

## **Tryout Process**

### **What tryout session should my player report to in order to tryout?**

*All players should report to the tryout session(s) for the year they were born.*

### **Why are players required to attend the tryout in their birth year?**

*US Soccer is mandating the registration age change for all teams in the country and most players will be playing in teams dictated by birth year. From a more practical perspective, we anticipate between 550 and 600 players will attend tryouts. Directing players to tryout in their birth year pool allows us the best means of evaluating them fairly and fully.*

### **Why is the club switching to birth year registration?**

*US Soccer has mandated that all youth soccer in our country switch to Birth Year registration. US Youth Soccer and US Club Soccer are the organizations with whom we register our players, and they are making the change for the season beginning August 1, 2016. We must make the change, too.*

### **Should players attend all tryouts?**

*It is highly recommended that players attend all tryouts in their birth year. Returning players who qualify to try out in the next age group up may attend the second tryout in the next age group up, but they should make an effort to attend all tryouts in their birth year group.*

### **If there are multiple teams in an age group, can my child try out for a specific team?**

*At tryouts, players will be evaluated by the staff and placed on teams that are most appropriate based on the pool of players available.*

## **Player Selection**

### **How are players evaluated at tryouts?**

*Players are evaluated based on their Physical, Technical (skill), Tactical (understanding), and Psychological qualities as they relate to the club's playing style and potential for development*

### **Are players pre-selected for teams?**

*Teams are not pre-selected. Players are not guaranteed spots on the teams they played in the previous year.*

### **Who picks the teams?**

*The coaching staff for the coming year and the Technical Director(s) select the teams. Input can be, and often is, taken from the previous year's coaches when appropriate.*

## **"Playing Up"**

### **Can players "play up"?**

*Players may still be offered the opportunity to play up when it is beneficial to them in terms of their development. Players might be offered the opportunity to play up from the beginning of the season or might be offered the chance during the season because they have performed well.*

**Who decides if players are able to “play up”?**

*Decisions on whether a player is offered the opportunity to play up will be made by the coaching staff and must be approved by the Technical Director.*

**Who “plays up”?**

*Players who are performing exceptionally well in their “natural age group” are frequently offered the chance to play up an age group to speed their development. These players are normally able to compete on even terms with the players at the top level in the next age. During the tryout process we would expect these players to clearly be outperforming players in their age group pool.*

**If my son or daughter is offered the chance to “play up,” is he or she required to do so?**

*The staff may offer the chance to play up to a player after tryouts or at some point during the year. We will never offer a chance to play up if we feel it is not in the best interest of the player. Players (and their families) are not obligated to accept this opportunity.*

**My son/daughter moves up two age groups due to the change in age groups. I have concerns about this change. What does this mean for my child?**

*Try not to be alarmed if your player is moving up two “age groups.” In the previous registration year, your player was playing against players born within 365 days of his or her birth date. Your player will still play against players born within 365 days of their birth date when the change takes place.*

**Multiple Sports****Can my child play another sport AND soccer?**

*Yes. There is documented benefit to cross-training and participating in multiple sports, but it must be understood that our programs are a commitment and players are expected to be at training and games.*

**Can my child play high school soccer?**

*Yes. Our HS age players may play on their HS team. We recognize the importance of playing in the high school teams to our players and their families, and we see the value in it. Our HS aged teams begin play in late October/early November after the HS season.*

**Team Sizes****When do seasons run for the various teams?**

*Teams composed of players who are younger than high school age play from August through May or early June. Teams composed of players of HS age who play in their HS teams begin in late October or early November and play through late May/mid-June.*

**What are the expected roster sizes for the various teams?**

*Precise roster guidelines for newly established team sizes have not yet been released by US Soccer, but we estimate that teams will have roster sizes in these ranges:*

*7 on field: 10-12 total*

*9 on field: 11-14 total*

*11 on field: 15-17 (U13-U15), and 16-20 (U16-U19)*

*The Club will set a minimum number of players needed to create a team at each size, and we will NOT form a team with fewer than that number of players.*

## **Uniforms**

### **Must I buy a uniform?**

*Yes. All players CASA players must purchase a uniform package. Uniforms usually change every 2 years due to changes in product availability from the manufacturer. The club's uniform changes every 2 years for this reason.*

### **The Club has changed uniform suppliers. Why do I have to buy a new uniform?**

*The Club has switched to Nike as its official supplier of team uniforms. Clubs change their uniforms every 2 years. Our change to Nike is in line with the normal 2-year uniform cycle. All players in the club would have needed new uniforms for 2016-17 anyway.*

### **If my player moves from a travel team to a premier team during the coming year, will I have to buy another new uniform?**

*No. Our travel and premier teams will wear the same uniform going forward. This will eliminate the need for players moving between teams to purchase additional uniform pieces.*