

Middleton United Soccer “The Transition Year”

Agenda

- Player Development Initiative: Birth Year Mandate
 - How that impacts your child
- Who are the clubs?
 - The Alliance, MAYSA, etc.
- What are the various leagues?
 - Recreational, Competitive, and Premier
- What is the commitment and expectation of each league?
- What are Tryouts?
- What should we expect at tryouts?

Player Development Initiatives

- US Soccer mandate all clubs move to birth year (January 1-December 31) vs. grade year (August 1-July 31)
- All Middleton United U7+ will be birth year
 - Some current U10 players (2007 birth year will jump to U12)

Player Development Initiative (cont.)

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
3rd	A	A, B	-	-	-
4th	-	A, B	A, C, D, E	-	-
5th	-	-	C, D, E	C, D, E	-
6th	-	-	-	C, D, E	C, D, E

Options Available:

- A) Middleton United In-House Recreational
- B) 56ers U10 Developmental Team
- C) Middleton United U11 and up Competitive (tryout) Team
- D) Middleton United and up Recreational Team
- E) 56ers U11 and up Tryout Team

What age group will my child be?

Teams will be formed by player's birth year, not grade (ex. players entering 5th grade and born in 2007 should tryout for U12)

Birth Year	Tryout Group	School Year
2009	56ers U11(for U10 Development Team)	3rd & 4th
2008	U11	4th & 5th
2007	U12	5th & 6th
2006	U13	6th & 7th
2005	U14	7th & 8th
2004*	U15*	8th & 9th

*Note: Teams will be formed for 8th graders a bit differently as High Schoolers only play half of the year due to High School soccer. If your child is in that age (2004 birth year but in 8th grade), please attend the tryout for U14 and we will work to place them onto an appropriate team.

Who are the Clubs?

- **The Alliance**
 - Magic, Regent, Shorewood, Middleton United
 - Premier Partner: Madison 56ers
- **MAYSA**
 - MAYSA is not a club, it is the governing body of youth soccer in the general Madison area.

Are there other Clubs in our area?

- Yes (just to name a few)
 - Rush/MYSC
 - Madison F.C. (East Madison)
 - Waunakee
 - Mt. Horeb
 - Verona

Recreational, Competitive, Premier

What do these mean?

- There are three levels of commitment.
- Both Competitive (Middleton United) and Premier (Madison 56ers) are tryout based teams.
- Middleton United hosts recreational (non tryout based/ neighborhood) and competitive (tryout based) level teams

2017 Fall Season Teams

- In the Fall of 2017 season:
 - U11 Teams: 85 teams
 - 55 boys teams
 - 30 girls teams
- In the Fall 2017 season Alliance (Magic/Regent) had:
 - 5 boy teams (not including MU)
 - MU had 2
 - 3 girl teams (not including MU)
 - MU had 1

Recreational Soccer

- The focus of this league is to develop an athlete's technical and tactical skills.
- All athletes earn an equal amount of playing time during games.
- All athletes are expected to be strong teammates, and therefore expected to attend as many practices and games as possible.

Recreational Soccer

- If players make a commitment to other activities (other sports, music lessons) the team expects that the athlete structure their schedule so they can attend soccer as much as possible.
- During the off season (summer and winter) there is no time commitment other than the possibility of individual camps and indoor play if the team or athlete desire.

Recreational Soccer

- Typically 1-2 practices per week
- Neighborhood/school based teams
- Coach is typically a parent volunteer (Y1 coaching license required)
- It is the responsibility of the team to find their coach
 - Coaching Director will guide with lesson plans/help/etc.

Recreational Play

- The recreational league is run by MAYSA.
- MAYSA leagues are structured by skill level and geographic area
- For players who wish to play with their friends
- Teams can be from Madison, Middleton, Mt. Horeb, Milton, Columbus, etc.
 - 2017 Fall Season MU had:
 - 1 girls team
 - 1 boys/coed team
 - These teams will be placed in Tier 3 or 4

Recreational Play

- Fees range from:
 - Uniform: Adidas \$50.00-\$75.00
 - Tournament fees: (team based decision) \$300/team per tournament or \$25-\$50 per child/tournament
 - Registration Fee:\$152.50
 - Referee Fees: \$20 (approximately)
 - Total range of \$300 (approximately)

Competitive Level

- The focus of this league is to develop an athletes technical and tactical skills.
- All athletes are expected to be strong teammates, and therefore expected to attend all practices and games.
- A player who attends every practice, and works diligently could earn more time than a player who misses multiple practices.

Competitive Level

- If players make a commitment to other activities (other sports, music lessons) the team expects that the athlete structure their schedule so they can attend to their soccer commitment **first**.
- During the off season (summer and winter) there is some time commitment.
 - Teams will often play one indoor session closest to the beginning of the spring season (some teams choose to play all 3, if not all 3, coaches usually make 3rd session mandatory)

Competitive Level

- Each team has a paid coach (E coaching license required)
- Middleton United will assist with hiring coach. Current parent coaches can continue coaching (if worked out with the club coaching placements)
 - MU has several parent coaches with E or D level license
- If a parent becomes the coach the team will compensate him/her under the guidance of club minimum fees.

Competitive Level

- Teams will have 2 practices per week and 1 (possibly 2) game per weekend.
- Teams will also participate in at least one tournament each season.
 - Most have chosen to participate in 2/season; which is 4/year

Competitive Play

- The Competitive league is run by MAYSA.
- MAYSA leagues are structured by skill level
 - Middleton United will place teams in the “Tier 2” or “Tier 3” division for the fall season
 - Similar to U9 fall/spring season
 - Rearrange in spring based on fall season scores
 - For players looking for more of a commitment to soccer
 - Teams are from Madison, Middleton, Mount Horeb, Milton, Columbus etc.
- Fall 2017, Middleton United had:
 - 1 Girls team
 - 2 Boys team

Do competitive teams travel?

- Travel for both competitive & recreational is possible
- Travel depends on:
 - Surrounding clubs (do they have an age group team?)
 - MAYSA scheduling
 - Try to get geographically close teams to play each other but not always possible (sub groups within level)

Competitive Play

- Cost is more expensive than recreational: 2017-2018 fees were roughly (can change based on number of players each roster has)
 - Uniform: Adidas: \$75
 - Tournament fees: \$300/team/per tournament or \$25.00-\$50.00 per child (\$50-\$100 for full year)
 - Registration Fee: \$182.50
 - Indoor: \$62-\$88/session
 - Referee Fees: \$50 (approximately)
 - Coach: \$75.00-\$150 (approximately)
 - Total fee range \$ 500.00-\$700.00 (approximately)

Competitive Level Coaches

- **Middleton United Coaching**
 - MU coaches have experience or in early stages of coaching career
 - Are required to have their “E” licensure (some have higher or intend to obtain higher)
 - These coaches have (typically) played soccer at a competitive level at some point in their career.

2017 Fall League Placements

Fall 2017 Competitive League (ex. Tier A)

1. **Madison 56ers White**
2. Madison FC Gold
3. Oregon Orange
4. **Madison 56ers Gold**
5. Sun Prairie Cardinals
6. Waunakee Purple
7. Rush Wisconsin Black*
8. Verona Black*

2017 Fall League Placements

Fall 2017 Competitive League (ex. Tier B)

1. West Rush Wisconsin*
2. Monona Grove Blue Reign*
3. Beaver Dam United
4. **Madison 56ers Silver**
5. **Middleton United Red**
6. Wisconsin Dells
7. Fort Atkinson

Spring 2018 League Placements

Spring 2018 Competitive (Boys Tier 1)

1. **Madison 56ers White**
2. **Madison 56ers Gold**
3. Madison FC Gold
4. Monona Grove Blue Reign*
5. Oregon Orange
6. Sun Prairie Cardinal
7. Waunakee Purple
8. West Rush Wisconsin*

Premier Level: Madison 56ers

- The smallest minority of players at u-11 play at a Premier Level
 - In Fall 2017 the Alliance, through the Madison 56ers, had
 - 3 girls teams; 4 boys teams
 - 1 girls U10; 3 U10 boys
- The focus of this league is to develop an athletes technical and tactical skills.

Premier Level: Madison 56ers

- Athletes do not earn an equal amount of playing time during games. This is not a skill decision, but rather a commitment issue. A player who attends every practice, and works diligently will earn more time than a player who misses multiple practices.
- All athletes are expected to be strong teammates, and expected to attend all practices and games.

Premier Level: Madison 56ers

- If players make a commitment to other activities (other sports, music lessons) the team expects that the athlete structure their schedule so they can attend to their soccer commitment **first**.
- During the off season (summer and winter). Coaches will require at least one indoor session closest to the beginning of the spring season (most teams do 2-3 sessions.) The team will also host winter trainings throughout the winter.
- Typically has two practices (75 to 90 minutes) per week and one to two games per weekend.
- Teams will participate in at least two tournaments each season, often three per season.
- The fall trainings begin roughly 2 weeks prior to the first tournament. Often this is in early August.

Premier Level: Madison 56ers

- Each team has a paid coach (E coaching license required)
- These coaches are employees of the 56er club, and parents are not required to assist in hiring.
- Most 56er coaches have played college soccer and have a D license or higher

Premier Play: Madison 56ers

- Madison 56ers Red & White teams play in the WDA (Wisconsin Development Academy)
- Madison 56ers Silver and U10 academy teams play within MAYSA
- WDA
 - Based on USSF Best practices
 - Club travel/host multiple age groups
 - No standings; No promotion/relegation
 - 4 home games; 4 away games

Premier Play: Madison 56ers

- Cost is more expensive than Middleton United:
- 2017 Fees were (rough estimate):
 - \$1100-\$1400
 - Fees Include:
 - Coaches Fee
 - Tournament Fee
 - Registration Fee
 - Referee Fee
 - Winter Training
 - Travel Fee/Winter indoor (not included)

What is the difference between the Madison 56ers and the Middleton United Competitive teams?

- Cost:
 - The cost and commitment of a 56er team is heightened.
- Time:
 - The travel time, and family commitment is increased. (Fundraising and volunteer time additional at 56ers)
- Expectation:
 - The expectation of a Middleton United team is to stay in the MAYSA Competitive league whereas the expectation for the 56ers is to play within the WDA/ State Level leagues (Red/White) and MAYSA Competitive (Silver)
- Coaching:
 - Level of licensing, experience, playing experience

What are tryouts all about?

- Try outs are designed to give every player a fair opportunity to earn a spot on a team.
- Try outs were created as a necessity to stop recruiting, and stacking a team at a young age.

What are tryouts all about?

- Only those children who hope to play at a competitive/premier level need to attend tryouts.
- This will be one of their first chances your child will have the opportunity to be evaluated by an unbiased, experienced trainer.
- Trainers have a strong well qualified soccer coaching background. They are 56er coaches, Alliance classic coaches and outside higher level coaches.

Try-outs

- Tryout fee is \$35 if postmarked 7 days prior to your tryout date: (dates on website)
- Trying out 56ers (register with them but choose MU as back up...IMPORTANT!)
- Trying out MU (register with us.)
 - Need to submit birth certificate and picture along with registration
- Tryout fee onsite is \$70 (PLEASE AVOID!)
- This fee is the fee to attend the tryout process. This will not off set your 2018-2019 registration fee
- Player must wear shin guards, shoes, bring water bottle, and inflated ball
- Arrive 45 minutes early on night 1; 30 minutes on night 2
- Parents may not be on the tryout fields!!!

Tryouts

- What happens at tryouts.
 - The players will be asked to play small sided games on the first day, and larger sided games the second day.
 - Evaluators will be walking around each playing area and writing down an evaluation of your child as they see your child compete.
 - Technical
 - Tactical
 - Physical
 - Mental (attitude)

Try-outs

- Tryout last 90 min.
- Night 1: arrive 45 minutes before
- Night 2: arrive 20-30 minutes before
- They are held at Reddan Soccer Park.
- Athletes need to attend both nights of training.
- Evaluations for an Alliance based team as well as a 56er team are simultaneous

Try-outs (playing up)

- Middleton United will not be allowing players to play up
- 2009 players who wish to try-out
 - 56ers will be hosting Under 10 teams
 - If don't make 56er U10 team, placed back with MU with U10 In-house recreational league

What happens after Try-outs

- Prepare your child for the selection part of the process
- 24 hours
 - Go over potential scenarios before notification
- Even if you and your child believes that they should make the top 56er team, prepare them for all options.
 - Recreational, competitive, 56ers
 - Every year new year for tryouts

What happens after tryouts

- Each athlete is contacted based on who they registered for tryouts with
 - Unless club cannot form a team, then you will receive an offer from Alliance club
- 56er team notification occurs June 15th (starting at 12pm)
- MU Competitive notification June 16th-June 18th
- MU recreational team (week following notifications)
 - Not assessed a late fee for recreational team
- The athlete must decide within 24 hours if they wish to accept the position
- For questions regarding placement, you will need to discuss with coaching director

What happens after Tryouts

- This by far the hardest part of the process
- They will have friends who make 56er/MU team and notified earlier on the weekend
- Why are players sometimes waiting to hear about placement?
 - Filter down process
 - 24 hour
 - Working together as an Alliance to form teams (takes time to coordinate)

What happens after Try-outs

- Remember what you are agreeing to if you wish to commit to a Competitive or Premier team:
 - Our family is committed to the higher costs.
 - Our family is committed to the increased hours of participation.
 - Our family is committed to finding and the hiring of a coach.
 - Our family is committed to increased travel to games and tournaments.
 - Our family is committed to participating with new players each year. “all new friends”
 - Our family is committed to traveling to a new practice location
 - Our family is committed to traveling to our home games.

U10 Coaches

- Fill out and return the player tracking form to MU coaching director
 - Ask each parent which league they expect their child will participate in for the next year
 - Helps in placement process
- Evaluation from club during spring 2017 season

Three ways to help parents and kids through this process

- Listen and learn more about the process so you can explain what to expect, and what the choices are for the kids and parents.
- Encourage your player to attend the U-10 mock tryouts (run similar to actual tryouts)
 - Boys May 1st 6:15-7:30pm (Settlers Prairie)
 - Girls May 1st 4:45-6:00pm (Settlers Prairie)
- **ASK QUESTIONS!**