

## **MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION TOWN SELECT LEAGUE**

### **WHAT IS THE MASS YOUTH TOWN SELECT LEAGUE?**

The Massachusetts Youth Soccer Town Select League (TSL) is a partnership between Mass Youth and its town member organizations to offer selected players a higher level of training and competition. It is envisioned as a bridge path to higher level state and club programs. It is not a replacement for existing town based or club programs.

### **WHO RUNS THE TOWN SELECT LEAGUE?**

The TSL is operated by Mass Youth Soccer staff under direction of the Mass Youth Board of Directors and Advisory Council of town organizations who have opted in to the program. The participating towns will be grouped into Town Section Groups (TSGs) based on player participation and geographic location.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TSL?**

For the Fall 2017-Spring 2018 soccer year, the TSL program will be offered to 11U (born in 2007), 12U (born in 2006), 13U (born in 2005) and 14U (born in 2004) boys and girls who participate in town-based programs who are members of Essex County Youth Soccer, Middlesex Youth Soccer League and BAYS. Players are selected via tryouts, and must be active in their town travel programs and must not be committed to a club program.

### **HOW ARE TRYOUTS RUN?**

Tryouts will be conducted at multiple locations over a 4-week period. Players must pre-register and tryout dates and locations will be posted on on the TSL of the Mass Youth website. The tryouts will be overseen by the Mass Youth Technical Staff, with evaluators made up of selected coaches and town representatives. Each tryout will be scheduled for approximately 90-minutes, and there will be multiple sessions available.

### **DOES EVERYONE MAKE A TEAM?**

No. As the name indicates, the TSL is a Select league. Players are offered positions based on tryouts. In most cases, there will be one team per age/gender, but additional teams may be formed if warranted by numbers and development level of players trying out.

### **WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED OF PLAYERS?**

Players on TSL teams will have one weeknight practice/training session per week and will play 6 games per season (fall/spring). Games will be scheduled on Sundays starting at noon, and there will be 2 games each in September and October, concluding with a 2 game Jamboree in November.

## **HOW FAR DO PLAYERS AND FAMILIES NEED TO TRAVEL?**

Practices will take place on local fields within the player's TSG. Games will be played on fields located within the designated regions based on participation. Every effort will be made to keep travel time under normal traffic circumstances to 45 minutes or less.

## **WHO ARE THE COACHES?**

TSL Coaches will be compensated employees of Mass Youth, and will be selected via an application process. Each coach will meet specific education and experience levels, supported by references and recommendations by our town members.

## **HOW MUCH DOES TSL COST?**

The player fee for the fall/spring soccer year is \$700. This includes all expenses including coaches, field rentals, team equipment, staff fees, referee fees, and full uniform. Note that no player who qualifies for a team will be denied a place due to financial considerations.

## **WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?**

Payment will be due when a player is selected for, and accepts, a position on a team. Payments may be full or distributed in 3 installments.

## **WHAT ABOUT THE WINTER?**

The TSL will offer players the opportunity for winter training and/or futsal competition. Winter sessions will be available as a separate registration and fee. Details will be available in September.

## **HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOWN SELECT LEAGUE?**

1. Visit the TSL page on the Mass Youth website

[http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/programs/town\\_select\\_league/](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/programs/town_select_league/)

2. Ask your town administrator if your town is participating
3. Email us at [tsl-info@mayouthsoccer.org](mailto:tsl-info@mayouthsoccer.org)

## **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

The link to register players for tryouts, as well as a link for coaching applications, is located on the TSL page on the Mass Youth website.

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