

IMPACT Soccer Club

Tryout/Open Training FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Thank you for your interest in high-level Competitive Soccer for the 2021-22 Season with IMPACT Soccer Club (ISC). Key Information:

- This year we are holding Open Trainings where players can come in and participate in training sessions for placement in our Competitive Program. The Open Training sessions will run from May 10th to June 6th, and teams will be formed during this time.
- ISC fielded 24 Competitive Teams that participated in the US Club sanctioned NorCal and NPL (National Premier League) playing leagues.
- We field teams in all age groups and in some age groups field both a 1st and 2nd team. These teams are identified by our soccer club colors as ISC Forest Green, White and Black.
- We are a NorCal Premier Soccer NPL Club, and our Premier level U14-U18 teams will play at the play at the highest level offered in NorCal, called NPL (National Premier League).
- With the state re-opening, we anticipate attending tournaments throughout the 2021/22 season, starting with this summer.
- For the 2021/22 we expect to field between 24-26 competitive teams, along with our Jr. Developmental Academy for players ages 4-7.
- We also offer a Goalkeeper Academy, and Skills Center to help our players develop and achieve.

We have an outstanding group of coaches which consists of current and former College and High School coaches, high level competitive soccer coaches, including former College and former IMPACT Soccer Club players. Many of our staff members played high level soccer and can demonstrate the skill development needed for our players.

The Club developed the following list of questions to provide information about our Competitive Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Director of Coaching (DOC), Tom Ginocchio at: doc@impactsoccer.org

Question: Is there any cost to attend Tryouts/Open Training?

Answer: No. Our tryouts are FREE and open to everyone. To register for our tryouts, go to: <https://impactsoccer.sportngin.com/register/form/174259072>

Question: What is the difference between Competitive soccer and Recreational 'House' soccer?

Answer: The major difference is the level of competition and commitment required by both families and participating players. All competitive teams (Premier to Copper) require an increased time, financial, and training commitment by our players. Benefits include:

- 3x per week training
- Professional coaching / training
- Teammates who are committed to improving the team's skills and performance
- Skill Center training
- Play against better competition
- Play more games against a variety of clubs

Question: What is the time commitment for IMPACT SC Competitive Soccer Teams?

Answer: Soccer has become a year-round sport, but we feel it is important for our players to be well rounded with other activities and sports. At higher levels and as they get older, soccer should become their primary sport. Teams will train 2-3x per week starting shortly after tryouts end (early June). There will be two club breaks, June 28th- July 11th, and another in December which is built around the holiday season. When their team is participating in Fall or Spring League, Tournaments, and training; players need to make every effort to support their fellow teammates and the commitment they made to IMPACT SC. Team breaks will be scheduled by the coach with club approval.

Season Commitment: All players are committed to their team for the entire season which ends with the last competitive game in the Spring. This will be either their final Spring League or State Cup game, whichever is latest.

Training sessions will be predominantly three times per week throughout the year. Games are usually played on Saturdays and/or Sundays during both tournament and league seasons.

Question: How much do Competitive Teams travel?

Answer: Most U8-U13 teams play is local (within 60 minutes of Brentwood/Oakley/Discovery Bay). Most U14-U19 league games are within 45-90 minutes of Brentwood/Oakley/Discovery Bay, and some teams can travel out of Northern California 1-2 times a year for tournaments.

Question: What will be the Format for Tryouts?

Answer: IMPACT SC tryouts are supervised by the Director of Coaching and conducted by our professional coaching & training staff. The players will be evaluated on their abilities in four areas: Technical, Tactical, Psychological and Physical. Commitment to IMPACT Soccer Club and the sport of soccer will also be considered.

There will be at least three tryout sessions for each age group. **It is recommended that players attend all three tryouts (or as many as possible) to give the coaching staff the best opportunity to properly place each player with an Impact team.** Exceptions: If you are excused for medical or family reasons by the Director of Coaching (DOC). Players will try out in their appropriate age level unless given specific approval by the DOC prior to the start of tryouts. Even if the criteria is met, the player must still attend the first tryout for their age appropriate group and then may attend the older age group tryout. Parents and players may not request a specific team placement.

All players attending tryouts MUST register on-line at (impactsoccer.org) prior to participating in tryouts.

All players must check in at each tryout session. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to complete the on-site check-in process and properly warm-up. Players should wear white shirts, shin guards, and cleats and bring a ball and water. Players should not wear any gear that shows any club or team affiliation.

Question: Does IMPACT SC participate in the National Premier League (NPL)?

Answer: Yes. IMPACT SC is an NPL Member Club. The NPL is our State's Premier League and the highest level of NorCal Premier Soccer. As a member club, our U12's and U13's Auto-Qualify for the Pre-Academy program, and our U14's for NPL. The NPL hosts two college showcase events where over 150 college coaches came to recruit this past season. Also, over 200 players from NorCal Premier committed to play college soccer. The IMPACT SC U12's and U13's is our Pre-NPL Age Groups, committed to preparing for NPL soccer at U14. Players rostered to an NPL level team will be invoiced an additional \$250 each to cover NPL fees. IMPACT Soccer Club is the only NPL club in our area!!

Question: How will the tryout results be communicated?

Answer: Every player who participates in at least two tryout sessions will receive a call or email from a coach in your age group.

Question: How will teams be formed in each age group? And what is meant by Green and Black teams?

Answer: Teams will be formed in the following sequence:

- 1) A Premier/Gold/Silver 1st team is formed- IMPACT SC Green (age pure or age mixed).
- 2) A Gold/Silver/Bronze/Copper 2nd team is formed- Impact Black (age pure or age mixed).

Question: What will be the financial commitment for Green and Black level teams?

- Non-Refundable Competitive Registration fee is \$225 for all players.
- Training Fees ranging from \$575-\$1,775 depending upon Age/Level
- NPL level players will be assessed an additional \$250, once the team is confirmed as accepted

The training fee structure can be found on our website. Training Fee payments are spread evenly over nine months: July 2021 – April 2022. Please ensure that you review our Competitive Program Fees Policy: https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/b77b-2017030/Impact_Comp_Fees_Policy_Rev_7_2019.pdf#_ga=2.26009085.1760242333.1620082355-420027539.1615229852

Discounts: Competitive training fees are discounted \$150 on the 2nd player if you have a sibling also playing competitive soccer at IMPACT SC, if there's a 3rd sibling, the discount is \$250, and a 4th sibling is \$350.00. The Competitive Training Fee is discounted \$75 if you pay all seven installments at once, with your 1st payment, and completed by 8/1/21.

Additional Costs:

- All players will pay for a share of their team budget, which will include such items as tournament registration, travel costs, and team equipment needs which averages around \$200. It can be more or less depending upon age group, number of tournaments and playing level.
- Training Shirts: @ \$18.50 per shirt
- Uniforms. Every two years we rotate uniforms so one time during this cycle you will be required to purchase the club uniform which will be approximately \$190. This will include a full uniform (home and away kits) and a training jacket.

Teams can run any type of fundraising program with Impact Board approval.

Question: If my child makes a team, how do I register and pay league fees?

Answer: Each player will be required to register online as soon as they have been selected to participate on an IMPACT team. Instructions will be sent via email after notification of the team selection has been made.

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