

**LIVINGSTON SOCCER CLUB TRAVEL PROGRAM**  
**GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**  
**TEAM FORMATION / TRYOUT PROCESS**

**AGE QUALIFICATION & ROSTER SIZE**

Within most leagues, teams are grouped into divisions based on the year of birth of the players.

Athletes will play variations of “small-sided” soccer in age groups U8 through U12 as determined by the United States Soccer Federation and other governing bodies. This means they will play on a smaller field with different amounts of players, depending on the age group. Athletes will play “full-sided” soccer on a regulation size field at the U13-U19 age levels.

Based on needs and ability, an athlete may be invited to “play up” in an older age group.

**THE COMPETITIVE TRYOUTS**

Other than the high-school-age-level teams, all athletes must attend competitive tryout(s) to be considered for a Travel team for the next seasonal year. Some athletes who try out will not make a team. Members of LSC Travel Committee and the Board of Trustees will not be permitted any input or decision-making in their child’s age group. Tryouts are typically held in May.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend tryout(s). If an applicant cannot attend a tryout s/he should notify the LSC in advance of a conflict so other arrangements can be made. An outside professional entity is hired by the LSC Travel Committee to conduct the tryouts and provide the LSC Travel Committee with the results. At all age levels, the decision of the LSC Travel Committee is final.

Each age group will have a different evaluation process, but the goal remains the same: To have a fair, impartial, and thorough tryout process. All evaluations are comparative.

**TRYOUT EVALUATIONS**

When the Travel Committee makes their selections for teams, the following criteria will be used:

- Tryout Results
- Trainer Evaluations (Existing Travel players)
- In-Town Evaluations (New-to-Travel players who participated in the LSC In-Town Program)
- Travel Manager Evaluations (Attendance, commitment, teamwork, etc.)

The LSC Travel Committee will make every effort to send out invitations as early as possible. Invitations must be accepted by a specified deadline (Travel Registration). A player who registers is requesting a spot in LSC Travel, not onto a specific team.

Notification by the Travel Committee to a player will provide for either: (i) acceptance into LSC Travel, or (ii) wait list. The wait list means that the candidate has not initially been offered to join nor chosen to participate in LSC Travel but based on the outcome of registration and subsequent team formation process, there is the possibility that s/he will be offered to join a team. Once rosters are finalized, any

remaining wait list players will have the option for a refund or transfer into our In-Town Program. The deadline is August 1. No New Jersey carded travel player can play in the Fall In-Town Program.

### **ROSTER MOVEMENT**

After a Travel team is formed and roster is set by the Travel Committee, players will not be released from a team once that player has been officially “carded.” The term “carded” is used to describe the technical process of having a player officially registered to play soccer for a specific Travel team. This is done by the NJYSA or US Club Soccer, not the league in which the team plays.

### **REPLACEMENT PLAYERS**

Should a roster spot become available, any interested athlete, including those who previously attended tryouts in the Spring, will be able to try out for that open roster spot. If an athlete is playing on an In-Town team, that athlete may attend a tryout during the In-Town season, but, if selected, will not be placed on a Travel team roster until the completion of the entire Fall In-Town season (including the Carpini Cup Tournament). If, on the other hand, an athlete is not playing in any organized soccer league, s/he may be placed on a Travel team roster if deemed qualified. The exact format of the tryout, and the number of tryouts, will be determined by the Travel Committee. No athlete may try out for a team until s/he receives the prior approval of the Travel Committee. Upon successful completion of the tryout process, the decision to add the player will be made by the trainer, coach, and/or manager. Once that decision is made, the Travel Committee will be notified, and then the manager may notify the athlete.

### **NON-LIVINGSTON PLAYERS**

**No LSC sponsored Travel Team may roster out-of-town players** if there is a Qualified Livingston player for that roster spot. If there is no Qualified Livingston Player available, then that team may roster enough players to form a team at the Travel Committee’s discretion. These non-Livingston players must tryout and pay the requisite fees as set forth above. The phrase “Qualified” means a player who has the requisite skills to play for that team.

For team formation, any player currently rostered on a LSC Travel team is considered a Livingston player regardless of the player’s current address.

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