



## **GISC SOCCER CLUB 2011-2012**

### **Miscellaneous Travel Try-Out Notes and Information**

**As you consider Travel Soccer this Year, please reference the following information:**

#### **Key Elements -- GISC Travel Try-Outs: 2011-2012 Season**

- We currently anticipate travel try-outs to occur during the late August & early September time-frame.
  - More than likely, weekend dates/times.
- Additionally, we anticipate (2) try-out dates for each respective age group.
- You should assume that try-outs will take place at a Grand Island location (to be advised)
- Please refer to the GISC club web-site ongoing for more information as it is updated and posted accordingly. (schedules, age group details, locations, etc).

<http://www.gisoccerclub.org>

#### **What Should We Expect As to the Try-Out Process & Logistics?**

- Important to note – because your son/daughter may have played for a certain travel-team or coach per the past season, there should be no expectation or assumption that they will play for the same coach-team.
  - Team selection shall be predicated to evaluation and selection criteria for this new try-out/season.
- All players will be evaluated using the club's evaluation process and criteria.
- All prospective travel team players must attend the primary team's tryouts to be considered eligible for a Club travel team.
- You are required to attend at least one try-out session, but encouraged to attend all.
- In the event that there may be extenuating circumstances that may impact players' ability to attend try-out sessions, please contact the travel coordinator, or current travel coach(s), as applicable.
- Anticipate that evaluations shall be based on various small-sided games/activities.
- Also anticipate try-out sessions will be approximately 60 to 90 minutes in length.
- Note -- the age-group travel coaches will select their teams, with the input of the try-out evaluators.

#### **What About Those Players Who Do Not Make the Team They Tried Out For?**

- Subject to the try-out evaluation results coupled with coach & team/roster specifics, note that the GISC shall work as best we can to form additional age-appropriate teams within the travel program.
- For those players who do not make a team, please also note that GISC shall work to make available various player development opportunities – such that he/she has the opportunity to continue to develop their soccer skills and abilities throughout the upcoming year/season(s).
  - As an example – note that the GISC Club provides Academy Training Program over the Fall, Winter, and Spring time-frame. (More than likely on Wednesday evenings during the week).
    - Final confirmation of dates, and age groups supported shall be posted to the GISC web site in the summer/fall time-frame.

#### **Notification of Players**

- At the end of the try-out sessions, the GISC shall post players/teams to the GI Soccer web-site accordingly.
  - Within a week or two after try-outs occur and evaluations are completed.
- At such time of this posting – assumes that parent(s)/player(s) are willing to make the commitment per the travel team schedule and practice-game requirements. (further notes within this document below)
- Also, note -- extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the Travel Team Coordinator & the GISC.



## Further Details and Information

- Western New York travel soccer teams play competitive games one evening during the week against clubs from communities across the Western New York region (from Youngstown to Angola).
  - Also note that Weekend tournaments may be entered -- at each team's discretion.
- The outdoor travel season typically begins in early May 2012, and runs through the end of July 2012.
  - Also note that each of the travel teams may also play through a fall-winter-spring schedule as well – TBA, subject to each team's determination.

## Additional Notes

- We expect to hold travel try-outs, starting at the U9 age group, for both boys and girls (potentially U8 (TBA))
  - Final definition of age group try-out sessions being held, as well as team break-down, shall be subject to try-out numbers, evaluation results, as well as coach & team/roster specifics.
- Also note that players may try out for more than one age group, but can only play on one team in the league.
  - You must notify Registration if you are trying out for more than one age group when you check in.
    - Must attend at least one tryout for each age group if you want to be considered for both teams.
    - League policy allows a player to qualify for an older age bracket, but not a younger one.
    - If considering playing up more than one year, must be approved by the GISC Board of Directors.
- Keep your tryout number for the subsequent tryout(s).
  - If you do not make the team, your registration fee will be returned. (Once on a roster, no refunds).
  - All players must register and have a registration number to try out. **No exceptions.**
- Travel is a more competitive level of soccer. (not a league-level where "everyone" will make a team)
  - Due to the increased level of competition & training, it is expected that the players' skills will improve accordingly.
- Per above notes, travel soccer typically requires both a Winter/Spring and Summer commitment to play.
  - Note that Fall/Winter/Spring schedules are determined by the respective team coach(s). As you consider travel soccer – we encourage you to discuss such elements with the travel coach.
- You should expect that there shall entail both league/club registration fees as well as potential tournament/indoor fees, subject to what the individual teams decide upon accordingly.
- For additional reference, here is some visibility as to when Summer/Outdoor travel soccer league games are played (Note -- may be subject to change).
  - U9 & U10 league games are typically held on Friday evenings
  - U11 & U12 league games are typically held on Monday/Tuesday evenings
  - U13 & U14 league games are typically held on Monday/Tuesday evenings
  - U15 & U16 league games are typically held on Thursday evenings
  - U17 & U19 league games are typically held on Wednesday evenings
- In coming days, we shall also post/provide visibility as to the travel age matrix for this coming year.
  - Shall be posted to the GISC web-site.