



Springfield Soccer Club

2009-2010 Boys & Girls Tryouts

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What type of activities will my son/daughter do at the tryouts?

Our tryouts are very similar to a typical team practice. Players will participate in technical skills (dribbling, passing, shooting, etc.) play in small-sided and full-field game situations. The tryouts are designed for players to show their skills and talents.

What is the U7/8 Youth Academy?

The Youth Academy is the introductory program into the Springfield Soccer Club. Players can choose to participate in the fall/winter/spring seasons. They can choose all, one or two of the sessions. It is a great way to begin your competitive soccer experience in a learning environment.

Who are the coaches for Springfield Soccer Club?

Springfield Soccer Club is the home to the top coaches in southwest Missouri. All of our coaches hold a USSF or NSCAA Coaching License. They have all played high-level soccer and most importantly have coaching/teaching backgrounds that allow them to work with kids and teach the needed skills/tactics. After the teams are formed the coaching staff is put into place to meet the needs of each team and the club.

What amount of travel is required?

At the younger ages the majority of games are played in the Springfield area. At U9-11 our teams may attend 1-2 out of area tournaments during the fall & spring season. U12-14 age teams have 2-3 out of area tournaments. A tentative list of tournaments is provided at registration.

How many teams do you have in each age group?

The goal of the Springfield Soccer Club is to offer playing opportunities to every player who attends tryouts. We strive to have a competitive club with two teams in each age group. Players develop at different times and to eliminate players at an early age doesn't give that player an opportunity to develop. The club places players into soccer environments where they can develop into their fullest potential.

How much are the player fees?

Springfield Soccer Club collects fees for the entire playing year. Fees include ALL coaching & training (fall/winter/spring), league games (fall/spring), tournaments (fall/spring), facility rentals (fall/winter/spring), insurance, office fees, etc. The only item not covered is indoor league fees (typically \$55 per session). There is a separate uniform fee (\$40-100) depending on the team. At tryouts an exact list of all club fees will be provided to players/parents. Our player fees are lower or the same as other organizations, but our players receive more than the other organizations. Access to a private Springfield Soccer Club Indoor Facility gives our players/teams the most opportunities to train and play with a schedule that is consistent from week to week.

What is a typical season of practices and games?

The fall season begins in early August with Team Camp and runs through the first of November. Typically there are 2 practices a week and league games on Saturday. The winter season begins the middle of November and runs through first of February. During the winter all teams practice 2 times a week and most players participate in the indoor league. Spring season begins middle of February and ends first of June. Once again each team practices 2 times a week with league games on Saturday. Tournaments are during the fall/spring season.

Why should we choose the Springfield Soccer Club for our young players?

What is learned young is learned for life. Training to become a competitive soccer player requires being in the right environment and waiting until a player is older to get them into a professional environment can slow their potential.

My son/daughter plays other sports. Is that allowed?

Yes! There are many players in the Springfield Soccer Club who participate in multiple sports.

What makes the Springfield Soccer Club unique from all other organizations?

*Unlike most other area organizations all decisions in the Springfield Soccer Club are made with the player and club in mind. Our professional coaching staff is able to develop players & teams to their fullest ability because we **work together**. Combined practices, friendly games, player movement and shared coaching duties allow us to foster player growth. Quite simply we have soccer people making soccer decisions. The last 4 years the Springfield Soccer Club has placed at least 2 teams into the MYSA State Cup Semi-Finals.*

The Springfield Soccer Club also places a major emphasis on placement of our players into college programs. Both on the Boys & Girls side there are over 100 Springfield Soccer Club Alumni which have gone on to play college soccer. The Springfield Soccer Club also has its own private indoor facility which includes two turf practice fields and a strength training area.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 417-832-1552

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