



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ❖ What is the difference between Recreational (in-house) and Travel soccer?
 - Travel soccer is intended to be a more competitive option for players who have the desire and ability to play soccer at a higher level. Games are played against similarly skilled teams from surrounding communities.
- ❖ Who can play for Strongsville Travel Soccer?
 - Strongsville's Travel Soccer league is open to boys and girls who are residents of the City of Strongsville. We have teams for players in grades 1 through 8. All teams are governed by the Ohio Travel Soccer League (OHTSL).
- ❖ Do you have to try out for a travel team?
 - Simply put, yes. Tryouts are typically held in late May to early June for the following Fall and Spring seasons. Please consult the SSO Travel website for schedule information.
- ❖ What should we expect at tryouts?
 - Age appropriate evaluations, impartial scoring, attempt to place participants on teams, but there is a risk of being cut (not selected) in the older age groups.
- ❖ Who coaches the Travel teams?
 - Our coaching staff is comprised of volunteer coaches who have either coached for several years or have had playing experience.
- ❖ How are players selected for teams?
 - Players are placed on a team with other players at a similar skill level. Parents must accompany players to the tryouts to fill out the required paperwork. In addition, a 1 x 1 (passport type) photo is required for their player card.
- ❖ When and where are games played?
 - Games are typically played on Sunday afternoons or on weekday evenings. Home games are played either at the Darice or Ehrnfelt Soccer Complexes in Strongsville. Away game locations are dependent on your team's division. OHTSL includes teams in the Northern Ohio region and are generally less than 1 hour travel time from Strongsville. The Fall season typically starts in late August, and ends mid-October. There are no games played Labor Day weekend. The Spring season typically starts in mid-April and continues until early-June. There are no games Memorial Day weekend. Teams may elect to play indoor soccer during the winter season on an individual basis (coordinated by the Team Manager and Coach).

- ❖ When and where do teams practice?
 - Practice schedules are coordinated by the team's coach. Teams typically practice 1-2 times a week at the Post Office fields.

- ❖ How much does it cost to play Travel Soccer?
 - A registration fee of \$75 is due at tryouts in the Spring. If your child is not placed on a team, the fee will be refunded. In addition, all travel team families are required to purchase 2 tickets to the annual Strongsville Soccer Reverse Raffle fundraiser held in early February. Players must also purchase a Strongsville Soccer kit (uniform consisting of a green jersey, white jersey, shorts, and socks). Optional merchandise includes a soccer backpack and warm-ups.

- ❖ Can my son/daughter play both Travel and Recreational (in-house) soccer at the same time?
 - Yes. The only drawback to playing both Travel and Recreational (in-house) soccer is that there may be an occasional schedule conflict. We however do NOT allow players to play both Club and Recreational (in-house) soccer simultaneously.

- ❖ Is there a discount for multiple players from the same household?
 - No. SSO Travel Soccer does not provide a discount for multiple players in the same household. A discount IS available for Recreational (in-house) soccer for multiple players, or for players in both Travel and Recreational (in-house) from the same household.