

MISSION

The mission of the Tippco Soccer Club - Team Tryout and Selection Process is ensuring players receive a fair opportunity to join a team of their peers possessing similar soccer skills.

The process is developed and maintained by the Travel Selection Committee. The Committee may consist of the Club President, Director of Coaching, Age Group Directors, Age Group Coordinators and Appointed Coaches.

PLAYERS AND TEAMS

- Tryouts are open to all U9 – U18 girls and boys typically covering second grade to high school.
- The size of each team roster will vary depending on age group:
 - U9 and U10 teams play with 6 players on a reduced size field.
 - U11 and U12 teams play with 8 players on a reduced size field.
 - U13 and older teams play with 11 players on a full size field
 - State guidelines will be referenced in setting roster size, but final numbers may vary.
- Players tryout and may be placed on a team based on their age and/or ability:
 - The number of teams formed for each age group will be determined by the number of club coaches, volunteer coaches and qualified participants.
 - The objective is for Tippco to enter the most competitive teams possible into the appropriate Indiana Youth Soccer flight or skill category.
 - Teams will be formed based on skill level and there is no guarantee that a second or third team will be selected.
 - We cannot guarantee all participants will be placed on a team.

THE TRYOUT

General Information

- The tryout process is held once a year in early June and consists of one tryout session.
- All players are required to make the tryout session.
- The results of this tryout determine the teams for the following fall and spring seasons.
- All participants are expected to commit to both the fall and spring season.
- High School players are expected to commit for the spring season.
- Special cases like player injury or family inability to make tryouts will be considered. If this be the case then a private tryout with a coach may be scheduled with the approval of the Director of Coaching. This tryout **must** be scheduled **before** the group tryout.
- Depending on team openings between seasons or a potential move in to the area, a special tryout in the fall for a spring placement may occur. This must be requested through and approved by the Director of Coaching.

Logistics

- Tryout times and locations will be posted on the club website at www.tippco.org
- Each tryout session will last approximately 1½ - 2 hours.
- Players will be run through a series of activities, game situations, and small sided team play.
- There will be a separate activity for goalies at the U13 and above age groups.
- The evaluators will consist of age level coaches, third party trainers, and club members selected by the Director of Coaching.
- Tryouts are for evaluators and players only. Parents are asked to remain in the parking lot area if they choose to stay for the tryout.

Tryout Day

- Parents must fill out the registration form **before arriving** at the tryout.
- The form can be found on our website at www.tippco.org
- Participants must arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled tryout session.
- Parents are asked to hand in the registration and check in the participant upon arrival at the tryout session.
- Participants will be issued a number or colored pinney with a number.
- This pinney will be used by evaluators to identify participants and must be returned.
- Players must wear appropriate workout clothes including cleats and shin guards.
- Current travel players must **NOT** wear their uniform jerseys.
- Players must bring their own properly inflated ball.
- There will be water breaks between activities, but players must bring their own water.
- A series of stations and activities are scheduled for the participants
- Evaluators will be present to score the participants in these activities.

TEAM SELECTION

- Within one week after the tryout sessions the Travel Selection Committee will meet to roster the teams at each age level.
- **Having previously played for a team does not guarantee a spot on that or any other team.**
- Results will be tallied by the Travel Selection Committee and team selection will be determined through a combination of the following:
 - Players rank on their prior season team
 - Players evaluation from their prior season coach
 - Tryout results
 - Head coach recommendation
 - Club coach recommendation
 - Director of Coaching recommendation
- The Travel Selection Committee will meet with coaches to finalize rosters.
- The roster spot will be communicated to the player by the Age Group Coordinator beginning with the highest level team in each age group.
- The player has 24 hours to accept the assignment.
- Final rosters will be established within a few weeks of tryouts.
- All participants will receive communication regarding the tryout.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Tippco Soccer Club's Travel league. We put forth our best effort trying to be fair, consistent and balanced in this selection process.

You may direct any questions, concerns, or comments to the Club President or the Director of Coaching.