

2026-2027 Travel Season

- US Soccer's directive regarding a change to the registration age range for youth soccer teams going forward is as follows. It is up to the individual local governing bodies but their recommendation is that clubs and leagues switch over to school year qualification windows. As an example, players born between 9/1/2011 and 8/31/2012 would qualify for the same playing level versus the current system where players born between 1/1/2012 and 12/31/2012 qualify for the same level.
- EPYSA has adopted this change and has asked clubs and leagues to begin implementing it in the 2026-2027 season.
- Our club is at the moment considering a hybrid version of implementation with new teams following the new qualification range and returning teams will be given the option of remaining unchanged.
- A side effect of this hybrid implementation means that returning teams that retain the outdated qualification range will be playing in league and tournament divisions with teams that will have older 9/1-12/31 players on their rosters.
- The 2026-2027 season tryouts are tentatively scheduled for the weeks beginning the 13th of April 2026, and the 20st of April 2026. We will offer two tryout dates for each age group, one per week. We will try to group playing levels together when possible (i.e. day one for 7v7 teams, day 2 for 9v9 teams, and days 3 and 4 for 11v11 teams). The Friday of each week is reserved as a make-up date in case of canceled tryout sessions. Session times are 6-7:30pm and the location is TBD.
- Players will be evaluated by the coaches for each level. The newest age levels may be evaluated by a volunteer coach who is not necessarily going to coach their level. Then the coaches and I will discuss the evaluations and discuss possible rosters.
- The registration form will be ready in February although we are discussing a preregistration form that we may introduce in November.
- We are interested in growing the pool of players we draw from for our teams. Unlike other local clubs we have no local address restrictions. We are open to suggestions regarding new areas to advertise to help grow our potential pool of players.
- Please reach out to me about any questions or concerns.