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TRYOUT GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The following information and guidelines were created to provide an overview of the EriStars Select and Travel teams tryout process and to set expectations for both parents and players. The guidelines outlined below for team formation, team management, and other matters are required for an effective Select and Travel program operation.

GETTING STARTED

EriStars currently offers tryouts for current players in the following age groups on

- Girls 2014 or (2012/2013)
- Boys 2013
- Boys 2012 and 2011
- Boys 2010 and 2009
- Boys 2004 – 2007

Tryout schedule will be published by age group, and it will be posted on the EriStars website. Registration is required for all players wishing to try out, including those who are unable to try out due to injury, illness, or family absences which are pre-approved in advance by the club President or a club Director. Players who do not make their intentions known to try out for a Select or Travel team at the initial tryout date may not be further considered for a Select or Travel team for that season.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT TRYOUTS

Players will be divided into small groups and asked to participate in small-sided games and other exercises designed to demonstrate skill and knowledge of the game. Players trying out for a goalkeeping position should make this intention known at registration.

THINGS TO BRING TO TRYOUTS

- Appropriate gear including shin guards and soccer cleats and/or turf shoes
- Water



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HOW PLAYERS ARE EVALUATED AND CHOSEN

Each year at tryouts (it may be twice a year/per season), players are evaluated for skill and knowledge of the game. Evaluators are instructed not to evaluate their own children if their kids are also trying out. All players, including returning players, are required to try out each year in order to be eligible for the team. Roster spots are not guaranteed from season to season.

Player tryout scores are evaluated, and players are given a ranking from 1 to the total number of players in their age group. Players not possessing the skills and maturity to play select or Travel will be assigned to recreational team improve their skills. Players on the border between Select and Rec or Travel and Select may be offered a chance to improve their skills and participate practices one level above and be part of a player pool used to fill roster spots that may come available for games or tournaments. At the close of try outs, evaluations will be collected by the Director of Coaching and review by the Team Formation committee and final results determined. No parent or player will be provided information about a player's specific evaluation score or ranking, including their relative rank when compared to other players. There is a strict confidentiality around player rating and performance.

NUMBER OF TEAMS TO BE FORMED

The number of teams formed at each age/gender group will vary depending on the number and level of players trying out. The strongest full roster will be selected for the first team in each group, and if numbers of remaining players allow a second team will be formed, and the process repeated until there are not enough qualified players to form another team. There are several different leagues and divisions the Club competes in, and each team will be matched according to their level of play.

TRYOUT RESULTS NOTIFICATIONS

Emails will be sent usually within 1 week of your tryout day. Players who have received an offer for a roster spot will have 24 hours to consider the offer, either accept or decline.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/ players must also agree to honor certain responsibilities to the club, coaches, and team:

1. To make sure to complete registration and pay required payments.
2. To refrain from derisive and/or derogatory comments about teams, teammates, or coaching staff for any team.
3. To not be disruptive during team instruction, sessions, games, and other team/ club activities.
4. To treat teammates and coaching staff with respect.



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5. To be supportive and encouraging of teammates.
6. To learn the rules of the game and treat all league officials with courtesy.
7. To refrain from any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
8. To uphold the spirit and laws of the game.
9. To not bring loss of honor, reputation, or respect to the Club through actions or words.
10. To not blame, criticize or cause intentional harm to teammates.
11. To keep academics as a priority and ensure grades will not suffer for the sake of personal soccer goals.
12. To inform their coach and parents of any injury, and to follow treatment guidelines as prescribed by medical professionals while maintaining a presence at team events during recovery.

***** To be available and participate in at least 80% of ALL team events.**

Acceptance of a roster spot constitutes acceptance of these Rights and Responsibilities. Failure to uphold these responsibilities may result in suspension from the club or team or affect club eligibility in subsequent seasons.