

2022 Soccer Tryouts

Tryouts are quickly approaching and I wanted to reach out to all of you to discuss some changes to our tryouts this spring.

1. All players who want to play travel soccer must tryout and no player is guaranteed a spot on their previous team regardless of the level of the team. This includes players on #1 teams. Coaches on #1 teams...please emphasize this for your players as this is a change in our tryout policy from years past. This is a change from the past as it will allow for more flexibility for coaches on #1 teams who may feel some players have been misplaced or have not developed as much as other players and may want to pull up more players from lower teams. It will also ideally ensure that players of all levels continue to try and improve and get better in the game of soccer.

2. Tryouts will be run by Woburn Youth Soccer with a combination of help from the board, coaches, and volunteers. We will have 4 different stations for each age group which will run for 15-20 minutes each. Players will be broken up into 4 groups and rotate between stations after 15-20 minutes. There will be specific people responsible for running each station which will ideally maximize the time players are actively participating and it will allow coaches more opportunity to evaluate as many players as possible. I have plenty of ideas of what these stations can look like but I would like for coaches to talk with each other and discuss any ideas they may have for stations. Please submit any ideas you have for stations so that we can incorporate them into our tryouts. Stations should have as many kids moving and being active as possible while allowing the evaluation of soccer skills. One of the stations will be a shooting station to allow for goalie evaluations. There will be two days of tryouts for each age group as usual. On the first day all players regardless of playing ability will be mixed together. We are looking to find a way to break the players up based on ability for the second day of tryouts to allow for a more efficient way for coaches to evaluate players who might be on the bubble for their teams.

We are hoping that these new procedures for tryouts will have a long lasting positive impact on our soccer program. Thank you for all of your hard work and please let us know of any ideas you may have about what the stations look like and the overall tryout process.

Thank you,
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