



# What is Select Soccer?

## Age Groups

- Select soccer is broken down by your child's birth year. For example, Boys U10 is all boys born in 2013 (or under the age of 10). This means your child could be playing with children in a different grade.

## Seasons

- Select soccer encompasses the entire year. However, it is broken down into 2 primary seasons. The first season is the Fall season. This season usually begins around August 1<sup>st</sup> and ends around Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. The second season is the Spring season usually starts around March 1<sup>st</sup> and end around June 1<sup>st</sup>. During the Winter and Summer, optional training is offered. Some includes an additional cost.

## Tryouts

- New year tryouts occur each year around Memorial Day. All teams are re-rostered in the fall. The results of these tryouts form teams that will begin playing in the Fall season. As a result of these tryouts, your child will be placed on a team. Once your child is placed on a team, he/she is guaranteed a spot on that team for both the Fall and Spring season.
- Most clubs will do everything they can to place all players on a team
- Supplemental tryouts – these tryouts occur in between the Fall and Spring season, usually around Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. This tryout is for children not already in the club. The intent of this tryout is to supplement open roster spots on current teams for the upcoming Spring season only. Your child or your child's team may be asked to attend these tryouts. However, this is because the evaluators want to gauge the new, incoming players with the current players. Your child is guaranteed a spot on his current team for the Spring season.

## Training (aka Practices)

- During both the Fall and Spring season, a team practices 2 nights a week, at minimum. Some teams will practice 3 nights a week. Each practice is usually 90 minutes in length.

## League Games

- Each team will play in one league against other clubs in the area. There are numerous leagues in our area. So, some teams will play in multiple leagues. This is decided by the club and coach after tryouts.

- Each team will play anywhere from 7-9 league games during the Fall and Spring season. This will vary based on age level, league, and number of teams in your division within the league.
- Travel time for league games has the potential to be significant (45 minutes or more) in isolated cases

### Tournaments

- Most teams will play in a minimum of 2 tournaments each Fall and Spring season. Depending on age level and skill level, a team may play more than 5 tournaments per season. This is decided after tryouts by the club/coaches.
- Most tournaments guarantee 3 games. If your team makes the finals, that would be an additional game. Usually, your team will play 2 games on Saturday, 1 game on Sunday morning, with the Finals being Sunday afternoon.
- Most tournaments have multiple divisions within an age group. These divisions are based on skill level of the teams.
- Although there are plenty of local tournaments throughout the year in the area, your team may choose to travel to another city to play in an out-of-town tournament(s).

### Fees

- Fees can vary by age level and by skill level.
- Some clubs have club fees and team fees.
  - o Club fees include league fees, player cards, coaching/training, field rental, maintenance and equipment and league referee coordinator fees. The club fees will be paid directly to the club via online payment. Club fees vary based on the TFA select program and age group. Visit the [Members>Fees](#) page of our website for details of fees.
  - o Team fees include league referee fees, tournament fees and other costs specific to the team. The team fee is paid via check to the Coach or Team Administrator of your team. The team fee varies by team depending on the number of players on the team and the number of tournaments your team plays. Team fees range from \$100 and up per player per season. The team fees will be due prior to the start of each season.