

FASA Tryout Details

Updated for Fall 2007

- All teams are required to participate in the advertised CLUB-WIDE tryouts
- Format should be ALL small sided games (progressive possession type activities) – not drills. The goal is to see the players in “game” situations. It also simplifies the evaluation process. Based on the numbers – the last progression should be a scrimmage (regular game conditions).
- Head Coaches should take the lead with their respective age groups (control tryouts). If there are more than one coach per age group – they should split responsibilities (need to work out details in advance with coaching director as far as how placement of players will be handled).
- Coaches may invite additional evaluators.
- Coaches should wear their Hotspur coaches jersey so they are clearly identified and portray our organization in a professional manner.
- Coaches / Evaluators should plan to arrive early enough to get organized, have a brief pre-meeting with other coaches/evaluators, set up and prepare the tryout sessions (approx. 25-30 minutes prior to session).
- Coaching Director has created a simple player evaluation form and made it available on the website (optional for coaches / evaluators to use).
- EACH Coach/Team is responsible to have (a) parent(s) at registration for each tryout. Bottom line... there must be at least 1 parent for every age trying out.
 - FASA will provide limited supplies on site (table, registration forms, pens, etc.). Material will be in the Pavilion / Shed (all managers / coaches have combination – if not, contact the Field Director)
 - Parent/ reps should arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to start of their tryouts
 - Please supply name & contact information of Parent/Rep to coaching director at least one week prior to tryouts.
 - If there are multiple teams in the age group – players must be asked at registration if they are trying out for a specific team/coach – or multiple teams/coaches. This must be documented on the registration form. If a player does not declare or request a specific coach/team – there are 2 scenarios:
 - #1 – If there is a clear “A” / “Premiere” team in the age division – they get first choice of all undeclared players.
 - #2 – If there is no clear “A” team – coaches will work together and then alternate picks (first pick determined by seniority or a coin toss if necessary).
- A call or letter from the coach must be sent to all tryout participants within 7 days of tryouts informing them of your decision.
- If there are enough players to form multiple teams in a specific age group – the coaches and coaching director will determine the format. Ultimately, the goal is for all age groups to have a “premiere” team that would require additional player commitment (time & financial) and offer all players the opportunity to compete for positions on top team. However, players will not be forced to leave a team (ex. If a player was offered a spot on a Premiere team – but wanted to stay on the other team – that would be his/her choice). Again, this will be decided on a case by case basis.
- Coaching Director can supply additional supplies (cones / pinney's / etc.) as needed. Please advise in advance of any special equipment needs.
- Field Director will be sure that all fields are ready and in “game condition” (cut / lined / nets in goals / etc.)
- The Head Coach must have a brief parent meeting to communicate what will happen (tryout format – when/how decisions will be made – when/how they will receive information – etc.) – and cover any other “soccer issues” (travel soccer competitiveness, etc.).
 - Team Manager / Rep. should have a brief meeting with parents to cover BASIC cost issues, commitment, travel, and other issues pertinent to team (responsibilities of each parent as a member of the team & administrative issues)..
- We ALL must do our best to make the tryouts a POSITIVE EXPERIENCE for ALL that attend!!! We want to encourage players to come out – and to invite their friends, etc. Be sure that the parents running registration are “personable” and “helpful”.