

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Try-Outs for Fall 2014/Summer 2015

There have been significant changes to the dates and process for the BSC Travel Team Try-Outs compared to previous years. Please see separate document on the BSC website Travel Page for exact times and dates for Fall 2014 and Summer 2015 Try-Outs for BSC Travel teams

Please Note: Earlier Try-Out Dates

Parents should please note the earlier try-out dates to previous years.

Try-Out Registration Fee and Deadline

Try-Out Registration - \$20: Register by July 11

After July 11 the registration fee for try-outs increases to \$40

Registration will open June 2014

Why earlier dates?

There are two main reasons for the earlier dates:

- 1, These dates will bring our try-out dates into line with when most other youth soccer clubs in MN hold their try-outs
- 2, We will set fall 2014 travel teams for the U9-U14 age-groups from Try-Outs which will allow those teams to play together for both the fall 2014 and summer 2015 seasons. This will bring us into line with the US Youth Soccer/MYSA soccer calendar year which runs Sept-Aug

Why set fall teams from try-outs?

The start of the US Youth Soccer/MYSA Soccer year is in the fall. This is when your child moves up an age-level. Setting the U9-U14 teams for the fall season will allow many of those teams to maintain the same (or very similar) roster for the fall 2014 and summer 2015 seasons (the full soccer year Sept - through July). Most youth clubs in MN have already moved to this process and many of our members and coaches have requested we also do so.

What does this mean for U9-U14 players that only play one season (only fall or only summer)?

We realize that there are some players that only play one season of soccer per year so there will need to be some combining of players especially in the fall season but as soccer has become a year round sport, most of our players now play both the fall and summer season so it will be of benefit to the vast majority of our teams and players.

Please note - this will not affect U15-U18 players as they play High School Soccer in the fall so there are typically no MYSA leagues for those ages in the fall. The process for those age-groups remains unchanged other than their try-out dates is a week or so earlier than in previous years.

Team Placement: Notification and Registration

Players will be notified on placement within 48 hours of the try-out (by email from the club or a call from the team coach). There will then be a much shorter period (approx. 48 hours) for players to decide whether to accept their spot or not.

To accept the spot on the assigned team players will need to register online with a paid deposit (\$150). For U9-U14 players that are playing fall soccer that deposit includes the fall registration fee.

- The acceptance and deposit date for U9-U11 is July 25.
- The acceptance and deposit date for U12-U14 is August 1.
- The acceptance and deposit date for U15-U17 is September 1.

- The remaining balance of the registration will be due by October 31. Remaining balances - \$250 for players playing summer and fall (\$400 total), \$125 for players playing Summer Only (\$275 total).
- Fees do not include uniforms.
- A \$50 late fee will apply as of 10/1/14

Why is there a deposit payment to accept placement

For most U9-U14 players the deposit fee is covering the regular fall fee which they would have paid anyway (fall fee was due in early-mid July in previous years) plus a small portion towards summer 2015. Under the previous system getting “verbal commitments” after try-outs hasn’t always resulted in paid registrations in Nov/Dec so many teams were being left with short rosters. Under the new system teams will have their rosters confirmed much earlier so planning for events such as winter training will be far easier for teams, coaches and team managers. This also will bring us into the same timeline as most other youth soccer clubs in MN.

Try-Out Registration – Please make sure contact details are current

It is vital when players register for try-outs that the registration info the players parent has listed is the most up to date and most regularly checked email address and phone number as this will be the contact used for team placement notification. For parents who have a previous online registration account set up with BSC please be sure to double check the info that is displayed under your account and update any changes (e.g – update an old email address). Parents can update their details when registering or at any time by logging into their account.

If you anticipate leaving for vacation after try-outs please be sure to still check your email for that notification within 48 hours of the try-out and be prepared to make the deposit payment.

**Further Try-Out information can be found under the Travel Page at www.blainesoccer.org
Please regularly check this page for any updates**

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