

SYOSSET SOCCER CLUB

Travel Team Rules

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE 7/1/08 - 6/30/09 SEASON AND
SUBSEQUENT SEASONS.**

A. AUTHORITY

1. The following rules for the selection and conduct of the Syosset Soccer Club ("SSC") Travel Teams, its coaches, assistants, trainers, administrators, players, spectators, etc. These rules are subordinate to the rules and regulations concerning the conduct of travel teams as established (and periodically amended) by the Long Island Junior Soccer League ("LIJSL"), the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association ("ENYSSA") and the United States Youth Soccer Association ("USYSA"). These rules supersede all previous SSC Travel Team Rules.
2. It is the responsibility of all travel coaches and all candidates for travel coaching to know these rules (and LIJSL's rules and the rules of any tournament in which the team participates). The SSC Board will determine disciplinary for coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, administrators, etc., for not knowing or not following the rules.
3. These rules are to be distributed to all candidates for coach of a Travel Team and Travel Team coaches. Said distribution is to eliminate any candidate for travel coach or travel coach from claiming that they did not know the rules.
4. The execution of these rules is the responsibility of the VP of Travel and the SSC Board. Any questions regarding these rules are to be brought to the attention of the VP of Travel or to any other member of the SSC Board.
5. Changes to these rules require a 2/3 vote of the SSC Board, a quorum must be present.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- a. To be eligible to try out for SSC Travel Teams, a player must currently be attending the third grade or higher grade level or meet the U10 age requirement (age as defined by the USYSA/LIJSL) by the start of the next seasonal year and meet the eligibility requirements of this Section B, subsections 2 through 7. Upon meeting these requirements, a player may try out for SSC Travel Teams which are within and/or older than the players natural age grouping. A player may not try out for a younger age group.

For the seasonal years Fall 2007 – Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 – Spring 2009, the SSC will allow children who are younger than the U11 LIJSL dates of play to play on a U11 Travel Team (or above) provided they have qualified as one of the players selected to the “A” Travel Team. As with all Travel Team selections for the SSC, this will be based on the sole discretion of the professional coaching staff.

- b. To be eligible to play for a SSC Travel Team, a player must be attending the fourth grade or a higher grade at the start of play for the Seasonal Year, or meet the U10 age requirement (as defined by the USYSA/LIJSL) for the Seasonal Year, and must meet the eligibility requirements of this Section B, subsections 2 through 7. However, beginning for the Fall 2006 – Spring 2007 Seasonal Year, children will only be eligible for the U10 Travel Teams based on the LIJSL dates of play. The SSC will allow children who are entering the fourth grade and are younger than the U10 LIJSL dates of eligibility to play on a U10 Travel Team (or above) provided they have qualified as one of the players selected to the “A” Travel Team. As with all Travel Team selections for the SSC, this will be based on the sole discretion of the professional coaching staff. Upon meeting these requirements a player may play for a SSC Travel Team which is within and/or older than the player’s natural age grouping. A player may not play for a younger age group.

2. CLUB PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player is considered a Club Player if

- a. At the start of the Seasonal Year, the player is a resident of the Syosset Central School District, or,
- b. The player does not meet the criteria of this Section B, subsection 2, paragraph a; but is a registered intramural player of the SSC who is currently completing or has completed a full Seasonal Year (the Fall and Spring of the same seasonal year) under the auspices of the SSC, or,
- c. The player does not meet the criteria of this Section B, subsection 2, paragraphs a and b; but was previously a registered intramural player of the SSC who completed at least one full Seasonal Year (the Fall and the Spring of the same seasonal year) at U7 or above under the auspices of the SSC.

3. OUTSIDE PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. A player is considered an Outside Player if the player is not a resident of the Syosset Central School District and has not previously been registered and played under the auspices of the SSC’s intramural program for at least one full Seasonal Year (Fall and Spring of the same seasonal year). A player remains classified as an Outside Player, except in the cases defined in section B, subsection 2, paragraphs b & c, for the duration of their registration with the SSC unless residency within the Syosset Central School District is established.

- b. The total number of Outside Players permitted on the roster of a SSC Travel Team:

Age Grouping ⁽¹⁾	Number of Outside Players
U10	2
U11	4
U12	6
U13	8
U14	10
U15	minimum 5 Club Players
U16	minimum 4 Club Players
U17	minimum 3 Club Players
U19	minimum 3 Club Players

- ⁽¹⁾ The age grouping of a team for determining number of transferred players will be determined based on the natural age grouping of the majority of the team. It will not be determined based on the age grouping the team is playing in LIJSL.

- c. With the approval of the Board, Outside Players in addition to those permitted under section B, subsection 3, paragraph b, will be permitted on SSC Travel Teams, if it is determined that the additional Outside Players are needed to maintain the existence of the team.
- d. Once the SSC Board enacts provision B. 3. c., the additional Outside Players referenced will count as Club players for their duration on this specific travel team.

4. TRANSFER PLAYERS

- a. LIJSL defines and regulates the definition of a transfer player. The SSC will use LIJSL's definition and will follow the rules governing transfer players.

5. INTERGENDER ELIGIBILITY

- a. As per LIJSL, ENYYSA, and USYSA guidelines (not written rules):
- i. A girl may not play on a boy's team.
 - ii. If a boy plays on a girl's team, the team is considered a boy's team.
 - iii. These guidelines apply to all teams at all levels of play (i.e. intramural, travel, select, state)
- b. Based on discussions with LIJSL, ENYYSA and USYSA, it is each individual club's discretion as to whether girls can play on a boy's team.

6. TRANSFER/WITHDRAWAL FROM A TRAVEL TEAM

- a. As per LIJSL, once a player is registered (for the fall season it is the end of June/beginning of July and for the spring season it is the beginning of January) with a team he/she cannot play for another team during that season.
- b. With the consent of both travel team coaches and the player, a player may transfer within an age group for the spring season.
- c. With the consent of both travel team coaches and the player, a player who is playing "up" may return to his/her natural age group.
- d. There will be no transferring "up" of a player during the seasonal year without the consent of both travel team coaches and the player.
- e. Any player who withdraws from a SSC Travel Team without a valid reason during the seasonal year (fall and spring) will not be eligible to participate on a SSC travel team for the remainder of that seasonal year and for the following seasonal year.
- f. For SSC's monitoring of a player's withdrawal from a SSC Travel Team, the Seasonal Year commences on the date that a team is registered with LIJSL, which is normally within the first two weeks of July. The Seasonal Year ends with the completion of a spring season games, which is normally within the last two weeks of June.

7. INTRAMURAL PLAYER ON A TRAVEL TEAM

- a. During the course of a season, a travel team may pick up an intramural player, of the LIJSL appropriate age, to become a rostered member of a travel team. Once the player is rostered to a travel team, they may no longer play in intramurals.
- b. An intramural player may be a guest player on a Travel Team. Intramural players may participate in Travel Tournaments as long as they first fulfill their Intramural Tournament obligations, if any.

8. POACHING

- a. For the definition of poaching, see LIJSL rules.
- b. If a coach is found to have poached whether by LIJSL in regard to an outside player or by the SSC in regard to a player within the SSC, the coach will be suspended for four games. If a coach is found to have poached a second time, he/she will be permanently barred from coaching in the SSC.

C. PLAYER COMMITMENT/CLUB COMMITMENT

1. Each player selected to play on a SSC Travel Team is to make a commitment to that travel team prior to his/her selection. That commitment consists of a pledge to attend all travel games before participating in other activities during the seasonal year. Coaches will inform players and parents at the start of tryouts of the anticipated commitment for the team for the season including frequency of practices, tournaments, indoor schedule, etc. Coaches will attempt to schedule travel team practices at a convenient time with an attempt to minimize scheduling conflicts. The club will attempt to schedule travel team home games (the club has no control over the scheduling of away games) to minimize scheduling conflicts. Each player's commitment is to their own Travel Team. They are not permitted to guest play for another travel team without prior consent of their travel team coach and the VP of Travel during the seasonal year. Only the Travel Team's coach, designated backup or an adult supervisor, holding a valid Syosset supervisor card, with advance approval of the coach and the VP of Travel, can coach the team. The Seasonal Year commences on the date that a travel team is registered with LIJSL, which is normally within the first two weeks of July. The Seasonal Year ends with the completion of all spring season games, which is normally within the last two weeks of June. However, each coach has discretion as to the enforcement of the above.
2. All players selected to play on a SSC Travel Team will be assessed a registration fee to be established by the SSC Board. All players are responsible for the purchase of their uniform and any other fees associated with the team that the player is on.
3. All players selected to a SSC Travel Team must have all SSC registration paid in full prior to the start of league games in September.
4. Players are selected to a SSC Travel Team for a period of one seasonal year only.
5. New players may be picked up during the season for the remainder of the season. The new player must meet all of the requirements of these Travel Team rules.
6. Players may not be dropped for a SSC Travel Team during a seasonal year except for extraordinary reasons and only as approved by the SSC Board.

D. FORMATION OF TRAVEL TEAMS

1. The SSC Board will determine which Travel Teams are to be formed and registered with the LIJSL. It is the intent of the SSC that the formation of a Travel Team is based on the continuing development of all members of the club.
2. The availability of SSC Travel Teams will be the same for both the boys and the girls programs. Every effort will be made to find coaches for these teams.
3. The SSC Board may, at its discretion, elect to form additional Travel Teams for any given age group.

4. At the discretion of SSC board, by majority vote, the club will accept outside teams into the club. This process will be on an individual team basis. The team will be under the SSC travel coaching program.
5. Roster size is regulated by LIJSL.

E. SELECTION OF TRAVEL TEAM COACHES

1. The SSC Head Coach and/or the VP of Travel will nominate all coaches for the upcoming season. Each SSC Travel Team coach is selected for a period of one seasonal year only.
2. During the months of February, March and April, the club will advertise for travel coaches. (Approximately schedule; deadline for all teams-April 30.) All incumbent Travel Team coaches seeking to retain their position and all new applicants must complete the Travel Team coach's application and deliver it to the VP of Travel by the date announced as per the website. Failure to submit the coach's application as per the website will eliminate the applicant from consideration for a Travel Team as per the notification. If no one is picked for the coaching position or if no one applies, the coaching position will be re-advertised. Applicant requirements will be stated in the re-notification and must be met.
3. The SSC requires its Travel Team head coaches to possess a LIJSL "C" license or equivalent, unless approved by the SSC Head Coach and the VP of Travel. Equivalence is defined by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America ("NSCAA"). If an applicant does not meet the requirement, his/her application will not be accepted and the applicant will not be allowed to coach. All Travel Teams will be coached by professional coach/trainers. Such professional coach/trainers selection and continuation as the coach/trainer shall be subject to the club's Travel Team Rules. It will be the responsibility of all the members of such Travel Teams to compensate the professional coach/trainer as determined by the SSC policy set forth.
4. Each team's head coach will designate a backup coach, who must be approved by the Club's Head Coach or the VP of Travel.
5. All coaching candidates for a Travel Team will be scheduled for an interview by the SSC Board during a board meeting or a special board meeting for the selection of Travel Team coaches, except as set forth in section E, subsection 6, below.
6. The SSC Board need not interview uncontested incumbent Travel Team coaches. However, the board reserves the right to request their presence for an interview.

F. SELECTION OF TRAVEL TEAM PLAYERS

1. NOTIFICATION OF TRYOUTS

- a. The Intramural Division Commissioners will inform coaches and players when Travel Team tryouts will be occurring. The VP of Travel, through the travel coaches, will inform Travel Team players of travel tryouts. Travel Team tryout information will be posted on the Club's website and will be posted at Stillwell.

2. TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

- a. All children who meet the SSC requirements as stated in these rules may tryout for SSC Travel Teams.
- b. Travel Team tryouts will begin after May 15 or after the standardized testing is completed in the Syosset Central School District. Travel Team tryouts must be completed by the date established by the VP of Travel and the SSC Board.
- c. Existing teams must hold a minimum of two (2) tryouts.
- d. Newly formed teams must hold a minimum of four (4) tryouts.
- e. *The VP of Travel or designee shall attend all tryouts for the U10 travel teams. If there is more than one team in an age group, the first tryout must be held on a combined basis for the U10, U11 and U12 teams, and the tryouts must be attended by the VP of Travel or designee, to the extent practicable. U13 and older teams will hold separate tryouts, unless teams are within one divisional level of play from one another.*
- f. First team coaches must select their players by the date established by the VP of Travel. After that date, additional teams in an age group can select players.
- g. Players trying out for an age group where there is more than one Travel Team may choose which travel team he/she will try out for.
- h. Subsequent to the completion of tryouts, if in a multi-team age group, a team other than the "A" team seeks to add an additional player to the team roster prior to September 1, the coach of such team shall notify the VP of Travel and the coaches of the other teams in the age group that are above such team in the age group that the team is seeking to add a player to its roster and afford the team above it a reasonable opportunity to select such player for such team (for example, if the coach of an age group "B" team seeks to add a player, the "A" team coach shall be notified and be given an opportunity to roster such player.

3. FINAL APPROVAL OF TRAVEL TEAM ROSTERS

- a. The SSC Board has the final approval of all SSC Travel Team rosters, but a quorum is not needed for that approval. Normally, the SSC Board will rule on issues of eligibility.

- b Travel Team coaches are responsible to call all candidates who try out for their team to inform the candidates of their nomination to a travel team within 48 hours of the last tryout, unless the existing travel team's season is not complete. The "A", "B" and "C" teams shall be contacted concurrently. If there is a child who was previously on the A team within an age group and was accepted to the B team, the A team coach will call the parent and the child. The coach is to explain to those players nominated to a team that the SSC Board, as stated in Section F, Subsection 3, Paragraph a , must approve the Travel Team rosters before a player becomes a member of a team. In the case of existing travel teams, such announcements, where possible, should not occur until completion of the travel team's season. The Assistant to the VP of Travel will be responsible for contacting any player not selected for any team within the same time frame as stated above.

G. CONDUCT OF TRAVEL TEAMS

1. All SSC Travel Teams will coordinate all of their team's activities relative to the LISJL through the SSC's VP of Travel.
2. For every game, all players must play at least the minimum playing time. By every game, the SSC Board means that this rule applies to league, challenge cup, state cup, tournaments, and indoor games. Exceptions to the minimum playing time rule are: injury; inappropriate behavior; and/or failure to attend team sessions regularly.
3. In situations of inappropriate behavior and/or a player's failure to attend sessions regularly, the travel team coach is to inform the VP of Travel if he/she intends to play the player less than the minimum playing time.
4. Minimum playing time, by age groups, for all league and tournament play is as follows:

Age Group	Minimum Playing Time
U10-U11	1/2 Game
U12	1/3 Game
U13/ Division 3 or lower	1/3 Game
U13-U17/Division 2 or higher	No Minimum Time
U15-U17/Division 3 or lower	1/4 Game
U19	No Minimum Time

There will be no minimum playing time for the State Cup and Waldbaum's Cup competitions.

5. Each SSC Travel Team coach is responsible for acquainting himself/herself, their players and the player's families with LIJSL rules and regulations and with SSC Travel Team rules relative to the conduct of a participant and/or spectator. The club, through

the VP of Travel will prepare and update as necessary, a brochure on conduct for the Travel Team coaches to distribute.

6. Each team is responsible for the payment of any fines levied on that team or they will not be registered for the following season.
7. If a coach, assistant coach, trainer, administrator, spectator, etc. receives a red card, the coach and the person who received the red card must appear before the SSC Board per date established by the VP of Travel. Players, who receive red cards are not required to appear before the SSC Board; however, the Board reserves the right to do so. Unless adequate justification is given in writing, that date should be the next Board meeting.
8. In the situation where a coach and/or the assistant coach receive a red card, if the coach and/or assistant coach do not appear before the Board at the next Board meeting, unless adequate justification is given in writing, their adult supervisor card will be forfeited to the VP of Travel until such time as they appear before the SSC Board. Failure to appear before the Board will result in the removal of the coach and/or the assistant coach from the team.
9. Based on the presentation of the coach and/or assistant coach, the SSC Board will determine what sanctions will be placed on the coach and/or assistant coach.
10. Each SSC Travel Team coach will ensure that responsibilities relative to field preparation, equipment pick-up and take-down, etc. as delegated by the VP of Travel (or other SSC authority) are effectively carried out. If a Travel Team coach does not meet his/her responsibilities for field preparation, he/she will receive a club suspension of one game for each time he/she does not meet his/her field preparation responsibilities.

H. UNIFORMS

1. If a travel team is buying a uniform for the first time or is replacing its current uniform, the team must purchase the Club Standard Uniform.
2. Effective August 9, 2005, the Club Standard Uniform will not indicate Player names on their jerseys.
3. Warm-up suits, bags, etc. are at the discretion of each team.

I. CHANGES TO THE RULES

1. Any proposed changes to the current SSC travel rules will require a 2/3 majority vote of the SSC Board.