

## **8v8 Tryout Information for New U8,U9 and U10 Teams**

TRSA has adopted a policy making tryouts a **“voluntary procedure”** designed to afford your child the opportunity to play at the level of competition commensurate to their ability. **If you would like your child to play on one of our new U8, or any U9/10 travel team(s) (see ages below), please have them attend the tryouts being held in June.** These teams are 8v8, that is, each team shall play with 8 players on a side on the field. **All current U8 and U9 travel players turning age U9 or 10 respectively are required to attend the U9 or 10 travel team tryouts. (U11 players see U11 policy guidelines.)**

<b>Season starting 9/1/10</b>	<b>Age requirements born between</b>	<b>Tryout Dates</b>	<b>Tryout Time</b>
U08 Boys/Girls	8/1/02 to 7/31/03	6/08 Boys-- 6/07 Girls	6 to 730 PM at Bea Lea Park , Toms River RT-571 & N Bay Ave Check-in at 5:45 PM
U09 Boys/Girls	8/1/01 to 7/31/02	6/01 Boys-- 6/02 Girls	
U10 Boys/Girls	8/1/00 to 7/31/01	5/27 Boys-- 5/26 Girls	
U11 Boys/Girls	8/1/99 to 7/31/00	5/25 Boys-- 5/24 Girls	

**When new travel teams are being formed at U8 after the U7 year and when tryouts are being held for our new or established U9/10 travel teams (after the U8/9 years) all players including current (TRSA) rec and all outside and new rec players, may attend or be invited to attend these (open to all) voluntary tryouts-evaluations for our travel teams. Players are required to tryout to be considered for a travel team.**

Tryouts/evaluations are held to evaluate/rate the player’s capabilities and potential so to encourage the players to play at the level of competition commensurate to their/that ability. **Although these evaluations are an important guiding factor in the player selection process—(player) commitment and maturity levels are also factored in.** These tryouts for the new and current travel teams are to be conducted by private player evaluators, the Tryout Coordinator (TC) and the Coaching Selections Committee (CC). The Celtic Academy evaluations coordinator will (usually) also be consulted before the new U8 and all U9/10 travel team rosters are finalized. Our current rec team coaches and the new travel team coaches will (usually) also be consulted as well. **No one will be allowed to play-up on these 8v8 travel teams.** Players may only tryout in their proper age group. All current U7/8/9 rec team coaches and the appointed U8/9 turning U9/10 travel team coaches are required to participate in all (preliminary) tryout procedures--however the coaches will not evaluate players at the U8,U9 or \*U10 tryouts.\* See Q # 5 below.

All players are encouraged to tryout, but will not be forced to play on a travel team ---- however--any coach that encourages a player(s) to NOT attend the tryouts or NOT join a (any) travel team, or encourages a player(s) to NOT "move up" to a more competitive travel team (at U9/10) if selected, or hinders the tryout/evaluation or the player selection process in any way may be subject to disciplinary action. After the new U8 and all U9 and 10 travel team rosters have been finalized (after completing tryouts) all of the remaining players including players that weren’t selected, or that decline to tryout or play for a new U8 or any U9/10 travel team will be assigned to a rec team (which may or may not be a players current team) so as to maintain or create a competitive balance on the remaining rec teams. Spots will not be held for unregistered players.\*See Question #5  
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## Here's a list of commonly asked Questions.

1. **If my child does not tryout or is not selected for a new U8 or a U9/10 8v8 travel team will there still be a place for him (or her) to play?**

YES Every returning TRSA player not selected or who declines to tryout for or chooses not to play for a new U8 or any U9/10 travel team if selected, will be placed on a rec team (which may or may not be a players current team) so as to maintain or create a competitive balance on the remaining rec teams. All players may attend the tryouts held the following year by the evaluators, the coaches committee and tryouts coordinator.

2. **If we as parents allow our child to play for a travel team can you briefly explain “what is expected” from our children and from us?**

Players and parents must “**make a commitment to the team**”. A player’s commitment includes, attending practices, scrimmages, and all scheduled games. It will also include going to tournaments, camps and participating in indoor and outdoor training. Parents are expected to support their children in those endeavors. Parents may also be asked to participate in “team orientated fund raising”, to help alleviate the cost of going to (such) tournaments, camps and training, and for the purchase of **(although not necessarily in the same season)** ball bags, jackets and warm-up suits. (Although) all U9 and 10 travel team players should receive a fair amount of playing time, the amount of (such) time shall be earned, based on ability, merit, commitment and attendance--as determined by the travel team coaching staff. **Note!! All U8 players should play about half the game**

3. **What leagues do travel teams play in--what are the differences & how far do we travel?**

Travel teams (**a.k.a.**) competitive or carded teams play in the Monmouth/Ocean Soccer Assoc. (MOSA) and the Jersey Coast Leagues (JCL). MOSA plays on Sundays and is generally for the more advanced teams. JCL plays on Saturdays and is for all **U8 teams** and U9 and older less advanced teams. Travel is confined to Monmouth/Ocean Counties

4. **How many teams are formed, and when will the players that are selected for or to a travel team be notified? How and when do we register our children?**

**There are no set numbers, but we usually have 2 (or 3) boy’s travel teams and 1 or 2 girl’s teams, depending on the number of children trying out. Roster sizes vary between 12 to 14 players per team. Player notification is usually done in about 10 to 14 days.** We (only) notify the players that are selected to/for the travel teams-although an immediate answer/decision (yes/no) is then required upon such notification. The new U8 travel coaches are appointed after the travel teams are selected and finalized. **Parents--Please rest assured that every returning TRSA child that does not tryout or is not selected for a new U8 or 9/10 travel team will be assigned to a rec team on or about July 15th. At that time--all players should then register with the the travel teams they are selected to or the recreational teams they placed on.**

5. **Are the players that were selected to the new U8 travel teams required to tryout again the following year(s) at age U9 and U10?**

Yes! All selected U8/9 travel players are expected to attend tryouts that are held again at age U9/10. The \*U9/10 travel team coaches-may (rate) the players for their (the coaches scores are not factored in) own benefit. The returning U9/10 coaches are usually asked to participate in the player selection process. Although all U9/10 TRSA (travel) team players will be assured a spot on a team- it may not be a spot on a U9/10 travel team.

