



Frequently Asked Questions Jr. Irish Soccer Tryouts

Why do I need to register in advance for Tryouts?

Pre-Registration assures the Club that we have the most current contact information in order to follow up after the tryouts are completed. This also allows the Director of Coaching (DOC) to create a list of players for the evaluation that coaches will use during the session. The registration also contains a consent clause for liability purposes.

How do I know which age group my child is?

The US Youth Soccer age group chart goes by the year a player was born. In the tryout announcement, you will notice both an age and birth year classification. Example: 13U (2009)

Why am I being charged \$25.00 to Tryout?

The \$25 covers what the Indiana State Soccer Association charges to register a player with a Club. It is also the minimum deposit the state requires to officially commit to a club. This way, Jr. Irish does not need to collect upon acceptance to the club.

Do I need to attend more than one day of evaluations?

We encourage all players trying out to attend as many of the dates as possible in order for the staff to get a quality evaluation. Since all age groups offer at least two days of tryouts, attending both is highly recommended.

We completely understand that family plans sometimes interfere with evaluations and tryouts. In the registration link, you will find a section to ask for a waiver. This just lets us know you are very interested in Jr. Irish but cannot attend tryouts. The Director of Coaching will be in contact with you with more information and a supplemental tryout schedule.

Can I tryout for an older team in the club?

Players do have the ability to tryout up in age starting at 11U. There is a section in the registration link to indicate your interest in trying out up in age. Jr. Irish does require all players to try-out the first day in their true age group and then may attend the older tryout up in age. Jr. Irish also uses club passing which allows players to play with other teams in the club on occasion if the staff feels that player needs more of a challenge.

Can I tryout for multiple clubs?

Jr. Irish wants to make sure players are in the best environment and have no problem with players looking at other options. Hopefully there is not a scheduling conflict because we do want players to attend all tryout opportunities.

What is the staff looking for in the evaluations and try-outs?

For players making the jump from recreational soccer, the staff is looking to make sure that the player will be able to compete at the next level. Speed of play, athleticism, maturity, and coach-ability are all key components and of course, the ability to have fun! 😊

For those older players who are already in club soccer, the staff is looking to form teams that can compete at the highest possible level. Coaches are now making tougher decisions that sometimes come down to positional needs and commitment level. Once players are in high school, the school they attend becomes important because the IHSAA limits the number of players from a certain high school to 7 on a team which has just been increased.

Who makes the decision on placement of players?

The Director of Coaching will work closely with the evaluating coaches and the coach of that particular team or age group. All player placements are approved by the Director of Coaching.

If my child accepts a. Early Commitment offer, do they still have to attend tryouts?

While not required, we ask all returning players who have accepted an Early Commitment offer to attend tryouts to help the staff assess the age group.

What is the timeline after evaluations and try-outs are completed?

- Academy tryouts
 - Tryouts are being held Tuesday June 8 – Thursday June 10.
 - All Academy offers will be sent by Saturday June 12
 - Players in Academy are not initially placed on teams but into the Academy. Team placements are made in August after the first two weeks of training.
 - The Deadline to accept the offer is Wednesday June 16, 2021
- 11U – 14U
 - Tryouts are being held Monday June 14 & Tuesday June 15.
 - All A11U – 14U offers will be sent by Thursday June 17
 - The Deadline to accept the offer is Monday June 21.
- 15U – 19U
 - Tryouts are being held Tuesday June 15 - Thursday June 17.
 - All A15U – 19U offers will be sent by Friday June 18\
 - The Deadline to accept the offer is Monday June 21.

Why is there a deadline on the offers?

Because not all players who attend tryouts are offered a position in the club, we ask that a decision be made in a few days. This allows us to offer unclaimed roster spots to other players not originally selected. We also are entering a new uniform cycle and must have our rosters set to assure we have uniforms by the beginning of the fall season.

What is the cost to play Jr. Irish?

The tuition can be found on the website under the fees tab. Jr. Irish believes in setting our fees that covers all mandatory obligations such as league and referee fees, tournament fees and expenses, day to day operations, facility care and maintenance, and coaching expenses.

If we accept the offer, are we committed for the season or for the year?

US Youth Soccer dictates that a player is committed to a club for a full year. This is to avoid club hopping in the Winter and to curb recruiting of players. Clubs create budgets and the teams are formed based on the number of committed players. If that number drastically changes from Fall to Spring, it can hurt the rest of the players at a certain age group.

Can my child play more than one sport or play middle school soccer?

This is probably the hardest topic of all. Jr. Irish encourages children to try other sports and represent their middle school soccer programs. All we ask is that Jr. Irish comes first due to the financial commitment made by both the club and the other families. Clear communication is required to minimize the conflicts in season.

Every effort will be made to create a year-long schedule for each team. While league schedules are finalized by the state association, Jr Irish staff will do everything in our power to set the game days as early as possible.