

Chicago Edge Soccer Club Tryouts

Frequently asked questions:



1. How do open tryouts work?

Open tryouts mean that every player, whether returning or new to travel soccer, is evaluated using the same criteria. Tryouts will include ball based skills work with smaller and larger sided games (as space allows). Professional coaches will evaluate each player on athletic ability, technical skills and attitude.

2. How many teams will be formed within each age group?

We will form as many teams as necessary to try to accommodate the number of players capable of playing travel soccer in each age group. Teams are formed based on the merit rankings of each player in the age group. Previous club/team played for will not be used as a criterion for player ranking or team placement.

3. Who are the evaluators for the try-outs?

Evaluators will be the professional coaches that work with Chicago Edge SC. The Directors of Coaching will make all final decisions in terms of team placement.

4. Do I need to attend both tryout dates?

Attendance at both tryouts for U11-14 players is **strongly encouraged**. However, with a valid reason absence can be excused. Please remember, the more we see of a player the easier it is to place them on the appropriate team.

5. Can my son/daughter play with their friends?

As a competitive soccer program all team placement decisions are based on merit alone with no consideration given to friends, car pools, community lived in etc.

6. Can my son/daughter play "up"?

In general, players must tryout in their age group. When developmentally appropriate, players may *play up* an age group to remain challenged. However, this is not encouraged and is done on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Directors of Coaching. Please contact the Directors of Coaching to discuss the options available to you.

If they are currently playing in an age group above and want to stay up, they then **must** tryout in both age groups, their true age group as well as the older one. Players with August birthdays can play with their school grade peers if they choose to do so and only need to attend tryouts for that age group. Once the coaches have assessed the players they will be assigned accordingly to the appropriate team/age group.

7. How will I find out if my son/daughter made a team?

Within 48 hours of the last tryout session for each age group, each player will receive an email inviting him or her to join a specific team. Families will then be asked to go online and pay a nonrefundable \$100 deposit within 48 hours to hold a spot for registration night.

8. Can my son/daughter move up a level mid year?

The Directors of Coaching reserve the right to move players between teams mid year prior to the start of the spring outdoor season. Any roster switches would only occur if the facts clearly and plainly show in the sole discretion of the coaching staff that a switch is justified – not on parental request. Player switches will mean players moving both 'up' and 'down' in team level.