



Penfield Strikers

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This practice applies to any player(s) who wishes to be added to a Striker team after completion of our scheduled annual tryouts. It is to be followed by all head coaches prior to making any roster changes.

Penfield Strikers Soccer Club conducts tryouts for its teams in the July (U13+) and September (U8-U12) timeframe of the preceding year in which that team will play in its league. It must be recognized that the annual scheduled club tryout is the principal means of rostering players. The club has an established tryout policy that is used to establish team rosters. While there are many reasons a player might miss regular tryouts those players who do attend tryouts as scheduled will receive a clear preference for making a roster over potential late additions. However, many times after tryouts rosters do not have the maximum number of allowed players. This practice is intended to document the approach that is to be used to add players to a roster once the scheduled tryout dates for these teams have passed. The adding of players to rosters, in certain situations, is encouraged since it enables:

1. Additional girls to enjoy the benefits of travel soccer and
2. Teams to remain viable in older age groups when the number of players available for teams tends to decline as the girls focus their interests and their activities change.

It is understood that specific individual player and team situations may result in this practice being modified for a player or situation but prior approval from the appropriate club entity (board, tryout committee, coaching committee) must first be sought by the team's head coach.

The clubs goals for this process are as follows in order of priority:

- A. Ensure all teams at a given age group have an adequate number of players for their rosters. If any team(s) is below the desired roster size, the player must be placed on one of these teams. The player is to be placed on the under desired roster size team that most closely matches their capabilities. For example, a player is clearly a top notch A player but the B and C rosters are both below the desired roster size. That player is to be offered a spot on the B roster. The minimum adequate roster size is deemed to be the number of players on the field for a game plus five (5), specifically:
 - a. U8-10 – 12 players is considered the minimum
 - b. U11-U12 – 14 players is considered the minimum
 - c. U13-U19 – 16 players is considered the minimum
- B. Place no more than the maximum number of players allowed to be on the game day roster on a given team, specifically:
 - a. U8-10 – 14 players (no exceptions allowed by USYSL rule)
 - b. U11-19 – 18 players. NYSWYSA allows adding up to 22 players for U13-19 teams. The club has used this ability to expand rosters during the regularly scheduled tryouts and will continue to do so when it makes sense. However, the addition of players beyond the maximum identified above can lead to many issues within a roster that is set at tryouts. Loss of playing time for those who followed the club's normal tryout procedure is likely if

players are added beyond the maximum. If this is desired the coach MUST obtain approval from the Striker Board prior to offering a tryout to such player.

- C. Place a girl on a roster where her skills are most appropriate. If all available teams have an adequate number of players then the player should be placed on the team which has an open roster spot as defined in 2 directly above that most closely matches their capabilities.

For all situations involving players who wish to try out for a team after tryouts:

1) The club is often contacted by prospective players after tryouts. These requests take many paths but, when such requests are received it is imperative for anyone receiving such requests to notify the club's Registrar and President. They can be contacted at registrar@penfieldstrikers.org and president@penfieldstrikers.org. The President notifies the prospective head coach(es) of the availability of a player that initiates contact with the club. The process starting in step 3 is to be followed after this notification.

2) The coach sometimes actively seeks out players they know to help fill their rosters. Such activity is encouraged but it is imperative for any coach initiating such action to notify the club's Registrar and President as soon as they identify interested candidates. The President will ensure all head coaches for an age group are aware of potential new players.

3) Once notified, the head coach(es) will contact the player(s) expressing interest and invite them to a tryout with their teams. Note: Striker teams start practice indoors in November. The date/time of a scheduled team practice should be provided to the prospective player and their attendance agreed upon. The player then joins the practice to allow the coach(es) for the age group to evaluate the player.

4) Players can NOT tryout to play up to an older age group. (Exceptions can be made but PREAPPROVAL is required.)

5) If the player is deemed qualified the head coach(es) will notify the President and Tryout Committee of the roster spot offer they wish to make.

6) Upon obtaining approval from the President, the head coach may offer the roster spot to the player.

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