



TRYOUT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association has established these Policies & Procedures with regard to competitive team tryouts in an effort to provide a consistent, fair, and equitable environment for both players and teams in which all parties may best meet their needs and aspirations with respect to competitive soccer.

RATIONALE

BGYSA Competitive Teams are usually organized by conducting player try-outs for u7-u16. BGYSA feels that fairness in this process is important. To best accomplish this, it is necessary to provide a consistent approach for tryouts so that all teams and players may have opportunities to evaluate and explore all choices.

Understanding that this commitment involves many facets of a family's life, BGYSA establishes these guidelines to provide families with the information needed to establish a fair expectation of what is involved with the Competitive Season and tryout process. BGYSA and families alike are depending on each other to play a role in making the Competitive Season and the tryout process as smooth as possible. As such, each party is due a base level of knowledge with regard to what to expect of each other during the process.

Thank you for your interest in participating on a BGYSA Competitive Season team. We are a 100% volunteer organization and do our best to be fair, consistent, and balanced in this selection process. However, know that we are human and this is not an exact science. You may direct any questions, concerns, or comments to the Board of Directors by attending a general meeting conducted by the Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association (BGYSA). A schedule of board meetings is published on www.bgya.org or reaching out to a Board member directly.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

1. All parties are expected to exhibit ethical behavior. Players please arrive fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled time!
2. No player shall wear a Competitive Season or Recreational Season uniform during tryouts to ensure their anonymity from evaluators.
3. The TRYOUT FEE WILL BE \$25.00. The tryout fee is due upon registration. Your child will not be allowed to participate in tryouts if the fee has not been paid. The \$25 tryout fee will be applied toward the competitive season registration. If your child is not selected for a team, you will receive a full refund. If your child is





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selected and you choose not to participate in the competitive season, the fee will not be refunded.

4. The Competitive Season due to its indoor component is more expensive than outside seasons. All indoor practice and games are held at Wide World of Indoor Sports of North Smithfield or another indoor facility as designated by BGYSA. All outdoor home games and practices are held at the BGYSA Soccer Complex.
5. All athletes must be registered and not have outstanding monies due prior to tryout (unless otherwise approved by BGYSA Board of Directors in advance of the tryout) in order to be eligible for a position on any BGYSA team.
6. Tryouts will be held at a specified date and time. The date, time, location and other pertinent information will be publicized on the BGYSA web site and distributed via email prior to when the tryouts are to take place.
7. BGYSA Board will sanction all tryouts and a Board member must be present at all tryouts. Board approved independent evaluators will run tryouts. Players will be rank ordered for each grouping according to their total tryout score.
8. The Competitive Committee will meet to review the evaluations and rankings. Teams will be selected in order of the player tryout ranking.
9. The Committee will pick the top ranked players for their age group based upon approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of the roster. Coaches then have the discretion to pick from the next group of ranked players to fill out the set number of roster positions. For example, if the roster is set at 14 players. The top 10 players ranked on the tryout list are placed on the team (approximately 75% of the roster). The coach then selects the remaining 4 players to round out the roster total at 14.
10. If any coach believes the evaluation of a player to be misjudged, they will be given the ability to request for the player to be added to their team from the players who have registered and attended at least one Board approved tryout or have registered and submitted a Board approved and accepted notice of their inability to attend a scheduled tryout (see item #12). The Coach shall submit a written request for such action and receive Board approval prior to the player being informed of placement on a team. The approval decision will be based on the results of previous tryouts, competitive experience, past record of accomplishment, information from former coaches, and the player's level of commitment, leadership qualities and sportsmanship.
11. A coach may request to select players not listed on the tryout list or may look to other leagues to fill that roster. This option is only to be used as an absolute last resort and not as an avenue to exclude marginal level players who participated in tryouts from the next higher level team. These requests must be made in writing to the BGYSA Board of Directors for final approval, outlining who is being requested and why.





12. If a player is unable to attend either the scheduled tryout for their age group, or the make-up tryout, due to causes beyond the player's control such as: illness, important school, religious or family events, or for other good cause shown.
 - a. The player will be evaluated by the Competitive Program Director (or designee) and the Director of Coaching. This evaluation will include consideration of: the results of previous tryouts, competitive experience, past record of accomplishment, information from former coaches, and the player's level of commitment, leadership qualities and sportsmanship.
 - b. The player will then be ranked on the tryout list minus three positions.
13. All team rosters must be approved by the BGYSA Competitive Committee.
14. The BGYSA Board has the right to change and modify these policies and procedures, as BGYSA needs dictate.

