

WHAT TO BRING ON TRYOUT DAY

- CLEATS AND, SHIN GUARDS MUST BE WORN
- BRING THE CORRECT SIZE SOCCER BALL FOR THE TEAM YOU ARE TRYING OUT FOR.. THERE WILL NOT BE A PUMP AVAILABLE.
- BRING A WATER BOTTLE. NONE WILL BE SUPPLIED.
- ALL PLAYERS PLEASE WEAR WHITE SHIRTS TO EACH DAY OF TRYOUTS

PLEASE ALSO BRING A PHOTO OF PLAYER (THIS WILL NOT BE RETURNED) AND THE PLAYERS BIRTH CERTIFICATE IF PLAYER HAS NOT PLAYED COMPETITIVE PREVIOUSLY

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

ALTHOUGH ALL PLAYERS CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO AND PLAYING WITH EYSA/NORTH PORT FUSION HAVE BEEN EVALUATED THROUGH THE YEAR, IT IS STILL MANDATORY THAT EACH PLAYER TO ATTEND THE FUSION FC TRYOUTS. RETURNING PLAYERS ARE NOT GUARANTEED PLACEMENT ON A TEAM WITHIN THE CLUB. HOWEVER THE FUSION FC IS COMMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PLAYERS TO PREPARE THEM TO EARN SPOTS WITHIN THE CLUB. THE TECHNICAL STAFF ULTIMATELY MAKES THE DECISIONS ON PLAYER PLACEMENT. PLAYER PLACEMENT IS BASED UPON COMMITMENT, INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, PERFORMANCE, AGE GROUP, TEAM NEEDS, TEAM CHEMISTRY, ATTITUDE, ATTENDANCE, AND POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

PARENTS MAY ATTEND THE TRYOUTS, ALTHOUGH OUR EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT YOUR PRESENCE ONLY SERVES TO DISTRACT BOTH PLAYERS AND THOSE RUNNING THE TRYOUT, AND ALSO PLACES UNNECESSARY PRESSURE ON YOUR CHILDREN. IF YOU DO STAY, PLEASE JUST OBSERVE - I.E., NO CHEERING OR COACHING. IF YOU LEAVE YOUR CHILD AND COME BACK, PLEASE BE A LITTLE EARLY.

THE LESS TIME SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AT THE FIELD MEANS THE MORE SOCCER TIME FOR THE CHILDREN. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE TRYOUT INVITATION LETTER AND ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES EARLY TO BE CHECKED IN. WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE EVALUATED FAIRLY.

AS IN PAST SEASONS, WE HAVE MANY MORE TALENTED PLAYERS THAN WE HAVE AVAILABLE ROSTER POSITIONS. THIS MEANS THAT ONLY SOME PLAYERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR TRAVEL. REMEMBER: WHETHER YOUR SON/DAUGHTER MAKES IT OR NOT, THEY'RE ALL GOOD PLAYERS.

PARENTS/PLAYERS MAY BE NOTIFIED OF THE OUTCOME OF A TRYOUT IN ONE OF SEVERAL WAYS, BY EMAIL OR BY PHONE. THE PERSON(S) CHECKING IN PLAYERS AT EACH TRYOUT SESSION SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE TIMING AND MECHANISM OF FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATION.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NEW PLAYERS THINKING OF TRYING OUT AND THEIR FAMILIES CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE COMMITMENT REQUIRED TO PLAY TRAVEL SOCCER BEFORE TRYOUTS. DROPPING OUT WHEN THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE OR NEAR COMPLETE IS UNFAIR TO OTHER CHILDREN WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BE CONSIDERED AND INCONSIDERATE OF THOSE WHO PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT INTO TRYING TO EVALUATE THESE PLAYERS.

EYSA RECOGNIZES THAT CHILDREN DEVELOP AT DIFFERENT RATES, BOTH IN TERMS OF ABILITY AND INTEREST LEVEL. MANY TERRIFIC PLAYERS IN ALL SPORTS HAVE FAILED TO MAKE A TEAM AT SOME POINT - MICHAEL JORDAN IS A FAMOUS EXAMPLE WHO FAILED TO MAKE HIS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM - BUT THEY WERE DETERMINED AND KEPT TRYING. WE HOPE THAT ALL PLAYERS WHO TRY OUT, WHETHER SELECTED FOR A TRAVEL TEAM OR NOT, WILL NOT BE DISCOURAGED FROM CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCCER OR OTHER SPORTS. KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR TRAVEL TEAMS WILL CONTINUE TO NEED PLAYERS AS THE SIZE OF THE TEAMS INCREASES AND AS PLAYERS GET OLDER AND FOCUS ON OTHER SPORTS OR INTERESTS. IN ADDITION, NO PLAYER IS GUARANTEED A SPOT ON A TEAM JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE PLAYED BEFORE. WE WOULD LIKE OUR TRYOUTS TO BE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME