

Clifton Park Soccer Club Evaluation Information

July 2017

Introduction

The purpose of the Clifton Park Soccer Club is to teach the game of soccer to youth of the community; to operate a youth soccer club and help in developing the character of youth of the community and to foster and engage in competition for the furtherance of the above purposes.

Eligibility

Clifton Park Soccer Club has Birth Year Boys and Girls travel team players that must reside within the boundaries of the Town of Clifton Park or the Shenendehowa School District to try out and play for the club.

Tryouts

A minimum of two tryouts will be held for each age group. The times are posted on the Clifton Park Soccer Club Website, www.cliftonparksoccerclub.com. Individual coordinators at their discretion may schedule additional tryouts. An age group coordinator selected by the Clifton Park Soccer Club Coaching Committee/Coaching Director conducts the tryouts. Other persons who have stated an interest in coaching at that age group, other non-parent evaluators and in many age groups a member of the CPSC Coaching Committee/Coaching Director may also provide help in the evaluation process. Selection to "A" level teams will occur first, followed by selection to "B" level teams and lower depending on the number of available coaches. The CPSC is limited in the number of teams that its facility can accommodate and it may not be possible to place all who try out on a team. The number of teams in an age group will be determined after assessment of the total number of players trying out at each age level throughout the club. Children SHOULD be born during calendar year 2011 To begin play in CPSC.

Playing Season

Fall practice/league is to the discretion of the individual teams. Indoor practice begins in December and continues through March. Teams will have one gym indoor practice time per week, usually on a weekend provided by the CPSC. In addition, most teams participate in some indoor league and/or tournaments. This is decided on a team-by-team basis. Practice for the outdoor season begins in April and league play usually begins by the last weekend in April. The outdoor season ends with the culmination of CDYSL Spring season.

CPSC teams compete in the Capital District Youth Soccer League and play a 10 game schedule. Most teams also enter tournaments during the spring and early summer. Again, this decision is on a team-by-team basis. During April through June teams average two practices and one to two games per week.

Cost

Each child pays a registration fee of \$275.00 (subject to change by Board of Director approval). The \$275.00 is paid to the Clifton Park Soccer Club and includes the cost of one uniform, a portion of tournament fees, insurance, indoor gym fees and referee fees. The registration fee also includes a multi-week Winter Skills program for players under

the age of 12 yrs. and additional monetary stipends to older teams. Additional fees will be collected during the year for indoor leagues, additional practice and /or tournaments. These fees will vary from team to team and will begin to occur shortly after placement on a team. No fee will be collected unless a child is placed on a team.

The "A" teams for both boys and girls may have a paid coach. Each team member will pay an extra \$250.00 to the club to cover part of the coach's salary. The team will also cover the coach's expenses to away tournaments.

Members of other teams may pay an additional \$150.00 per player coaching fee if the coach of that team is a non-parent and requests this fee. The team will also cover the coach's expenses for away tournaments.

A TYPICAL COST SCANARIO COULD be as follows:

Costs are a bit tricky as it depends on what the team decides to do. The club costs are currently \$275.00 which covers uniform, indoor gym time at Shen, insurance, outdoor referee fees, outdoor league fees and an additional tournament entry fee (\$400.00). The registration fee also includes a multi-week Winter Skills program for players under the age of 12 yrs. and additional monetary stipends to older player teams. This is the only fixed fee! Other costs are divided amongst the members of the team. For example, an indoor league session last year cost the team \$850.00. If there are 14 players on the team, it would cost each of them \$60.00 per session. Tournaments typically cost \$375.00 (\$27.00 per player). In summary, the "typical" player, playing 3 indoor sessions, playing 2 indoor tournaments and 3 outdoor tournaments would expend:

\$275.00 CPSC registration fee
\$180.00 indoor sessions
\$135.00 (5 tournaments)

YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY!

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR CPSC FEES OR COACHES FEES

It is important that players attend as many practices and games as possible to improve individual skills and team play. The travel program is competitive and not recreational. The coach determines playing time. The Board of Directors and the Coaching Committee encourage full participation by all players as well as emphasizing the need to provide development of all team members.

Notification of Team Placement

Within a reasonable time period of the last tryout date all those participating will be notified whether they are preliminarily placed on a team and at what level. If your child is placed on a team that does not have a coach, you may be asked to help with coaching. If a coach cannot be found, a team will not be formed. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the person who conducted the tryout, age group coordinator or access the webpage at www.cliftonparksoccerclub.com

Communication with CPSC

The CPSC Ombudsman Committee is available to address concerns, which you may have regarding club activities. The Chairperson of this Committee is Tom Werner. He can be reached at 652-2733 or via email – wct2842@gmail.com.

Zero Tolerance Policy, Code of Conduct and Whistleblower policies

The CPSC has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct for its players, parents, Coaches and CPSC Board /Officers as well as a Whistleblower policy. Please see copy on our website www.cliftonparksoccerclub.com

Volunteer Responsibilities

The CPSC is a volunteer organization that depends heavily on its members to function. Once your child is placed on a team we look forward to working with you to increase the benefits to all club members.

Every parent is a club member with volunteer responsibilities. Without your help we cannot continue to offer the exceptional soccer program, which the Clifton Park Soccer Club provides.

During the year each parent will be required to volunteer 2 hours of your time to help with various activities necessary to keep the program functioning at its best. These 2 hours DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS YOUR TOURNAMENT HOURS.

For example: in the spring the fields need to be lined, nets put back on the goals, raking and general clean-up needs to be done. In the fall, it's the opposite, everything needs to come down and be put away for the winter. There are several other things that need to be maintained during the entire season and that is why your help is needed.

The CPSC hosts two tournaments each year. Players under 12 yrs of age over Columbus Day weekend and players over 14 yrs of age over Mother's Day Weekend. Parents may be required to volunteer for either or both tournaments without regard to your child (children's) participation in that tournament. (i.e. If you have a player under 12 yrs you will be volunteering Mother's Day weekend, if you have a player over 14 yrs you will be volunteering Columbus Day weekend.) All Clifton Park travel teams compete.

A tournament of this size and quality requires not only extraordinary planning and coordination, but also a strong structure of volunteer support. Volunteers are needed from late winter, i.e. Advertising through take-down/cleanup at the end of the tournaments.

Each travel team parent, that means BOTH MOM AND DAD, are required to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours for EACH CHILD in the club, in support of the tournament.

For example: if you have 2 children playing in the club then Mom must do 2 hours for each child and Dad 2 hours for each child. Total hours – 4 for Mom and 4 for Dad. There are several ways to put in those hours and they do not necessarily have to be done during the tournament. There are several jobs that need to be done during the week prior to the tournament.

In addition, if foreign teams participate you may be asked to host some of the visiting players.

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