

Policies of Princeton Youth Soccer Association

Traveling Program: The PYSA traveling program is a highly competitive program that involves league and tournament play for boys and girls ages 7 - 19. Playing on a traveling team requires a significant commitment from both the players and their parents. Players are expected to attend all practices, games and tournaments unless prior arrangements with the head coach are made. Parents should expect to incur costs in addition to registration and uniform fees such as soccer cleats, shin guards, gas, food, gate fees, and possibly lodging if a team chooses a tournament requiring an overnight stay.

Eligibility: There are no restrictions on eligibility.

Registration of Players: Open registration will be held in early winter, generally in November or December. After open registration closes, additional participant registration will be at the discretion of each team's head coach and the PYSA board.

Registration of Coaches: During open registration, applications will be accepted from those interested in volunteering as a head coach. Head coaches will be determined by PYSA board of directors. Each team will have one (1) head coach, and each head coach will select their own assistant coach. Head coaches will receive one paid registration for their child.

Formation of Teams: After open registration ends, the board of directors will review the registration numbers, age group by age group, to determine teams. Team sizes are dictated by MYSA (Minnesota Youth Soccer Association) as follows:

	<u>U9-U10</u>	<u>U11-U12</u>	<u>U13-U16</u>	<u>U17-U19</u>
Minimum	8	10	11	11
Maximum	12	14	18	22

The PYSA board may combine age groups to form teams if registration numbers are not adequate.

Playing up: Players may, at board discretion, be allowed to play up.

Tryouts: In the event there are more registered participants than spots available, tryouts (or placement evaluations in the event of combining two age levels to make multiple teams) will be conducted. Tryout participants will be anonymously assessed and ranked by neutral evaluators, and the board of directors will make team selections. Based on the evaluation rankings, teams will be formed by placing the players at the appropriate playing level for their ability.

In order to ensure we have adequate volunteer coaches, any child (ren) of the coaches will automatically be assigned to the coach's team regardless of where they ranked in the evaluation process.

Safety: Proper soccer cleats and shin guards are required. Criminal background checks are required and will be conducted on all coaches, assistant coaches, and PYSA board members. Each team will be provided with basic first-aid equipment. If a participant has a special health situation they should bring it to the attention of the team coach.

Fees: Registration fees and fees for uniforms are determined annually by the board of directors to cover the costs of MYSA registration, field time, equipment, referees, administrative costs, etc. Participants will purchase and own their uniforms.

Refund of Fees: Once team rosters have been finalized, there will be no refunding of registration or uniform fees.

Board Participation: To ensure the perpetual existence of PYSA and to promote participation on the board of directors, board member volunteers are not required to pay registration fees for registered players for which they are a parent or legal guardian.

Conduct: PYSA requires all coaches, players and parents / guardians to abide by the following code of conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship with positive support for all players, coaches, administrators and officials.
- I will not use profanity, and I will not berate the officials or try to show up my opponents.
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, color, sex, creed or ability.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free of tobacco, drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all events.
- I will remember that youth sports are about having FUN and that winning and losing are a part of everyone's experiences.
- I will express any grievances through the proper procedure in a respectful manner.
- I will respect and adhere to the rules of competition, the policies and code of conduct of PYSA and MYSA.

Grievance Procedure:

- Allow a 24 hour "cool down period" before talking to a coach or board member.
- Contact the head coach directly and ask for a meeting to discuss your concerns.
- If the issue cannot be resolved directly with the coach, contact the PYSA President who may resolve the issue or call for a board meeting to resolve the issue.

Escalation of a grievance should be handled promptly. Failure to notify the PYSA President within seven (7) days of having discussed the grievance with the head coach will close the matter. All decisions made by the PYSA President or the Board of Directors are final.