formation to the Committee.
- With the support of the VP/Travel and Travel Coaches, notify players of evaluation results only after all teams in an age group have been formed. Players accepted on a team must be registered within 72 hours of notification or risk losing their roster spot. New travel players are required to supply a copy of their birth certificate and a photo within one week of registration, if not provided at tryouts. A listing of key data for each Travel Team will be forwarded to the VP/Travel.

### **Team Formation**

Players will be assigned to teams based on their evaluation results and coach's input. This input is not designed to arbitrarily override results. It gives a coach the opportunity to present evidence on players close to the roster limit. For age groups with multiple teams, players with highest evaluation results will be given the opportunity to play on the highest Division or most competitive teams.

**THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT ANY PLAYER WILL STAY ON THE SAME TEAM**

All players will be placed on teams corresponding to the age and gender of the player with the following exceptions:

- Where the club needs players to fill a team and cannot offer the player a position on a team of his or his or her age group.
- Age groups are combined or the completion level is too high on his or her current team.
- There is insufficient competition on his or her current team. In order to be placed in the older age group, the player must score in the top five for that older age group. Simply being the best player in their age group does not qualify them for the older age group. They must be one of the best five players in the OLDER age group to be considered for that team.

Consideration must be given to the development of the player, the team that will lose the player and the team that will gain the player.

Within the club policy of team formation, coaches are encouraged to recommend new players, recommend placement of players based on their ability and recommend the re-organization of teams.

It is in violation of the League regulations for coaches to entice players to their team from other clubs within the League. Within our club, coaches shall not encourage players to transfer from team to team without approval of the Board of Directors.

Team formation and the placement of players on Travel teams will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors who must verify the Evaluation and Team Formation procedure has been followed.

Tryouts for premier teams (US Club teams) do not adhere to the same tryout process as other travel teams in the Club. Premier tryouts may be limited to players who have been pre-screened and/or may be on an invitation-only basis. Tryouts are organized by the individual team and evaluations may be made by the team's coaches and trainers.

### **Coach Selection**

Recommendations for new Travel Coaches will be forwarded to the VP/Travel and Head Coach and will be cataloged by the Travel Coordinator. Resumes may be secured but are not required. A minimum of an 'F' license is required by the East Hudson Youth Soccer League. Appointment of Travel Coaches will be made by the Head Coach with the approval of the Board of Directors.

### **Trainers**

A Trainer, coach or organization such as U.K. Elite, NY Red Bulls, etc that gets paid to work with teams must have a resume on file with the Club. The Board of Directors will decide on the applicant with final decision being made by the Head Coach. If approved, the trainer will be placed on a list of recommended paid trainers/coaches. A team that uses an unapproved trainer will be placed in bad standing and possibly fined. Any paid trainer or coach in violation of this procedure will be removed from the list of trainers and possibly fined.

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