

Boys U11 Competitive Soccer – 2011 Season

Information Letter

Welcome to U11 Competitive Boys Soccer Tryouts! Coaches and coordinators have been preparing for the upcoming season and this note will provide you with some initial information about BU11 competitive plans for the 2010 season and to confirm the upcoming tryout schedule.

Teams

The club has decided to field two U11 Boys Premier teams and two Div 1 teams. While at the Div 1 level, teams will be balanced, at the Premier level, the two teams will not be equal in strength although they will play in the same division. The Red Premier team will be made up of 13 or 14 of the strongest premier players and will demand the highest level of commitment from players and their parents. The Black Premier team will consist of 13 or 14 committed premier level players but will permit slightly more flexibility. This “unbalanced teams” approach, which is commonly undertaken by most clubs at the U11 age group, is done in order to increase the chances of fielding both a U12 Level 5 Premier 1 and a U12 Level 5 Premier 2 team in 2011 (both of which require qualification based on U11 season placement results).

Coaching

The Red team will be coached by Larry Blanchette while the Black team will be coached by Ian Glasgow. The selection of Div 1 team coaches still remains to be made.

Financial/Volunteerism Commitment

Parents of players who are selected for one of the Premier or Div 1 teams will be expected to make a contribution of approximately \$100-\$150 per player to the team, in addition to their OISC registration fees. Uniforms cost approximately \$50-75. Parents will also be expected to participate in voluntary activities such as team administration and fundraising. (Each team requires a parent manager, tournament manager, trainer, and equipment manager etc.) Some fundraising is also required and all parents are expected to participate in the OISC Icebreaker tournament in a fundraising capacity.

Tournaments

Decisions on tournament participation will be made at the team level, however, all BU11 Boys competitive teams will participate in the OISC Icebreaker tournament scheduled for June 5/6, 2010. Players who make the Red Premier team will likely play in 4-5 tournaments throughout the

summer including one tournament outside of the National Capital Region. The Black Premier team and Div 1 teams will likely play in 2-3 local tournaments.

Team Participation

Typically, the players will be expected to attend 2 practices and one game per week. Vacations must be planned with the head coach and team manager. Please note that those players on the Premier Red team will be limited to two weeks of scheduled holidays. As per club policy, those players on the Premier Black team will also be limited to 2 weeks of holidays although some flexibility may be permitted with advanced notice.

Season length

The season is expected to start the third week in May and continue through September 1, 2010.

Try-outs

Try-outs for the U10 Boys begin on **March 4, 2010**. For many, this may be the first competitive tryout in soccer and we look forward to making it an enjoyable experience.

Try-outs can be a stressful experience for both children and parents. We would encourage parents to keep expectations and pressure at a minimum in order to make the experience as positive as possible.

In order to participate in tryouts, your child's 2010 registration package must be received by the OISC before the tryout process begins. **There will be no exceptions made to this policy.** The registration forms can be found at <http://www.ottawasoccer.com/reg-youthcompboys.php>.

Players will be given a card at the first session that will need to be filled out. On this card, players will indicate their name, preferred position, the team level for which they are trying out (i.e. Premier Red, Premier Black or Div 1), and planned length of holiday time.

Tryout Format

1. There will be a number of practice / tryout sessions for each boy to attend over the next 3-4 weeks (from March 4 to April 17. Please note that there will be no tryouts held over the March Break period). The coaches will advise players of skills they will be looking for in players during the evaluation phase. These will include: dribbling, passing, speed and agility, strength, athleticism, stamina, sense of play and sportsmanship. The ability to listen and learn is vital.
2. The initial sessions will be for skill building and conditioning. We will mix the boys around for the latter sessions so that all of the coaches see all of them in a game situation.
3. If you cannot attend any of the sessions below, please advise me by return email. If placement in the other group would be more convenient, again please advise me by e-mail.

4. There is no mandatory number of tryout dates to attend, but if your son misses more than one, the coaches will reserve the right to assign your son to the DSP on that basis, as it will be very difficult for them to evaluate skills fairly against other boys for competitive teams. In the event of special circumstances or non-availability, please contact me immediately.

Assessment during try-outs:

OISC qualified coaching staff will assess players with the assistance of outside consultants in order to determine which competitive team would be best for each player’s development, or whether they should continue with the Developmental Soccer Program (DSP). Consultants may include the coaching staff of a different team, or an individual deemed suitable by the club or coaching staff.

Communication of Tryout Results

Parents and players will be made aware of the tryout results by e-mail in a timely manner by the U11 try-out Convenor, Monique Potvin Kent.

Try-out Schedule

Everyone is to attend the first two sessions on March 4 and March 11th. **If your son’s last name begins with the letter A through H, please attend the Group A sessions. If your son’s last name begins with the letter I through Z, please attend the Group B sessions.** After these two initial sessions, you will be advised by e-mail as to when your son’s next tryout will occur. For planning purposes, the next tryout will be at the Gloucester Dome either from 6-7 pm or 7-8 pm on Wednesday March 24th.

Date	Time	Place
Thursday March 4	6:00 – 7:30 pm Group A or 7:30 – 9:00 pm Group B	St-Patrick Intermediate
Thursday March 11	6:00 – 7:30 pm Group A or 7:30 – 9:00 pm Group B	St-Patrick Intermediate

***Boys that are trying out in Group A should attend the group A tryouts only. Boys that are trying out in Group B should attend the Group B tryouts only.

What to bring to tryouts:

For ALL tryout sessions:

- We ask boys to arrive 10 minutes early so that they can get their bibs, be changed and be ready to start on time.
- Bring a soccer ball (size no. 4) and water bottle.
- Shin pads are mandatory.

For gym sessions ONLY:

- Bring non-marking indoor running shoes (not cleats) or indoor soccer shoes.

For Gloucester Dome sessions:

- Players should wear cleats (and not running shoes).

Location of try-out venues:

St-Pat's Intermediate School (not be confused with St-Pat's High School),
1485 Heron Rd.
<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/8-UOo3s9r7vxXDHXPIqZnl>

Gloucester Dome
1660 Bearbrook Rd.
http://www.mapquest.com/mq/10-w*7B
(Be careful not to end up at the Louis Riel Dome which is just across the road and down a bit.)

Parents Meeting

A parent's meeting will be held **Thursday March 11th at 7:30 pm** at St. Pat's Intermediate school.

Contact information:

Please contact the try-out convenor, Monique Potvin Kent, mpk@rogers.com should you have any questions regarding the tryout process. Questions can also be directed to Larry Blanchette, larry.blanchette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or the VP of the Boys competitive program, Bob Monaghan boys-competitive@ottawasoccer.com

Thank you in advance for your assistance in making this a positive process. We look forward to meeting all of the players, and wish them the best of luck in the tryouts and a successful and enjoyable soccer season.