



## **Vestavia Hills Soccer Club – Competitive Team Tryouts**

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### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

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#### **What is the difference between Club Fees and Team Fees?**

Club Fees - Paid to VHSC. Club fees are paid to the Club for expenses such as field maintenance, Coach's pay, administration, etc.

Team Fees - Paid to Team. Team fees are paid to your respective team for expenses such as Tournament Entry Fees, Coach's travel and per diem, team parties, league fees, referee fees, etc.

#### **How much are team fees?**

Team fees will vary due to a number of factors:

- Tournaments
- Leagues
- Travel

Teams fees will range from \$400/player to \$1,500 depending on tournament travel and schedule, league membership (ASA, R3PL, SRPL, National League), as well as number of players.

#### **How much does it cost to play competitive soccer?**

You pay two types of fees: Club fees and Team fees. On travel weekends hotels and food are an extra expense for your individual families.

#### **What is the difference between the A (Black) and the B team(s)?**

Usually the A or 'Black' team plays at a higher level and top brackets in tournaments and league play. The team names are tiered as follows:

- Black
- Black II
- Black III (if applicable)
- White
- White II

Black level teams play in Division I.

Black II-III level teams can play either Division 1 or 2.

White level teams play in Division II.

#### **Should I want my player to be only on the 1st Team?**

No!!!

Vestavia works very hard to keep top level coaches on both teams. As a player you want to be a a team that you get the most playing time. This helps you grown as a player and get the most touches on the ball.

#### **How many days a week do the teams train?**

Training for Competitive Teams is typically 3 days per week.



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Division 2 High School aged teams will typically train 2 days per week.

Older-aged teams usually train in the later time slots.

Training is weekly, Monday through Thursday.

### **When is the season?**

Training begins typically at the end of July or 1st week in August.

The Fall Season will begin in August and run through Thanksgiving. For older-aged teams and our highest level teams, Teams can travel to Holiday tournaments training and playing through Christmas and New Year's.

The Spring season typically kicks off the first week in February and runs through the 1st week in May.

### **How many tournaments do you play in a season?**

A team usually plays in 2 to 4 tournaments a season. Vestavia Teams will play in our own Club tournaments in August and February (for Spring teams). The number of tournaments a team will attend each season depends on age, strength, level, and availability. Tournaments are scheduled by the Club Directors, not by Team Administrators, individuals, parents, or teams themselves.

### **Does VHSC give out player scholarships?**

Yes, the Club has a Financial Assistance Program. Deadlines for submission are typically the 1st day of Tryouts or May 1. Please check downloads and website for detailed information on the FA program. Financial Assistance is awarded based on a number of factors not limited to: W2 submissions, income slips, situational considerations, and more.

### **When are competitive tryouts?**

Competitive Tryouts for all age groups are typically in May. These dates are set by the Alabama Soccer Association. Players are recommended to attend ALL tryouts for your respective age groups.

ONLINE REGISTRATION is strongly encouraged.

### **When does training start for competitive soccer players?**

All team scheduled events are mandatory for competitive players. These events include the Preseason Camps in July/August. Players not able to attend Preseason Camp in July/August must communicate this with their respective Coaches as early in the process as possible.

### **Is a uniform required for each team?**

Yes. A link will be send out by our Programs Administrator via Soccer.com for uniforms. The initial link will be a generated email from soccer.com and there will be a link on the Vestavia Soccer website that you can visit throughout the year to buy extra pieces or replacement pieces.

- Home and away jerseys
- Home and away shorts
- Home and away socks
- 2 training jerseys
- Backpack and Warm-Ups are recommended additional purchases

Uniform costs can vary and range from \$200-\$360 depending on additional purchases.



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### **How many games are played each soccer season?**

Typically, a State League schedule will include 8-10 games. Other leagues such as Gulf States, Southern Regional, Regional Premier Leagues could include 6-10 games.

### **What is the difference between state league and the Regional Premier League (RPL)?**

State league is where your team plays against the teams in the state of Alabama.

RPL is a Regional Premier League which is playing against players in your region (usually surrounding states). Typically, all games but two are played outside of Alabama. The RPL schedule is set by the RPL Administrators.

### **What is involved in being a Team Administrator?**

The Team Administrator is the person that conducts the main communication with the team. The TA coordinates team travel, hotel blocks, team budget, and Teamsnap.

Many team administrators delegate duties for travel coordination, budget, and communication. Some TA's are comfortable in handling all of this on their own. We as a club work very hard to guide you and help you with any questions.