



## **U14 and Older Tryouts**

The FSC is responsible for these age groups and will facilitate the tryout process and dispute resolution. Coaches/Managers within the same age & gender group must jointly discuss their plans and present a tryout plan to the FSC prior to the publication of the spring tryout schedule. The FSC will work with the coaches/managers to mitigate conflicts for players resulting from teams that plan to play throughout the soccer year and those that only plan to create a roster for part of the soccer year. The FSC will present the TEC with the tryout plans for each age group. Any outstanding issues will be resolved by the TEC.

### **Pre-Tryout**

In advance of tryouts, a few pieces of information must be gathered.

1. Program Evaluation Form – Must be distributed to all families. These forms request feedback from parents, which is an important part of the smooth functioning of our organization. Failure to forward the forms could be cause for that coach to not be reinstated for the next year.
2. Coach/Manager Applications – Our teams employ professional trainers and for the more competitive and/or older age groups (typically U-11 and up) our professional trainers are typically the head coach. However, parent volunteers are utilized to fill the role of team manger and in instances where the professional trainer is not the Head Coach the team manager also serves as the Head Coach. Qualified returning coaches/managers “in good standing” will be permitted to continue with their teams the following year once affirmed by the TEC. If a new volunteer team manager/head coach is required, a call for volunteers will be issued in early April with a deadline prior to the tryout date to permit a final selection before tryouts. Only those volunteers seeking to be a head coach and/or team manger should apply. Where applicable, an appropriate NJYS coaching license is required.

### **Tryout Evaluation Process**

1. A combined age group or individual team tryout is permitted.
2. All tryouts will consist of a minimum of 2 - 90 minute sessions. Players can be invited to practices as well to augment the tryout results.
3. Combined Age Group tryouts will be organized by the coaches/managers of each age/gender group according to the published schedule. If there is an age group tryout, all players intending to play the next year must attend the tryout unless given special consideration by the FSC.
4. Tryout sessions will be run by the existing team coaches/managers and trainers.
5. If there is a combined age group tryout, it will be the responsibility of each evaluator to develop individual rankings for the entire age group at the end of the process. This will yield objective data to help the coaches/managers develop rankings of players for the age group.



### **Coach/Manager and Team Selection**

1. Coach/Manager Selection: Qualified returning coaches/managers “in good standing” will be permitted to continue with their teams the following year once affirmed by the TEC.
2. Roster Selection: If there is more than one returning team in an age group, the coaches/managers should work together to make sure all interested youths are considered for rosters. It is up to the Coaches/Managers to select their own rosters.

### **Team Offers**

1. The Coaches/Managers will begin making offers as soon as possible after completion of a tryout. Typically for an age group and gender, the first offers are made with one week of the completion of tryouts. The offer process will begin with the premier team coach/manager calling all players on the roster for the next year.
2. The premier team coach/manager should complete their offers within 24 hours and contact the first Classic team coach/manager with the results. Delays must be declared to the FSC immediately. The first Classic team coach/manager will not start contacting his/her players until the premier team coach is done.
3. The second Classic team coach/manager will repeat this process.
4. It is absolutely critical that all families who attended the tryout receive a call. If any players did not make a team, it is the responsibility of the FSC to contact those families.
5. All coaches/managers must submit their rosters for the next year to the FSC as a last step in the process.