



TRYOUTS



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Baytown Saints YSC - Tryouts

Recreation versus Competitive

- TRYOUTS ARE ONLY FOR TEAMS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY AT A COMPETITIVE LEVEL AS ESTABLISHED BY STYSA

Recreational versus Competitive Soccer Registration

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Division II – Competitive –11U through 19U

This introductory level of competitive play is designed for those who enjoy the social aspect of the game and want to continue to develop their skills through better competition. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

Super II – Competitive –11U through 19U

Selection of players based on talent and ability is permitted and generally includes a pool of players from a broader spectrum. Teams participate in the Super II league within the District which requires more commitment with regard to travel and expense. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

Division I – Competitive –11U through 19U

Recognized as the highest level of play within the state, players may be selected from across the state based on their ability, skill and commitment to the sport including a more demanding practice and game schedule. There is no play time requirement at this level for 13U-19U. 11U and 12U coaches must make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

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Levels of Competition within Division I

- **Division I (D1):** this competition provides an opportunity for teams to play top teams within their own District (East and West). These competitions are managed by WDDOA for the Western District and South Texas Youth Soccer Association for the Eastern District.
- **State Classic League (SCL):** this competition is designed to provide play between the top teams in each District (U14U-18U). There is no play requirement at this level.
- **National League Frontier Conference (Frontier):** this is the Southern Region's highest level of competition. The Frontier Conference includes the most competitive teams (13U-19U) in the South Region between South Texas, North Texas & Oklahoma. The top teams in the Conference will earn advancement to the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships, part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series, as well as a chance to earn a coveted spot in the National Tier of the Leagues Program, the US Youth Soccer National League. South Region teams qualify for the Frontier Conference based on their performance in the Frontier League, State Classic League or State Cup as applicable.
- **National League:** this is US Youth Soccer's highest level of league competition in the U.S. Teams are promoted to National League based on their performance in their respective National League Conference (Frontier).

Teams of all levels play through their Member Association or a designated play group (Super II, Division I, State Classic League, and Premier League) during the seasonal year and, in some play levels, have the opportunity to advance to post season play in the fall or enter Spring Cup competitions.

The competitions offered by South Texas Youth Soccer Association and the levels of play eligible for each competition is:

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Fall Championships- Division II and Division III age groups in each District are eligible to participate in tournaments scheduled at the end of the fall season. The top two Division II teams from each District advance to the Fall Championships State Finals scheduled following the district tournaments. Each District determines whether tournaments will be offered at the Division IV 9U and 10U play level.

South Texas Cup – 11U through 19U Division II and Division III teams in each District are eligible to enter a spring competition. The top two teams from each District advance to the South Texas Cup State Finals which is held in early May.

Directors Cup – 11U through 19U Super II and Division II and 11U and 12U DI teams are eligible to enter the spring competition with the top two teams from each District's spring competition advancing to a State Tournament in mid-May.

Presidents Cup – 13U through 19U Division I and Super II teams are eligible to enter a spring competition designed to identify the top two teams in each District to advance to the Presidents Cup State Finals in late May. First place teams in the 13U through 18U age groups then qualify to advance to the US Youth Soccer Southern Regionals Presidents Cup to be hosted by one of the South Region state associations.

US Youth Soccer National Championships (State Cup) – Although open to all levels of play (11U through 19U), this competition is recommended for the highest level competitive teams. Teams enter at the beginning of the event and compete within their District during the Spring season. The top two teams advance from each District to the State Cup Finals to be held Memorial Day weekend. First place teams in the 13U through 19U then advance to the USYSNC Regional Tournament to be hosted by one of the South Region states in mid-June.



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- **Players should be registered at the time they take part in tryouts.** Most clubs collect the full registration fee only after selections have been made and team assignments identified.

When do 10U Player's become Eligible for 11U?

Each year, there are questions regarding whether 10U teams are allowed to play up to 11U in the Spring. The answer is no. US Youth Soccer mandates that 10U teams play small-sided for the entire seasonal year. Realizing that this age group will be moving up to 11U the following fall, US Youth Soccer allows each state association to establish the date upon which 10U teams may begin preparing for entry into the 11U age group. South Texas Youth Soccer Association has adopted the following policy: **Players eligible to participate on newly-formed 11U teams may begin practicing and participating in tryouts, tournaments, scrimmages and friendly games on May 1 or the day after the end of each association's spring season, whichever is later.**



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Tryouts and Observations

Team formation should be a fair and unbiased process to assign and roster players. Check appropriate roster sizes for different age and play levels.

- Observations (Recreational). Every child that signs up to play soccer is assigned to a team; no one is turned away due to skills. A limit can be placed on the number of children who are accepted for a season, and recreational registration should be noted on a first-come, first-served basis. Players must be accepted in the order of registration date and time. Anything else would be considered a form of a tryout because it might imply the club is accepting only those who are "good" for the team. Once signed up, each child can be skills tested and evaluated to determine team assignment. Clubs should have a policy on recreational team formation in their rules or bylaws.
- Tryouts (Competitive). The organization uses skills testing to determine who makes the team. Some players may be denied a place on the team.

South Texas Youth Soccer Association Policy on 10U Teams

Players eligible to participate on newly-formed 11U teams participating in a fall season league may begin practicing and participating in tryouts, tournaments, scrimmages and friendly games on May 1 or the day after the end of each Associations' spring season, whichever is later. An existing 10U team may participate in an invitational tournament in an 11U age group in 8-a-side play during spring season play only. 10U teams are not eligible to participate in 11-a-side tournaments in any age groups. Adopted by the South Texas Youth Soccer Association Executive Committee: January 14, 2011



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Scheduling Competitive Team Tryouts

- **BSYSC COMPETATIVE TEAMS SHALL HOLD TRYOUT SESSIONS @ BAYTOWN SOCCER COMPLEX FOR THOSE PLAYERS PLAYING IN A COMPETITIVE TEAM FOR THE FALL SEASON ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**
- **TRYOUT SHALL TAKE PLACE ON THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE MONTH OF MAY.**
- **COMPETITIVE TEAMS COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP INDIVIDUAL TEAM TRYOUTS**
- **COACHES MUST REGISTER WITH BSYSC TO SCHEDULE A FIELD FOR THEIR TEAM TRYOUT**
 - **BSYSC WILL ADVERTISE COMPETITIVE TEAM, AGE, LEAGUE, TRYOUT DATE(S).**
 - **COACHES MAY ALSO ADVERTISE**
 - **TEAMS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE TRYOUT DATE.**
 - **ALL KIDS TRYING OUT FOR ANY TEAM WITH BSYSC SHALL REGISTER THROUGH THE BSYSC WEBSITE AND SIGN THE TRYOUT WAIVER OF LIABILITY – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - **RETURNING PLAYERS AND FREE AGENTS CAN ATTEND MORE THAN ONE TEAM TRYOUT (DIFFERENT TEAM) IN THEIR AGE BRACKET.**
- **ANY COMPETITIVE PLAYER WHO REGISTERS WITH BSYSC THROUGH GOTSOCGER BUT DID NOT REGISTERED FOR TRYOUTS AND DID NOT ATTENDED A TRYOUT SESSION WITH A COMPETITIVE TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER WITH BSYSC – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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TRYOUT REGISTRATION



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Returning BSYSC and Free Agents

- **All competitive team players are required to attend at least one tryout session to be eligible for a competitive team during the Fall Season.**
- **Returning BSYSC Players and Free Agents who are eligible (Age) to play on a Competitive team shall attend at least one tryout session with any BSYSC registered competitive team for their age bracket in order to be eligible to play for the Fall Season.**
- **Acceptance to a Competitive Team is not Final until all Registration requirements have been fulfilled.**
- **Please be reminded that BSYSC has a “First Come, First Serve” policy across the board.**
- **Please make sure to register as soon as possible to secure you place in a Team and avoid playing a late fee and or loosing your spot in a Roster. Having registered for a tryout, attended a tryout, a Coach expressing interest on a player, does not finalize a players registration with the club. Coaches cannot reserve spots on Rosters for anyone. Player’s failure to register within the specified registration dates may loose his or her place in a team.**
- **Fall Registration specifics can be found on the [Fall Registration page](#).**
- **Returning BSYSC who are tryout out for a competitive different then their pervious Fall and Spring Team must meet all STYSA requirements for Team Transfer.**



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Returning BSYSC and Free Agents

Team Transfer STYSA Guidelines

- Players on competitive teams (Division II, Super2, Division I) must use the transfer / release process on or after August 1 (date rostering begins annually – registration period). **If teams have any doubt in the summer about whether a player will play on a team, they should take players as guests to August tournaments.**
- To be eligible to participating USYSNC, Presidents Cup and Director's Cup, previously rostered players must be transferred to the team by the final roster deadline date in accordance with the Perpetual Calendar. (Rule 3.12.5)

Parents initiate transfers and releases. Parents will need to complete the transfer / release paper form located under publications on the South Texas Youth Soccer Association website, www.stxsoccer.org, as well as complete the paper form. Club registrars may need to help parents with the process, and if the parent prefers, the club may submit the paper form.

All paperwork must be complete and in the hands of the Association Registrar prior to the player participating with the team to which he / she is transferring. **Information must be complete on player transfer form (team numbers, player ID, parent and player signature, dates, etc.)** and must be submitted in timely manner to registrar. The Transfer form should be signed by the

player, parent, and both the Club and Association Registrar of the releasing and receiving organization. There is no requirement for the releasing coach to sign the form.

A player cannot transfer onto a team until they have been released by their original team. Any player requesting transfer from one team to another must attach a summary of his/her penalty points. Paperwork and online process must be completed before a player moves to a receiving team.



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Transfer/Releases – 8U and Younger Players

It is recommended that if a player is rostered to an 8U or younger team, parents should send the club registrar an email requesting the release or transfer. Club registrar should send email to association registrar requesting move. There is no charge or limit on number of transfers for the younger teams. Exception: Transfers and releases are not required for Division IV players UNLESS a Division IV player is going to move to play-up to Division II or higher. The same is true of a 10U player who was playing-up in 11U Division II or higher in the fall, and decides to play back down to age level in the spring.

Deadlines or 2-Week Rule

Transfers must be completed in time for the team to be in compliance with the rules of the competition. Example: Rosters are frozen for Fall play on the final fall registration date on the South Texas Youth Soccer Association Perpetual Calendar, and players must participate in two regularly-scheduled regular season games. Rosters are frozen for Cup play by the date established on the South Texas Youth Soccer Association Perpetual Calendar. All transfers must be processed in a timely manner in order to comply with the appropriate competition. (Rule 3.12.4)

ID Cards of Transferred Players

When a player transfers to another team, the **Registrar should collect the card from the original team and issue a card for the new team.** The player retains the same ID number even though they may be changing associations.

Resource: Release/Transfer Form

A copy of the Release / Transfer form can be found in the forms section under publications on the South Texas Youth Soccer Association website (www.stxsoccer.org).

Link for Online Transfers: Link for online transfers is found on the South Texas Youth Soccer Association website. Registrars must use the links for transfers. There are separate links for Eastern and Western Districts.

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The ID card belongs to the player. Sometimes parents are unable to get the player card from a coach so that a player can guest play with another team. Although the team manager or coach generally keeps the cards to assure that they all arrive at the game each week, the card actually belongs to the player and should not be withheld.

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Tryout Session Attire



- **Players shall bring:**
 - **Proper soccer training attire**
 - **Soccer shoes**
 - **Any player not wearing soccer shoes will be asked to leave the practice field**
 - **Soccer shoes in good condition**
 - **Shin guards (Mandatory)**
 - **Any player not wearing shin guards will be asked to leave the practice field**
 - **Soccer ball**
 - **Sufficient Drinking Water**

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Min. Tryout Structure



- Once a player has registered for team tryouts through the BSYSC Website they are eligible to attend a Team tryout session.
- Tryout shall consist of the following:
 - Coach Introduction
 - Warm up session
 - Skill evaluation

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- **Baytown Saints Youth Soccer Club Board Member Shall establish a Tryout Committee.**
- **The Vice-President shall be responsible for setting up Tryouts based on the guidelines set forth on this document.**
- **Tryout committee shall be responsible for managing all communication between President / Board Member and Coaches as required.**

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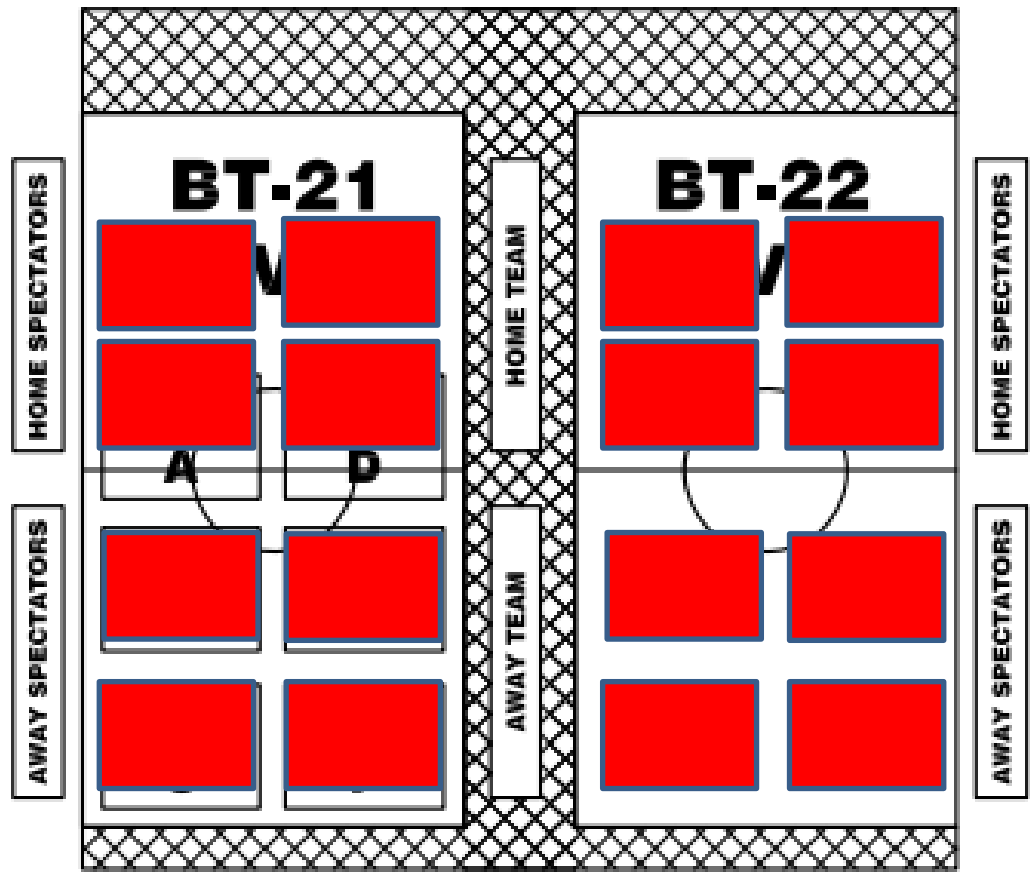
Field Setup



- Fields shall be setup to accommodate for teams and or exercises:



- Team or Exercise Area



- *Additional Fields may be used if Necessary

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Post Tryout



Post Tryout Recruiting

- **Coaches need to communicate to players who have shown interest in their Team and whom they would like to Roster that they must register with BSYSC within the established registration dates.**
- **Players must register with BSYSC through GotSoccer and finalize their Registration in order to secure a team on a Roster.**
- **Coaches CANNOT reserve spots in a Teams Roster.**
- **BSYSC Registrar is in charge of player Registration.**

Go Baytown Soccer!

