

Select Soccer and Tryouts - FAQ

What is a Select team?

A Select team is a team in which the players are selected based on evaluations of the players. Select teams are typically referred to as Gold or Silver level. The evaluations take place during the season, and in the form of a Tryout.

Who should register to play for a Select team??

Any player, who is serious about making a Select team and is prepared to make the commitment, is encouraged to register to be considered for a Select team. Those players who are not prepared to make the commitment or who are not intending to leave their existing team, should not indicate they wish to play on a Select team.

What commitment is associated with a Select team??

Players can expect to have 2 training sessions each week and sometimes 2 games per week during cup play. Select teams generally enter several tournaments per year. Players should be prepared to give Select team activities priority over other their other recreational activities. Parents should expect and be prepared to commit to additional time and travel associated with games, tournaments, and fund raising activities.

What do I have to do to indicate that I wish to be considered for a Select team?

Each player who wishes to be considered for a Select team must register with the club for the upcoming season. There are specific deadlines for each age group, depending on if there are Tryouts in that age group.

How are players evaluated??

Every player wishing to play on a U12 to U15 Select team must attend a Tryout. Players wishing to play on a U16 to U18 Select team are not required to attend a Tryout (unless wishing to play Metro Soccer – please refer to website for further information about Metro). The players wanting to be on a U16-U18 Select team are instead picked based on player evaluations that occurred during the past season.

What skills are assessed during an evaluation??

Players are evaluated on individual ball skills as well as team and game playing skills. In addition, factors such as attitude, desire, and enthusiasm are important considerations.

What is a Select team Tryout?

A Select team Tryout is a player evaluation, which is conducted over two to four sessions for the purpose of selecting the most skilled and suitable players in an age group to form one or more Select teams.

Do players need to attend every session of the try-out??

Yes. Missing any of the sessions will definitely affect your chances of being selected.

How much does it cost to attend a Select team Tryout?

\$35, which is a one-time annual fee for all Tryouts (including Metro level) a player may participate in.

If more than one team is formed will players be placed with their friends??

No. The NSGSC has a policy to form balanced Select teams if two or more teams are placed at the same level in the same age group. Players will be placed on teams according to player rankings from the evaluation process.

If more than one team is formed will players be permitted to request a specific coach??

No. Under no circumstances can players expect to choose the coach. Players must expect to be placed with any of the coaches for that age group.

Will players remain with their existing team if they are unsuccessful??

Yes, unless they have requested a transfer.

How many players will be chosen??

For U12, a minimum of twelve (12) players will be chosen per team and a maximum of fourteen (14). For U13-U16, a minimum of sixteen (16) players and a maximum of eighteen (18) players may be chosen per team. BCSA allows up to twenty (20) players at U17 and U18.

If more than one team is selected, will there be an "A" and a "B" squad??

No. NSGSC policy states that Select teams are to be balanced within each level in each age group.

Are there any refunds for players who accept positions on a Select team?

No. Once a player has accepted a position on a Select team that player is not eligible for a refund of their registration fees and Select team fees. The reason is that it can cause problems with respect to team competitiveness and balance if a player subsequently changes their mind. However, a player who is offered a position on a Select team can turn down that spot at the time they are offered the position on the team.