

**The Barnstable Youth Soccer Association Travel Program** is for the more serious players who are interested in continuing to develop their skills and play competitively.

### **BYSA Fall Travel Program:**

The Barnstable Youth Soccer Association (BYSA) **Fall** Program is affiliated with the Cranberry League Program. Fall travel offers an opportunity beyond recreational soccer for player development and competition in a statewide system of age-level play. It is not quite as competitive as Spring travel with SCSL, but does involve travel to other towns primarily on Route 3. There are no playoffs and no standings published but it is intended to promote soccer in a competitive environment. The Cranberry league is suitable for U09 – U14 players. Uniforms are needed for those new to the travel program. The season starts in September and finishes in November. There are no tryouts for Fall travel. Teams are based on age appropriateness set forth by MYSA and possibly grade level. Teams that are of combined age levels are done so should there not be enough players to field a team, according to registration sign ups. The program consists of an 8 week regular season with all games on Saturdays. Our goals for the season are:  
1) To increase player knowledge of the game. 2) To build on team tactics and, most importantly  
3) To keep the game safe and fun for all involved with an emphasis on good sportsmanship.

### **BYSA Spring Travel Program:**

The Barnstable Youth Soccer Association (BYSA) **Spring** Program is affiliated with the South Coast Soccer League (SCSL) of MA. SCSL is a competitive travel league, with teams from U09–U19. Some age groups have Division I and/or Division II teams. SCSL administers the match ups, the records, and the playoff format. This league is comprised of different towns in Southeastern MA, and Cape Cod and the Islands. BYSA and SCSL are part of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) and participate within the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions League (MTOC).

The U09 and U10 programs are competitive, travel programs. However, there are no standings or playoffs. At the end of each spring season all teams are invited to play in a friendly tournament hosted by a member club. Each player receives a memento at the conclusion of the tournament.

The U11-U19 programs are fully competitive, with standings, playoffs, and the opportunity for Division I teams to play in the statewide MTOC.

The **Spring** Season begins at the end of March and concludes in June. A total of 8 games are played (4 home, 4 away) on Saturdays or Sundays usually one game a week. The regular season is followed by 2 weeks of playoffs for the qualified teams (U11 Division I and higher) to determine Division Champions.

Registration for **Spring** Soccer is typically done a few days prior to the tryout date. You must bring with you (1) a copy of the Players Birth Certificate, (2) a Picture of the Player, facing front, head not to exceed 1 ¼” square (for ID card), (3) Payment in Full, (4) Completed Registration form, (5) Signed Parent Code of Conduct. **You must have all of these items in order to register.** Cost is determined by SCSL team registration fees, equipment needs and referee payments. Player uniforms are included in the registration fee. Fees are reviewed each year and are reflected on the registration form.

Tryouts for the **Spring** Season are typically held in the Fall. During tryouts, players will be evaluated on individual skill level, attitudes and demonstrated ability to participate as a team player in game situations. Prior participation on a team will be considered in the evaluation process. Teams are based on age appropriateness, not school grade level. In order for the players to be rated and placed on a team, all players must attend at least one of the tryouts,

although attending both is recommended. BYSA strives to place all players who attend the tryout process on a team but placement on a team is not guaranteed, it is an unfortunate part of the reality of Spring Travel Soccer. The teams must be selected in the later part of the Fall Season to declare the town teams and provide time to submit formal rosters and pass cards to SCSL.

**Tryout Process:**

Players must check-in, receive a number, or obtain a numbered pinnie (same number each tryout day), and complete and hand in all necessary items, for the player to be registered for the Spring Travel Season.

The Spring Travel Tryouts are handled by our Competition Committee.

Players who are injured during the tryout process will need to provide a doctor's note to the BYSA in order for the player to be considered to be put on a team.

Players must come prepared to play soccer at tryouts. Bring a ball, wear appropriate clothing, shin guards and cleats. Players will not be allowed to tryout if they do not wear shin guards.

**Team Selection process:**

The teams will be selected by the tryout evaluations and an evaluation process overseen by the Competition Committee. All U9 Spring teams will be balanced. The remaining teams will be placed in an appropriate division based on the evaluation process overseen by the Competition Committee. The fielded amount of players for the MTOC eligible teams will be the top picks chosen by the outside source and the remaining players in order to obtain a full roster, will be chosen based on all tryout evaluations. The following are the fielded numbers and roster sizes allowed:

U9:	Fielded = 6 players, Roster Size = 12 players
U10, U11, U12:	Fielded = 8 players, Roster Size = 15 players
U13, U 14:	Fielded = 11 players, Roster Size = 18 players
U15 and Up:	Fielded = 11 players, Roster Size = 22 payers

Any player that was unable to participate will be able to be placed on a waiting list, allowed to participate on an appropriate level team provided there is space on a team.

***The age groups are designated as follows (dates are set by MYSA):***

-U09 Boys and Girls Division	-U10 Boys and Girls Division
-U11 Boys and Girls Division	-U12 Boys and Girls Division
-U13 Boys and Girls Division	-U14 Boys and Girls Division
-U15 Boys and Girls Division	-U16 Boys and Girls Division
-U18 Boys and Girls Division	-U19 Boys and Girls Division

**Policy for Playing Up/Down in Travel Soccer**

It is the policy for every BYSA player to play in the appropriate age group based on the birth dates set by Mass Youth Soccer. This applies only to age 11 and higher per MYSA. The exception for playing up an age group would be determined by the BYSA Board. The BYSA Board reserves the right to combine age groups, at their discretion, to field teams. Placement of players on teams will be determined season to season.

For a player to play down an age group in the fall travel season, it would have to be voted on by the BYSA Board after the case is brought before the Board. In the spring travel season, the case would have to be brought before the SCSL Board after the approval of the BYSA Board.

Unusual circumstances will be reviewed by the BYSA Board.

### **Process to Become a Coach for Travel:**

- Fill out an application prior to the season that you are interested in a coaching position.
- Complete the MYSA CORI form on the BYSA website.
- Sign a Coaches Code of Conduct which may also include watching a coaching video on good sportsmanship.
- Obtain a MYSA “G” (U9& U10) , “F” (U11, U12 & U13), and “E” (U14-U18) or better coach’s license (BYSA pays for it).
- Provide a copy of current active license (USSF, NSCAA, FIFA).

### **Coach Selections:**

- Coach Selections are made by the Travel Director(s) and the Competition Committee based on experience, credentials, and merit. This is then brought to the Board for Approval of the final selection.

### **Travel Coaches Responsibilities:**

- Be a sportsmanship role model to children and parents. BYSA Coaches need to maintain the highest standard of conduct both on and off the playing field.
- Promote a positive image for the BYSA community.
- Adhere to BYSA Board decisions.
- Spring Travel Coaches must attend both of the Mandatory Coaches Pre-Season Meetings.

### **Additional Responsibilities for Fall Travel Coaches:**

- Coaches must inform the Travel Director of their practice schedule.
- Cancelled Games do not have to be rescheduled. It is the Coaches responsibility to get in touch with the Opposing Coach and reschedule the game. Once a time and place have been agreed upon the Coach must inform the Travel Director of the change.
- It is the responsibility of the Coach to contact each Opposing Coach of all home games, and inform them of the time and place of the games. If any changes need to be made the Coach must contact the Travel Director.
- The Harvest Cup Tournament will take place over Columbus Day Weekend. Registration for this tournament can be done on the BYSA website. It is open to all teams from U10-U14. Games are played at the McBarron Fields, Old Townhouse Fields and at Cape Cod Community College.

### **Additional Responsibilities for Spring Travel Coaches:**

- At the mandatory coaches meeting, coaches will need to bring a 1x1 head shot of themselves for a coaches pass card. All paperwork must be completed by the meeting. Rosters, Indoor Clinic Schedules, and SCSL handbooks will be given out. Coaches will sign-up for their outdoor practice schedules and a form will be given out for uniform #'s and sizes of the players.
- Indoor Practice clinics at the BHS Field House begin in early January and runs into mid-March at which time outdoor practice should begin. Coaches should run at least 1-2 practices a week, depending on the players age group. BYSA will inform Coaches when they can begin their practices. If Coaches have any extra practices, they MUST email the practice scheduler to reserve the field. This will cover their team for insurance purposes and ensure that they have preference to that field at that time.
- On or about February 1<sup>st</sup>, Coaches will be given access to [www.scsl.org](http://www.scsl.org) website as a coach to register. Some computers need uploads from this website page in order to use this program. Once Coaches have been approved, they will have the ability to report scores, review schedules, report red and yellow cards, and check out the standings in their division. Be familiar with this website.
- Coaches will be notified by email once their schedules are posted on the SCSL website.

- Coaches are to report all game scores and any yellow or red cards, on the SCSL website within 48 hours of your game. Failure to report scores will result in fines to BYSA.
- All cancelled games will need to be rescheduled. Instructions on how this is to be done are in the SCSL Handbook. **READ THE SCSL HANDBOOK.**

**If a player or a coach is involved in a fracas, they will not be allowed to play/coach until the board has held a special meeting to decide what action is appropriate.**

**All Coaches and Players for Fall & Spring Programs must be in Full Compliance with the BYSA By-Laws.**

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