



VESTAVIA HILLS SOCCER CLUB



Frequently Asked Tryout Questions

How many tryouts sessions should I attend? Players should attend all tryout sessions for the age group they are trying out for. In the event that a player has a conflict, the player will be evaluated based upon their performance at the tryout sessions that they participate in. If a player is unable to attend any of the tryout sessions, the player should contact Luke Whittle, the Director of Coaching (“DOC”). This is very important if the first tryout session will be missed by the player.

What is the difference between Division I and Division II teams? Division I teams play at the highest level of play in Alabama and the Southeast. With this level of play comes a very high level of responsibility, commitment and dedication for both players and parents. Division II level soccer is the second highest level of play, and requires a higher commitment and dedication level than recreational league soccer. Division I teams and Division II teams are formed for age groups U13 to U18 for both boys and girls. Many players with significant time commitments other than soccer elect to play on a Club Division II team. In the U11 and U12 Academy age groups, all teams play in Division II, which is the highest division of play for these age groups. Both Division I and Division II competitive teams are coached by experienced, licensed coaches who are paid for their services.

What are the Club goals with respect to Team Formation in the U11 and U12 Academy Age Groups? In the Academy Age groups, the Club goal is to develop players and teach them the skills they will need to compete at higher soccer levels. The focus is not on team wins and losses, but upon the development of the individual player. Where the talent pool of players in these age groups is suitable, the Academy Director may form balanced teams where the talent is equally distributed between the two teams.

What if I want to tryout in an older age group? Players should attend the tryout for their pure age group. If a player wishes to tryout in an older age group, he or she must get approval from the Club’s DOC.

How many days per week are players expected to train as part of the Club’s competitive program? DI Competitive teams and Academy train a minimum of three per week. DII Competitive teams train twice per week.

Does VHSC offer goalkeeper specific training? Yes, the Club offers specialized goalkeeper training for all of its competitive team goalkeepers. The goalkeeper training sessions are conducted by licensed goalkeeper coaches. There is no additional cost to the competitive player for attending any of the goalkeeper training sessions.

If I am selected for a competitive team at VHSC what are my responsibilities? When a player is selected for a VHSC competitive team, you are expected to attend all team related events unless previously agreed upon in a discussion with the coach of your team. Players are expected to attend all tournaments and events in which their team participates. Players are responsible for all team related fees, which include training fees, team tournament expenses and coaches travel expenses irrespective of whether they attend. It should be noted that the commitment made is not only to the Club, but to other team members. A player who misses games and tournaments except in very extenuating circumstances is hurting the team's ability to progress. The Club reserves the right to suspend a player from the team for repeated absences, and also to replace the player should this become necessary.

How long is my commitment to a competitive team for? The players are selected at the open tryouts held in June and sign on as members of the team for the entire seasonal year. The seasonal year extends from the time of selection until the team completes all its activities for the 2010/2011 seasonal year. For U11 through U14 teams, the seasonal year includes the fall and spring soccer season and the players are expected to play both seasons. For U15 and older teams, the seasonal year includes the fall season and the post-High School period. Teams winning the State Championship are committed to train in the months of May and June of the following year. Teams winning regionals will compete for the National Championship in July. Note: VHSC is committed to working with players playing other sports. Please speak with the Club's DOC with any questions about players playing other sports.

When will I be notified if I have been selected for a VHSC competitive team? Players will be notified by a member of the Club's coaching staff of their selection prior to June 12, 2010.