

NYAA Northwestern Soccer Club Guidelines for Soccer Tryout Procedure For Lehigh Valley League Coaches:

In order to ensure optimum communication between coaches and parents each year of play, there must be a mandatory parents' meeting prior to each tryout, which will cover the following issues:

1. Who is coaching the team?
 - a. What is the coach's background? (licensing, experience, etc.)
 - b. What is the coach's philosophy? (developmental, = playing time, etc.)
 - c. Coaches expectations of this new team- tournaments, extra fundraisers, purchase extra jerseys, indoor soccer?

2. How many teams will be formed? If more than one:
 - a. How the teams will be split.
 - b. How the coaches will choose their teams.

3. How many players will make the team?

4. What happens if a player misses a tryout session?

5. What will happen to the players who do not make a travel team.
 - a. Players trying out will be placed on an appropriate team unless parent requests otherwise (LVYSL or NV league).

6. How the players will be assessed (i.e.- what skills the coaches will be looking for at tryouts).
 - a. It is highly recommended that some form of written evaluation be available for parents and/or players who request it.

7. How the players will be notified after the decision is made.
 - a. A personal phone call is recommended.
 - b. It is recommended that coaches give suggestions as to how the player could improve him/herself while playing for the coming season
 - c.

8. Secondary Rostering
 - a. What secondary rostering means
 - b. Expectations of secondary rosterers
 - c. How playing time will be handled

9. Other objective evaluators
 - a. Explain to parents that Northwestern teams use other experienced Northwestern coaches, not otherwise involved with the team, to help the coaching staff with player evaluation and team selection. Evaluators will meet after the last tryout to determine the team.
 - b. Coaching staff of the team being evaluated should be visible and involved on the field during tryouts.

10. NYAA soccer jerseys will be available for tryouts to help with the numbering of players during tryouts. Please arrange to pick up the jerseys from the equipment manager with plenty of notice and please return them right after your tryouts are over. Please collect the jerseys from the players after each tryout session.

Coaches- please refer to these guidelines prior to each tryout.