

Abington Youth Soccer 2019 FALL TRAVEL SEASON (Games September 12 – November 8)

Program Objective

The main objective of the program is to provide a more competitive environment for our players than is offered in our Fall Rec Program. In Fall Travel, Abington teams will play against local towns within the South Shore Soccer League (SSSL). Players will be placed on teams based on gender, grade and ability (assessed at tryouts).

How does the Travel Team Placement Process Work?

The placement process involves the following steps:

- 1. Register your player.
- 2. Player tryout. AYS Board assess players skills during soccer play.
- 3. AYS Board create teams with coach input.

IMPORTANT: It is possible that not every player will be placed on a team. While we try to avoid cuts, they can occur based on the number of players that tryout and the maximum roster sizes allowed by the league. 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.

Step 1: Tryout Registration

Who: Our Fall Travel program is open to children who reside in Abington (MA) in Grade 3 through Grade 8 as of September 2020.

When: Tryout registration is required by July 10th.

Cost: There is no cost at this time

How: Please <u>click here</u> to access the tryout registration page!!!

Step 2 Tryouts

When: <u>Sunday July 12th</u>. Various times by grade (see below). Where: AHS Turf.

Additional Details:

- AYS Board will assess players skills during tryout for each grouping.
- Please arrive 10 minutes early to check-in. Pictures will taken for SSSL photo roster.

Grade	Gender	Date	Time	Location
Grade 3/4	Boys	Sunday July 12 th	3:00-4:00 PM	AHS Turf
	Girls	Sunday July 12 th	4:00-5:00 PM	AHS Turf
Grade 5/6	Boys	Sunday July 12 th	5:00-6:00 PM	AHS Turf
	Girls	Sunday July 12 th	6:00-7:00 PM	AHS Turf
Grade 7/8	Boys	Sunday July 12 th	7:00-8:00 PM	AHS Turf
	Girls	Sunday July 12 th	8:00-9:00 PM	AHS Turf

Step 3 Team Placement

When : About 1-2 weeks after tryouts have been concluded to allow for AYS Board and coach review How: Via email with team assignment

Additional Details:

- You must register your player again to ensure their spot by the given date
- At this time payment will need to be scheduled

<u>Cost</u>

Fees to Play: The registration cost will be \$100.

Where does the registration fee go?

Total Cost/Player: \$99

- Professional Training (Player Development and Coach Training)
- Mass Youth Soccer (Player Insurance, Coach Registration/CORI)
- Referees (Pay, Training and Equipment)
- Equipment (Shirts, Balls, Nets, Medals, etc.)
- Field Costs (AHS Turf Rental, AHS Bathroom)
- Administrative Costs (TeamSnap Processing Fees and Annual Contract)
- Other (Finanial Áid, Scholarships)



Note: If the season is cancelled for any reason, AYS will provide a refund minus any expenses incurred by the league.

Fee Assistance

If your family is experiencing a hardship, AYS offers fee assistance. Please <u>click here</u> to access the Financial Hardship Application. Please note, players can be given assistance for either Fall Rec or Fall Travel, but not both.

Travel Uniforms

For the past two seasons, we have used the same New Balance travel uniforms. Due to the late registration and tryout, we will be stepping back from the New Balance travel uniform and AYS will be supplying shirts for all players this fall. If players are new to the travel program, they will need to purchase black socks and black shorts. AYS will have them available for order at a low cost. Players who have the New Balance uniform can still wear their shorts and socks. Please include your player's shirt size during tryout registration. Information regarding socks and shorts will be sent out during the team notification process.

If you have a New Balance uniform, please hold on to the shirt. There is a good chance that we will be going back to that uniform in the spring.

Games

When: Saturday afternoons Sept 12th – Nov 8th, some Friday nights may be possible as well. The game schedule is set by SSSL, usually the week before the start of the season. We have created the Fall Rec schedule to try to avoid scheduling conflicts between Fall Rec and Fall Travel games to allow players to play in both programs if they choose.

Where: We play home games on the Abington High School Turf and away games in nearby towns (all are 45 minutes or less away, most within 20-30 minutes).

Practices and Clinics

<u>Note</u>: The below sessions are included in the fall registration fee. You must register prior to attending the summer sessions.

NEFC Summer training

Who: Grades 3-8When: Weekly in July and August (dates/times TBD)Where: Abington Turf

Goalie clinic

Who: Grades 3-6When: Saturday mornings this fall.Where: Abington Turf

Fall Practices

Who: Individual TeamsWhen: TBD by coachWhere: Abington (TBD by AYS based on coach requests and field availability)

And lastly WE NEED YOU!

We rely exclusively on volunteers to become coaches. Without coaches, we cannot offer our programs to the children of Abington. To ensure your player has the opportunity to participate, please consider becoming involved as a coach or assistant coach. Small commitment, BIG rewards! <u>Click Here to sign up!</u> Any person who applies 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.