



EBYSA Spring Travel — Tryout Process

Overview

East Bridgewater Youth Soccer Association (EBYSA) fields competitive spring travel teams that play in the **South Shore Soccer League (SSSL)** against neighboring towns. Tryouts are organized by EBYSA and run by independent evaluators to ensure a fair, consistent process. Evaluator rankings are used to form teams; after rosters are set, the EBYSA Board assigns coaches based on qualifications and team needs. Our goal is to place players where they will develop and compete best within SSSL.

Eligibility & Grade Bands

Spring Travel is open to all players **in grade 3 and up**. Teams are formed within the following grade bands:

- **Grades 3–4**
 - **Grades 5–6**
 - **Grades 7–8**
 - **High School (Grades 9–10)**
 - **Post-Grad (Grade 11 and up)**
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Tryout Schedule & Location

- **Two-night format:** Tryouts for each grade band are held across two evenings. Players are encouraged to attend both.
 - **Location:** Unless weather prohibits, all tryouts are held at the **EBYSA Belmont Street fields**.
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How Tryouts Work

1) Registration

- **Registration is required** as it **helps us plan** appropriate staffing and field setup and signals a player's intent to participate.
- If a player cannot attend tryouts (including for injury), **registering lets us note availability and timelines**. Players who do not attend have fewer evaluation data points, which may affect placement.

2) Two-Night Format

- Players are asked to attend **both nights** to give evaluators the most complete view of each player's abilities.

3) Independent Evaluation

- Sessions are led by evaluators with **extensive experience** coaching and assessing youth players.
- Where possible, evaluators are **not associated with EBYSA**. If an EBYSA-affiliated evaluator is used, they **may only evaluate groups in which they have no involvement**.

4) Team Formation

- **Independent evaluator rankings** are used to form teams across the grade bands.
- The **South Shore Soccer League seeks competitive balance within its divisions**. Accordingly, EBYSA creates teams in a **hierarchical structure** and works with SSSL to **place each team in the division** that best fits its developmental stage and competitive needs.

5) Coach Selection

- After rosters are finalized, the EBYSA Board assigns coaches from the pool of volunteers who expressed interest.
- Selection factors include:
 - Prior coaching experience (town and/or club)
 - Coaching licenses/certifications
 - Standing with the EBYSA Board and overall fit for the roster

6) Results & Acceptance

- **Results are posted** once teams and coaches are set.
 - Families typically have **about two weeks** to **accept** the roster spot.
 - If a spot is not accepted by the deadline, it **may be offered to another player**.
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Notes

- EBYSA strives to **avoid cuts whenever possible**, but Spring Travel teams are formed for a **competitive league**, and roster sizes/placements cannot always guarantee a spot for every player.
- Communication regarding dates, weather contingencies, and any updates will be provided via EBYSA channels.