



Penfield Strikers Tryouts & Team Formation

Penfield Strikers Soccer Club Mission Statement

The mission of the Penfield Strikers Soccer Club is to identify and develop female soccer players aged 7-19 years old who demonstrate the enthusiasm, commitment and potential to play soccer at an advanced level. Emphasis is placed on developing players in a way that promotes fundamental soccer skill development, character development, teamwork, and good sportsmanship.

Tryout Process

Tryouts for season occur in September and are held over two weekends. Each age group has two days of tryouts and each tryout session is 2 hours. The club strives to schedule tryouts to accommodate as many players as possible. The club **strongly** recommends players attend both tryout sessions; each session provides key assessment data and metrics. Any player unable to attend both sessions should provide this information during registration.

The club assigns an age group tryout coordinator for each age level, usually the head coach of the top level team in that age group from the prior season.

For U8-U12 teams, the coordinator is responsible for executing a standard tryout plan that consists of mini-games and full sized field games appropriate to that age group. The tryout plan is based on US Youth Soccer and provides the best basis for objective assessments.

For U13 and older teams, the coordinator has the option to create a try out plan that is approved by the tryout committee.

In addition to the tryout evaluations, the evaluations completed by each coach during the prior season are utilized to ensure there are no abnormalities between prior performance and tryouts.

Independent evaluators help conduct the actual tryout and record objective scores as well as conducting subjective evaluations of the players. Various evaluation criteria are applied and the girls are then ranked based on their performance. A major effort is made to have evaluators that are independent of the team they are assessing.

TEAM FORMATION

Team Size:

U8-U10 rosters usually consist of 13-14 players with a maximum of 14 players.

U11- U12 rosters usually have 14-17 players with a maximum of 18 players.

U13 and up rosters usually have 16-18 players with a maximum of 22 players.



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Multiple Teams within an Age Group

The club strives to field multiple teams at each age level whenever there are an adequate number of players and coaches to support their formation. During tryouts, players are evaluated for their skills and capabilities. The club recognizes no tryouts are ever perfect but our coaches and volunteer evaluators use the latest in techniques and their best efforts to properly make unbiased decisions about each player. Our policy is to provide the most competitive teams possible so the top players in a tryout are assigned to our top division team, the next group to the next lower division team and so on. As the age group progresses, our experience shows that there is often change between the rosters on the various level teams each and every season as individual players improve their skills.

Notification & Acceptance

We make every effort to notify the players as quickly as possible upon completion of tryouts. Notifications of a player's status is sent to the parent as soon as it is available and approved. Communication is sent via email, so on-line registration and providing an accurate email is required. All tryout placements must be confirmed by the Tryout Committee. Please allow a minimum of three (3) weeks following the final tryout before inquiring about player selections.

Please keep in mind that many factors go into this placement and will hopefully allow your daughter to play at her level while developing her skills.

You will need to accept your daughters' roster placement within 5 days by sending an email to tryoutresults@penfieldstrikers.org.