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Eri-Stars is a fast-growing organization and accommodates players with wide range of skill levels. Depending on skill level, our players are grouped into the following categories.

### Recreational:

Recreation soccer is intended for players who enjoy the game of soccer, but their skill level is not fully developed because they are either young or they don't necessarily want to commit the time and resources required to reach the next level. Recreational level players can move the next level if they improve their skill level. Recreational is open to all ages of youth soccer.

### Select

Select soccer, also referred as developmental is one level above recreational and it is intended for mid-level skilled players who have the passion and the potential to grow into an advance level. Players must try out and be selected to play at the "Select" Level. Registration fees are higher for Select players than recreational level (price will be determined based on team setup at the beginning of the season).

### Travel

Travel is for advanced soccer players who are serious about the game of soccer and are committing to pursuing the highest level of youth soccer and potentially beyond. Player must try out and be selected to play at the Travel level. Registration fees are higher for Travel players than recreational level (price will be determined based on team setup at the beginning of the season).

The Table below provides high level overview of the

	RECREATIONAL	SELECT	TRAVEL
<b>Age Group</b>	Open to all ages	Open to all ages above U8	Open to all ages above U8
<b>Level of competition</b>	Beginners – for fun and development	Mid-level – competitive and more structured	High level competition amongst elite teams in the region
<b>Player Selection</b>	Open to all	players are selected through tryout	players are selected through tryout
<b>Games</b>	Weekly games in fall and spring	Weekly games in fall and spring + additional tournaments	Weekly games in fall and spring + additional tournaments
<b>Travel Commitments</b>	None	None	Local & potentially regional and national
<b>Playing Time</b>	50% of the time	Play time is earned	Play time is earned
<b>Practice Frequency</b>	Once a week	Twice a week	2-3 times per week
<b>Winter/Summer practice</b>	Once a week	Once a week	Twice a week
<b>League</b>	PGSI or other	SAM, SAC or other	EDP or other