



# CLAWSON STRIKERS SOCCER CLUB

P.O. Box 104, Clawson MI 48017

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## FAQ's

### **Is my child ready for travel soccer?**

Travel soccer requires much more of a commitment for players and families than recreational soccer. Travel soccer players need to be focused and highly motivated. Travel soccer is not for all players. If your child has the skills and passion for the game, then they are ready to play travel soccer. Parents and families must be prepared the extra commitment of travel, tournaments, training & a longer season, lasting from August through June.

### **How long is a season?**

A travel season consists of fall, winter & spring sessions. Fall is played from August-November; Winter is November- March; and Spring is April-June.

### **How far does a team travel for away games & tournaments?**

Teams typically travel to fields located within an hour of their home fields for away games, but travel distance may vary depending on which division or league your player's team chooses. Tournament travel is usually 2 to 4 hours away but could vary depending on the tournament choice. When selecting tournaments, we attempt to take into consideration the cost of travel and accommodations and try to keep it costs & travel time as reasonable as possible.

### **What should my child bring to try outs? Is any paperwork needed?**

A water bottle, soccer ball, cleats, shin guards and a completed Player Information Sheet and Waiver. Waivers can be found on our website or at the Check-In tent at tryouts.

### **How much does travel soccer cost?**

Please visit the Strikers S.C. website or Tryout Guide.

### **Where will winter indoor training & games be held?**

Most Strikers S.C. teams train at Total Soccer Royal Oak and/or 5 Star Training in Troy during the winter months. Most teams play indoor games at Ultimate Soccer, however, the final decision is up to the coach.

### **What age or birth year should my child try out for?**

Please visit the Strikers S.C. website and review the try out guide for the birth year matrix.

### **Can my child "Play Up" or "Play Down" from their birth year?**

Players may "play up" if deemed appropriate by the Strikers S.C. staff. MYSL rules state that players are allowed to "play up" a maximum of 2 years from their birth year. Players are NOT permitted to "play down" from their birth year. If your child is trying out for a team that is **not** their proper birth year, please let the Strikers S.C. staff know upon check in.

### **What if I cannot attend tryouts?**

You should attend one of the Open House dates & discuss your situation with the Strikers Director or coach, or you may contact the Strikers Director at [strikersdirector@clawson-soccer.org](mailto:strikersdirector@clawson-soccer.org).



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Players will be evaluated on 4 main components.

- 1) Fitness – Speed, Endurance, Power, Strength & Agility.
- 2) Technique – Dribbling, passing, receiving & shooting.
- 3) Tactics – How to make a decision with & without the ball on their feet.
- 4) Personality – Coachability, Aggressiveness, Leadership, Attitude & Mental toughness to play the game.

### Will there be special goalkeeper evaluation?

Indicate your player's position on the Information Sheet and Waiver. Your player should let the coaches & trainers on the field know they are a goalie.

### Do I have to attend both tryout days?

Ideally yes. Even if your child is placed on a team on Saturday, we ask that you return Sunday so that new players trying out will have someone to work with.

### How soon will I know if my child makes the team?

It depends on each team's needs. Some players may be notified on the 1st day of tryouts if they have made the team. Some teams might have to evaluate players on the 2nd day. All players will be notified if they made the team after the 2nd day of tryouts.

### If my child makes the team, what's the next step?

To accept your position on the team, go to the Check-Out Table with the ticket from the coach, **completed registration paperwork and first payment**, as outlined below:

- Copy of Birth Certificate (not needed for returning Strikers S.C. players)
- Registration Payment of \$125
- MYSL Player Registration Form
- MSYSA Consent to Travel
- MSYSA Medical Release
- Heads Up Concussion Form
- Parent/Guardian & Player Contract Signature Page (page 1 with signature only)

Registration paperwork can be found on the Strikers website and in the tryout tents. You will be contacted shortly after tryouts with instructions for uniform ordering (previous players do not need to order uniforms as they are on year 2 of a 3-year cycle). Your coach will contact you when practices start, in early to mid-August.

For more information and specific dates and times, please visit our website:

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or contact Strikers Director at:

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