

# Lonestar Soccer Club

## TRYOUT - FAQ'S

### What are the team levels for select soccer?

{Boys} United States Soccer Federation Development Academy (USSFDA), {Girls} Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), Premier League (PL), National Premier League (NPL), State Classic League (SCL), Division I (DI), Super II (SII), and Division II (DII).

### I keep hearing U13, U14, U15 or '00, '99, '98 etc. What does this mean and how do I know which group my child is in?

The "U" stands for "under" which means players in that league are Under 12 years old; this designation is typically used for Recreational leagues. The '00, '99, etc. references the year the player was born if prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> and is typically used for select soccer teams. This is illustrated in the Age Group chart.

### Can a tryout applicant request a "buddy player" to be placed with because of carpool necessity?

No, teams are selected based on ability.

### How and when do the goalies tryout?

GK's will be evaluated along with their age group at tryouts. Like all players, existing LSC goalkeepers are evaluated year round.

### Is financial help available?

Financial Aid is available to families that demonstrate qualified financial need. There is a very strict process in place. Until your Financial Aid request form is received you cannot be considered for, nor awarded, any form of Financial Aid. Aid is awarded by the Financial Aid Committee *only*, not by a coach.

### After tryouts, what then?

Coaches will meet with the players and parents at the field and offer roster spots. After the first night of tryouts, phone calls will be made to any player that did not turn in commitment paperwork at the fields following a roster offer.

### If an offer is made, how long do we have to make a decision?

We ask that players come to tryouts knowing what they intend to do, as this speeds up the process for everyone. Decisions need to be made within 24 hours as there are players waiting that will be offered the place if you do not want to accept it. Acceptance of a roster spot is confirmed *only* when the commitment paperwork and fee are received.

When an offer is made to join a team will the practice facility be known at that time? Can we request a different team if the facility is not convenient? We might know, but not necessarily; however, this information will be available shortly after tryouts conclude.

### How often are practices?

Teams practice twice per week. NPL teams will have a mandatory 3<sup>rd</sup> session each week. Any player in the club that wants a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> session can organize that through their core coach and they can train with another LSC team.

### Are practices mandatory?

Yes, and each session is 1and 1/2hours long. If a player misses a practice they need to make-up that practice by attending another session.

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### Do select players get equal playing time?

Only at the SII and DII levels are players guaranteed 50% play time at each game, unless a player is on a 'no play list' due to overdue training fees or because of attendance and/or discipline problems.

### When will practices begin?

Team Camp will be mandatory for all players Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Exact times and schedule will be announced later.

### Do the training fees include tournaments?

The fee includes league qualifying and play off tournaments but *does not* include elective tournaments, showcases or personal travel costs.

### Is the Uniform fee included in the prices listed?

No, the uniform is not included. The uniform fee is \$295 which includes two jerseys, two shorts, two pairs of socks, two practice jerseys, one practice shorts, one pair practice socks, one backpack and one warm-up set.

### How long are the uniforms used?

The uniforms stay the same for 2 years. The next full club uniform cycle begins June 2012.

### Do you have to pay the entire fee at one time?

No, but \$300 is due upon signing a commitment to join a team; the remainder of the fees can be paid over 6 months. A payment schedule is provided. The uniform fee is due when ordered which is during the summer.