

# What Is Travel Soccer all about?

Answers to some questions from the TYA travel community. 2007

## 1) Can anyone try out for travel soccer?

Yes, Travel is open to all boys and girls registered with TYA.

You do not have to be a resident of the Township- just a registered participant.

## 2) How much travel is there?

A little and a lot. Some of the travel is to places like Hatboro, Langhorne, or Warnminster. Most of the games are less than an hour away. Some of the teams will participate in tournaments that will require trips to Allentown, Downingtown, or even an overnight trip to Gettysburg Pa.

## 3) How does my son or daughter make a travel team?

The Travel Division of TYA soccer holds try-outs in April through early May. There are 3 sets of try-outs, and we encourage the prospective players to make as many try-outs as they can.

We also want players to try-out for their particular age group. If he or she is extremely dominant, the coaches may allow the player to “play-up” one age group. But if your child does try-out for an older age team and does not make that team there is a risk that there may not be a slot available on his or her age pure team.

## 4) How competitive is Travel Soccer?

It is more competitive than the House (Intramural) league but tends to be more balanced. It is unlikely that any one player will dominate a particular game.

## 5) What takes place at tryouts?

The travel coaches run the players through drills, some timed events and small-sided games to evaluate their skill and abilities. Some teams will have separate evaluators to assist in the selection of players. It is not a science, but the coaches do their best given only 3 sets of try-outs to evaluate the players.

## 6) Who is eligible to tryout?

Any player is eligible to tryout, whether they have only played one year or have many years of experience. Even if your child does not make a team, it will give them an idea of what skills are required to play at this level, and better prepare them for next year.

## 7) How long is the travel season?

It depends on the team your child tries out for. Practices could start around the middle of July. The league we participate in is the Inter County Soccer League, and their season generally runs from September to just before Thanksgiving. But most teams participate in some tournaments during the preseason, late July, August and again around Columbus Day weekend. Some teams will play indoors, and yet again the real “soccer loving” teams will play year round.

## 8) Is there an additional cost?

The uniforms are different than the house leagues and cost around \$65. There is also a Travel fee of \$40 per player to cover League cost, registration fees and referee fees. Each team determines when and how many tournaments the team goes to. These tournaments generally cost between \$300- \$500 per team, which breaks down to \$20 to \$30 per player depending on how many players are on the team.

## 9) Who can become a Travel Coach?

Almost all of our travel coaches got their start in our Intramural Program. Each season coaches and applicants apply by submitting applications to the Travel Coordinator. The Director, Travel Coordinator and Intramural League Coordinator review them. Coaches are chosen based on experience, coaching abilities and philosophy.

## 10) How can I get involved in Travel Soccer?

The soccer meetings are open to all who are interested.

They are generally held at Nash Elementary School the second Wednesday of each month.

Travel Coaches hold their meetings the first Monday of the month at Nash Elem. School

If you have any other questions, contact us through the Hot Line at, **215-362-8924** the web site at [www.TYASPORTS.org](http://www.TYASPORTS.org), or by talking to the various Travel Coaches