



### **What is Travel Soccer? Who should tryout?**

The Travel program is our most competitive level of play. Travel is a 2 season commitment (Fall and Spring). Separate boys & girls teams are formed in the soccer age groups of U9-U19 based on player interest. This program features match play against local teams from around the central region of Connecticut. This level of play is more demanding for both the players and the parents. There are normally two practices per week, and usually one to two games per weekend. There also may be Tournament Participation outside of the league games. This program features travel uniforms, team experience and a higher level of coaching knowledge, as well as more competitive player expectations. Most away games are within a 30-45 minute drive of Bristol, however this is not a guarantee.

### **When are Travel Soccer Tryouts?**

- Girls Travel - Tuesday, May 31
  - Birth Year = 2013-2015 - 5:30-7:00 PM
  - Birth Year = 2009-2012 - 6:30-8:00 PM
- Boys Travel - Wednesday, June 1
  - Birth Year = 2013-2015 - 5:30-7:00 PM
  - Birth Year = 2009-2012 - 6:30-8:00 PM
- Tryout Make Up Day - Thursday, June 2
  - Girls, All Ages - 5:30-7:00 PM
  - Boys, All Ages - 6:30-8:00 PM

### **Should my child attend all tryouts?**

All current travel players MUST tryout for the 2022-23 season if they wish to participate in the BSC travel program.

### **How do I prepare for the tryouts?**

- Online pre-registration
- Check in at registration booth to receive number for evaluation
- Soccer ball (best to write name on the ball), shin guards, cleats and water bottle
- Players should wear a non-BSC t-shirt/apparel. No tank tops.
- Current travel players should NOT wear a uniform jersey.

**What is the procedure for tryouts?**

Each tryout session will be facilitated by independent evaluators. Players will be on the field doing drills, small sided games etc. so that the trainers can evaluate the players with respect to their ability to compete at the travel level. Coaches will be allowed on the fields but only in designated areas. During this time, no parents are allowed on the fields.

**When will my child be notified about what team he or she is going to be on?**

Players will be notified by no later than the end of June. All tryout participants that are not chosen for a roster position will be encouraged to play in other BSC programs and attend tryouts again the following year.

**My child is already on a travel team. Is it necessary for him or her to tryout again?**

YES. All players tryout for travel soccer every year. If a current travel soccer player does not appear at tryouts he or she will not be placed on a team. Exceptions will only be made in extenuating circumstances (i.e., injuries, illness, family emergencies, etc.). Having previously played for a team does not guarantee a spot for the next season.

**My child made the travel team, so now what?**

Upon the posting of the travel rosters, registration for the 2022-23 travel season will be opened. Payment in full for the season, or enrollment in an automatic payment plan, is REQUIRED no later than 14 days after the posting of the rosters to secure your spot on the travel team.

After the 14th day those players placed on a waitlist will now have the opportunity to secure a roster position. It has become a challenge at the Bristol Soccer Club to field competitive teams when we lose players days before the season starts or to other sports come spring. As a courtesy, we ask for the payment in full or automatic payment enrollment to show commitment for the 2022-23 season.

**How do uniforms for travel teams work?**

Information on uniform ordering, which must be done individually by family, is communicated during the summer months.

**Can my child play Travel soccer at the same time as other sports?**

YES. Many Travel soccer players, particularly at the younger ages, play many sports during the same season, including baseball, football or basketball. Any players who anticipate scheduling conflicts should make their coach aware of the conflict before the season begins or as soon as possible so that the coach can plan practice or game schedules accordingly.

**Where do Travel teams play?**

BSC Travel teams play league games throughout Hartford County in the fall and spring. The distance traveled will depend upon the teams they play in their League and could include Avon, Simsbury, Granby, Wethersfield, South Windsor or others. Friendly games are also schedule with surrounding town travel teams. CT Cup games can require you to travel outside of the Hartford area (U11 and above teams only). Home games are played at the BSC facility unless otherwise noted.

**What is the time commitment for the players?**

Travel soccer is a 2 season commitment (Fall **and** Spring). Travel teams practice two evenings a week. In addition to the practice schedule, each team will play at least one regular scheduled league game, generally on a Sunday; many teams also schedule friendly games on Saturdays. Teams may also elect to attend seasonal tournaments for an additional cost.

**What is the Connecticut Cup?**

The Connecticut Cup ("CT Cup") is a statewide, single-elimination tournament played on Saturday afternoons over the course of a season for U11 and older. Cup teams are expected to participate in CT Cup play during the Fall season and Spring Season.