

2018 AYS FALL TRAVEL (Games September 8 – November 3)

Goals of Program

Our Fall Travel program is a competitive town program open to players in Grades 3 through 8, games are played within the South Shore Soccer League (SSSL). In this program, competitive games are played against nearby towns that require some local travel. Players will be placed on teams based on gender, grade and ability assessed at tryouts. Travel games are played on Saturdays afternoons while team practices and grade group practices/clinics will be held during the week. The game schedule is set by SSSL, usually the week before the start of the season. We adjusted the Fall Rec schedule to try to avoid scheduling conflicts between Fall Rec and Fall Travel games, but there is no guarantee. SSSL cannot set the travel schedule until they know how many teams there are.

Please remember:

- While we try to avoid cuts, they often occur based on the number of players that tryout, available coaches, and the maximum roster sizes allowed by the league. It is likely that not all players who tryout will be placed on a team. Please discuss this with your family before deciding to tryout. Fall Rec is open to all players if that is a preferred option.
- Prior team placement does not ensure future placement.
- If your player is interested in playing goalie, please indicate this when you pre-register.
- Please do NOT wear any AYS or Club Team uniforms.
- Do not be missed in evaluations! Be sure to arrive on time and check in.

Tryout registration is MANDATORY even if you are unable to attend the tryout. If you cannot attend a tryout please let us know ASAP. [Register for tryouts here!](#)

Grade as of Sept. 2018	Tryout Date	Tryout Time	Field Location
Grade 3/4 Boys & Girls	Sun 6/10	9:00 – 10:15 AM	Union Point Sports Complex
Grade 5/6 Boys	Sun 6/10	10:30 – 11:30 AM	Union Point Sports Complex
Grade 7/8 Boys	Sun 6/10	11:45 – 12:45 PM	Union Point Sports Complex
Grade 5/6 Girls	Mon 6/11	6:00 – 7:00 PM	AHS Turf or Reilly Field
Grade 7/8 Girls	Mon 6/11	7:15 – 8:15 PM	AHS Turf or Reilly Field

New Uniforms

We will be using new travel uniforms starting this fall. Our uniform partner, We Got Soccer, will provide demo kits for players to try on at the tryout. Once the teams are assigned, parents will be required to purchase the uniform kit directly through We Got Soccer in early July. We will not be having a separate uniform night. **Parents must complete the uniform purchase by the deadline in mid-July to assure that the uniform will arrive prior to the start of the season.** Exact dates and reminders will be sent after the teams are selected.

Note: Most uniform designs become unavailable after 2-3 years which is why we need to change the design more often than we would prefer. The new uniform we are changing to is a custom kit from New Balance. By going with the custom option can keep the same design for as long as we choose to. We are still working with We Got Soccer to finalize the uniform pricing, we expect to have it finalized in a few weeks.

Coaches, We Need YOU!

We rely exclusively on volunteers to become coaches. Without coaches, we cannot offer our programs to the children of Abington. Please consider becoming involved as a coach or assistant coach. [Click Here to apply!](#) Any person who has applied or plans on being the Head or Assistant coach for a team in the Fall travel league may evaluate players during the tryout process, however those evaluations will not be shared with or used by the Board when the rosters are created.

Who Can Sign Up?

Participants must be residents of Abington and be in **grades 3 through 8 next September**. All participants are required to attend the tryout. If you are unable to attend please let us know ASAP. Remember that not every player will be placed on a team. Some players are placed on a waitlist based on enrollment numbers, etc.

Game Location

We play home games on the Abington High School Turf and Reilly Field and away games in nearby towns (all are an hour or less away, most within 20-30 minutes).

What's the Cost?

The registration cost will be \$95. If you play Fall Rec and Fall Travel you will receive a \$30 refund on your Fall Travel payment. If you are experiencing a hardship, please apply for assistance by completing a Financial Hardship Application. Please note that due to a policy change a player can be given assistance for either Fall Rec or Fall Travel, but not both. [Click here to fill out the form.](#)

Equipment for tryouts

- Shin-pads are required.
- Players must bring their own ball (Size 4 for Grades 3-6 or Size 5 for Grades 7-8).
- Remember your water, it gets very hot on the turf.

How Can I Register for a Team?

Your player will receive an email with registration instructions about 7-10 days after tryouts have been concluded. Please discuss with your family the amount of soccer you and your player are comfortable committing to for the Fall Season.