

## **A Parents Guide to Space Coast United Competitive Program Tryouts**

Each year, Space Coast United Soccer Club (SCUSC) holds tryouts for its competitive program teams in the early part of the summer, usually late May or early June. We have entertained a significant number of questions in recent years and have compiled them as a “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ) sheet for your convenience.

### ***When are tryouts and where can I find out more information?***

Tryouts are held shortly after Memorial Day weekend and the date for tryouts is determined each year by our governing bodies, the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) and the Brevard Youth Soccer League (BYSL). The best source for information about tryouts and all of our programs at SCU is [SpaceCoastSoccer.org](http://SpaceCoastSoccer.org).

### ***Who will the Coach and/or Trainer be for my child?***

The determinations of Coaches and Trainers are made annually by the Club’s Director of Coaching and all appointments are posted on the website prior to tryouts.

### ***What is the format of tryouts?***

The SCU Director of Coaching determines the format for all the Competitive Program tryouts. Prospective players will be on the field for 2 hours of training and games while the Coaching Staff evaluates players and determines where they should be placed. Games consist of small-sided play (3v3, 4v4, 6v6) and conclude daily with full-sided soccer per the age group and format the players will experience during the coming seasonal year. U10 play 6v6. U11-12 play 8v8. U13 and older play 11v11.

### ***How do I register for tryouts?***

Forms are available on the website for families to download and fill-out and bring to the tryout facility on their child’s first tryout day. Players must be registered in order to tryout. Registration is done at the park prior to the start of tryouts each day. Each child needs to register only once.

### ***I see on the website that there are numerous different days for tryouts. DO I have to attend all of them?***

The short answer is “No.” We offer several days for players to tryout based on their availability and interest. It is not mandatory for players to attend each day of tryouts, however, it is suggested that players attend as often as possible to provide the Coaches the best opportunity to evaluate the players in competition against one another.

### ***What do I do when I get to the park for registration and tryouts?***

Upon arriving at the park on their **FIRST TRYOUT DAY**, players and parents should make their way to registration (which is usually in the picnic pavilion) to begin the registration process.

### ***What does tryout registration consist of?***

Players can either arrive with their registration forms filled out or complete the forms on-site. Players will be given a tryout number, based on their true rising age

group, and from there will proceed to the age group table where they plan to tryout. (This number is for the player for the duration of the tryouts so be sure to keep it in a safe place between tryout days.) Once there, they will be asked to provide all the information necessary, which consists of a registration form, tryout questionnaire and birth certificate (if the player did not play the previous year under US Youth Soccer or FYSA).

***After registering my child, what comes next?***

Upon concluding registration, parents and players will be advised on which field they are to report and when the tryout will begin by the person that registered them.

***What age group should my child tryout for?***

We strongly recommend that players tryout and are ultimately registered in their true age grouping which can be determined through their tryout number. However, players are free to tryout in whichever age groups they want. All players selected to play outside of their natural age group upon the completion of the trials must have the Club's Director of Coaching's (DoC) approval. For players to be represented on a team more than one natural age grouping, they must have the Club DoC's approval as well as approval from the FYSA DoC.

***What should I do during the actual tryout?***

Players will be gathered, per age group, on their designated field assignment. They will be instructed to leave all personal belongings (bags, water coolers, etc.) in a specified location. Parents are respectfully requested to keep a distance from the players and their belongings while the child is trying out. Players will place all personal belongings and rest on one side of the field and the parents are asked to keep to the other side of the field and not offer information to their child during the tryout. Parents are not obligated to stay at the park for the duration of the tryout, but are requested to be present at the conclusion of the daily tryouts to escort the child from the facility.

***When will I or my child be notified of their selection?***

Coaches should contact all the players selected by phone within 24-72 hours of the final tryouts.

***I registered at tryouts but chose not to participate or wasn't selected. What becomes of my registration documentation I already submitted?***

All players not selected to the Competitive Program teams or those that elected not to participate after being selected will have ALL their registration documentation destroyed. These players will not be registered with Space Coast United and are free to be represented elsewhere.