



Recreational and Competitive Teams for U11-U12 players



Oregon Soccer Club

Is your son or daughter interested in becoming a better soccer player and playing with other kids at a higher level? If yes, you should consider competitive soccer in Oregon.

Recreational team: A recreational team is a team formed through random selection and it is allowed to stay together for as long as the families choose to remain a team. If there is more than one team to be formed, families may request that their child play on the same team as a friend/s. Although the Soccer Board will try to honor such requests, the Board may not always be able to grant their request if circumstances do not allow. If there is an opening for a player on a recreational team, a player from another recreational team may request to be on that team. The club supports the concept that a recreational team play at a level (either Recreational league or Classic league) that is appropriate for that team. (For example, a recreational team may be allowed to play at a classic level by MAYSA if it is believed to be capable of competing at that classic level. This would usually be Classic B or C). A recreational team will not have a paid coach.

Competitive team: A competitive team is a team generally formed through an open tryout process organized by the Soccer Board in the spring of each year. A competitive team will play at a Classic level, typically either Classic A, B, or C, depending on the caliber of the team. Teams can be promoted or relegated by MAYSA from year to year. A competitive team has a paid coach as selected by the Soccer Board, with appropriate licensing and prior experience coaching youth players. For the 2010-2011 season, the paid coach may be either a British Challenger or local professional coach. The family will be informed who the coach will be upon receiving an offer to play on a competitive team.

Primary focus of Competitive Soccer: Focus is on individual player skill development at higher levels of competition with, and against, competitive players. Development of individual skills is a primary goal balanced by some instruction of team tactical play; emphasis is NOT on winning games. Oregon Soccer's overall goal is to promote the enjoyment of playing soccer so kids will continue to play well into adulthood. There are typically 2 practices per week and one game on the weekend during the fall and spring seasons. Yes, other sports can be played along with competitive soccer.

	Competitive Teams:	Recreational Teams:
How formed?	Teams selected annually by tryouts	Formed randomly, no tryouts
Who coaches?	Professional paid coaches	Parent/volunteer coaches
Cost?	\$600-700 for entire year, includes registration fee, coach fee, and tournament fees for 3-4 tourneys per year. Uniform is not included.	\$100 for entire year, includes registration fee. Uniform is not included. Tournament fees are not included.
What level of competition?	Placed in Classic level to start playing other competitive clubs such as Madison 56ers, MYSC, Princeton,... May promote to State Leagues based on records and parent input.	Placed by MAYSA according to previous season record – Rec C, B, A, or Classic B or C.
Where are games?	½ at home in Oregon and ½ of games away in Madison area. Travel to away games is no further than for Rec, often its closer!	½ at home in Oregon and ½ of games away in Madison area
Number of practices?	Typically 2 practices per week.	At least one practice per week.



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Number of Regular Season Games?	8 in fall and 8 in spring.	8 in fall and 8 in spring.
Number of Tournaments?	Typically 3-4, (included in the cost). They may be local or away as determined by the team.	Up to the team (not included in the cost). Often will play in 1-2 per year.
What happens if my child makes the competitive team?	According to MAYSA rules offers for U-11 may begin on June 6 th . You will be notified usually within a week, and at the latest by June 14. Your child will be asked to accept or decline an offer via email to play on a competitive team.(see below)	
What happens if my child does not make the competitive team?	You will be notified by approximately June 14. Your child will be encouraged to continue to play recreational soccer until next year when your child may choose to again try out.	

Professional Coaches: For the 2010-2011 year, OSA intends to contract with British Challenger soccer organization to be the primary source for coaches for our competitive teams. In some cases, local professional coaches may be secured to coach one or more teams. OSA believes a professional coach offers the best opportunity to maximize that player's developmental potential. We generally look for coaches with a high license (coaching education) and prior experience coaching youth players.

Existing U9/U10 MAYSA teams:

- ⊗ All U10 Players who want professional coaching and a competitive experience at U11 should follow the tryout process
- ⊗ OSA will attempt to keep the core of a recreational team together if requested

Tryout Process:

- ⊗ Tryouts are open to all age appropriate players, boys and girls
- ⊗ Tryouts are conducted by competitive team coaches at end of May & start of June (see dates below)
- ⊗ Offers for a roster spot on an OSA competitive team are based on tryout performance, current coach input, & OSA Board discussion
- ⊗ As with all soccer teams, there must be enough players. In some cases, players from other communities may be recruited to fill a roster. Both recreational and competitive teams can either be coed or all-girls, depending on demand.
- ⊗ Must follow USSF birth date requirements: U11=Under 11 years old as of August 1, 2010 (i.e. birthdate on or after August 1, 1999). This means that players do not necessarily play with kids in their grade. For example, a child with a birthday of July 1, 1999 who is going into fifth grade must try-out for a U-12 team rather than U-11 because the child will not be under 11 on August 1, 2010. According to MAYSA rules, players are eligible to try-out for an older level team, but not a younger age team.
- ⊗ Non-refundable tryout fee: \$15/player payable by check to OSA-please bring to the first day of tryouts with a copy of a valid birth certificate. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please register online by Sunday May 30th, 2010 at www.oregon-soccer.com



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U11 Tryout Dates: Tuesday June 1, 4:00-5:30 pm; Wednesday June 2, 4:00-5:30 pm

U12 Tryout Dates: Monday June 7, 4:00-5:30 pm; Wednesday June 9, 4:00-5:30 pm

Players are required to come to both sessions for the child's age group.

ALL OFFERS WILL BE MADE BY EMAIL AND NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITHIN 48 HOURS. IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND, A SPOT WILL NOT BE HELD FOR YOUR CHILD ON THE TEAM.

Rain dates: U11 - Saturday June 5th 5:00 – 6:30

U12 – Sunday June 13th 6:00 – 7:30

If you have more questions, please contact Jon Odorico at jon@surgery.wisc.edu, Todd Brakob at toddb69@charter.net or Bob Tolly at btolly@charter.net or see the <http://www.oregon-soccer.com> website.