

TRSA Tryout policy Information for U11 Teams

TRSA tryouts are a “voluntary procedure” designed to afford your child the opportunity to play at the level commensurate to their ability and commitment. However at age U11 the (8v8) 8 a side rec program ends. Therefore, all players should attend tryouts for our expanded or reorganized teams which must at U11 play as 11V11 travel teams. Players from other clubs are welcome to attend our tryouts.

Tryouts policy summary. At age U11 all travel and rec players are required to attend tryouts for our expanded and or reorganized teams, which must at U11 play as 11V11 travel teams. All players will be evaluated and then be selected to play for or be placed* on--THE team, at the level of competition commensurate to their ability and commitment. The C/C chair, the E/B tryouts coordinator and the Celtic evaluators are to conduct the tryout-evaluations for the travel teams. The current (U10 going U11) travel coaches are required to participate in all (preliminary) tryout procedures and may (rate) the players but only for their own (scores are not factored in) benefit.

Any coach that encourages a player to NOT attend tryouts or hinders the tryout/evaluation or the player selection process in any way may be subject to “disciplinary action”. If any additional U11 teams are formed the current U10 coaches of the (those) rec teams will (usually) be retained by the E/C. The C/C chair and the ADM VP shall then coordinate (with all of the age group coaches) the player selection and or the placement (process) of ALL of the players for all of the U11 travel teams. All current TRSA players that miss the tryouts (without a valid reason) will (usually) be placed after all TRSA players that attended tryouts are placed. We cannot guarantee placement to players that do not tryout. Outside players that are not selected to or for a TRSA travel team or that miss the tryouts will be placed LAST.

Ages as of 9/1/08	Age Requirements (born between)	Tryout Dates	Tryout Time
U11 Girls	8/1/99 to 7/31/00	5/24	6 to 730 pm at Bea Lea Park, Rt 571 & N Bay Ave
U11 Boys	8/1/99 to 7/31/00	5/25	

Check in at 545PM

Here is a list of the most frequently asked questions,

1. **If travel team tryouts are voluntary, why does the policy state that all players are “required” to tryout at U11?**

Many factors must be considered when your child reaches age U11. First, the 8v8 8 a side rec program ends after the U10 year. Secondly, travel team rosters must be expanded from 12/14 players to 15/18 players, that play 11v11 11 a side, thus causing a numbers problem and the possible elimination of some teams. Lastly, all teams must at U11 play as travel teams, **therefore, all players should attend the tryouts, be evaluated and then be selected to play for or be placed* ON THE TEAM at the level of competition commensurate to their ability and commitment.**

***The club will make every effort to place every returning TRSA registered child.**

2. **My child plays on a rec/travel team. If he/she misses tryouts will there still be a place to play and when will players be notified of their team assignments?**

Although all current travel team players are required to tryout—all current rec players should also attend tryouts because of the factors explained in Q1. All current TRSA players that miss the tryouts (without a valid reason) will (usually) be placed after all TRSA players that attended tryouts are placed. The club can only assure parents that we will make every effort to place every (returning) U10 TRSA player turning U11, on an U11 travel team, although it may not be the player’s current U10 travel or rec team. **Players are usually notified in about 14 days** of their team assignments but the complete process will be completed by about July 15. All players may attend the open age group/team **“optional tryouts”** held by our U12 and older teams in subsequent years. U12-U19 player selections are at the discretion of the coaches.

3. **Can you briefly explain “what is expected” of the children and the parents when playing on and for a travel team?**

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 and camps and participating in indoor/outdoor training. Parents should 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 travel team players should receive some playing time, the amount of such time shall be earned, and based on merit, ability, commitment and attendance --as determined by the travel team coaching staff.**

4. **What is the difference between a travel team/competitive team & carded team?**
None These 3 terms are used to describe a travel team.

5. **What leagues do travel teams play in and how far must we travel?**

The leagues are MOSA Monmouth/Ocean Soccer Assoc and Jersey Coast League. Mosa plays on Sundays and is for more advanced teams. The JCL plays on Sat and is for less advanced teams. Traveling is confined to Monmouth/ Ocean Counties.

