



### **HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS?**

Online registration is available at [www.soundfc.org](http://www.soundfc.org) – click on TRYOUTS on the home page. Pre-registration for tryouts is highly recommended. Pre-registration will expedite check-in of your player at their first tryout session.

**Online pre-registration will close 48 hours prior to the start of tryouts for your age group.**

If you are unable to pre-register, walk-up registration is allowed. Walk up registration will cost \$8 more. The walk-up registration fee is \$30 (cash or checks made payable to “NYSA”). Walk up registrants must have a parent or guardian present to sign the medical and liability waiver.

### **WHAT HAPPENS AT TRYOUTS?**

Our teams are formed through a tryout, or a player placement process. Each player is assigned a number to be worn at each tryout session. Players are identified by that unique number during the tryouts. Coaches will base their selections on player skill and ability demonstrated during the tryouts and, for returning players, based on their demonstrated skill, ability and impactfulness throughout the season.

### **WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING TO TRYOUTS?**

Players should bring their soccer shoes, shin guards, a water bottle and a soccer ball and dress appropriately for the weather. If you are new to the club, please bring a copy of your birth certificate or passport to the first tryout session (it will be returned to you). **AT YOUR FIRST SESSION, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A UNIQUE TRYOUT NUMBER...PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR ASSIGNED TRYOUT # TO THE SECOND DAY OF TRYOUTS.** Returning players: please do not wear any clothing or uniform pieces from SFC.

### **HOW WILL MY CHILD BE NOTIFIED IF A SESSION IS RESCHEDULED OR CANCELLED?**

Tryout sessions may be rescheduled or cancelled due to field availability or severe weather. Check back on the Sound FC website frequently before your tryout. Every effort will be made to inform you of any last-minute cancellations or reschedule via email if you are pre-registered. Please also reference our social media channels for updates.

### **DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO ATTEND ALL OF THE TRYOUT SESSIONS?**

We recommend that you attend all the tryout sessions for your age group. The more sessions you attend, the greater the opportunity for the head coach and the evaluators to appropriately assess your skills. You must attend at least one session. If there is an unavoidable conflict with all the sessions for your age, or if you are sick or injured, please contact the appropriate Age Group Head Coach or Director of Coaching. Arrangements can be made to provide you an alternate time to try out. In some circumstances, a supplemental session may be scheduled for an age group.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD IS INJURED AT THE TIME OF THEIR TRYOUT?**

If you are injured and unable to compete fully at tryouts, you will need to register and bring a note from your doctor detailing the injury along with an estimate of when you can resume training. Players will then coordinate with club/team/coach a date when player can receive an opportunity to attend a team training session and be evaluated to be considered for a team. Injured players will be assigned a jersey number, and their injury will be noted on the tryout evaluation sheets.



### **HOW WILL MY CHILD BE OFFERED A SPOT ON A TEAM?**

Roster spots will more than likely begin to be offered throughout the course of the tryout sessions. Once tryouts are completed, the coaches for the respective teams will continue to finalize rosters via phone calls to the players selected.

The A team coach will complete their rosters first followed by the B, C, etc. team coaches. While our goal is to have everyone notified within 48 hours this depends on the coach's ability to reach players/parents and player commitment. You can help the process by sticking close to your home phone or your cell phone following the final tryout session. A decision on an offer will be expected when the coach calls. You should give thought in advance to the various offers you might receive so you can give the coach an answer right away.

Following the final tryout session for your age group, the coaches will confirm their selections with the Coaching Director(s). All players who try out will receive a phone call by a Sound FC Coach, regardless of whether they have been selected for a team or not. If you have not heard from Sound FC three days after the final tryout session, please contact the Sound FC Director of Soccer Operations, Jason Farrell.

### **COMMITMENTS TO TEAMS ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY**

When a player makes a commitment to Sound FC by accepting an offer extended by a coach, that commitment is not taken lightly. Sound FC takes careful consideration in extending an offer to a player and each player should do the same in making their decision to accept a roster spot. If a player breaks their commitment, not only will we have lost one player, but we will have lost another who would have committed and filled the roster spot. When a player makes a commitment to join a team it is for one seasonal year of play and one full year of payment to Sound FC. Consequently, Sound FC adheres to a strict "no refund" policy. Once a player has committed to a Sound FC team, they are expected to pay the full year of fees.

### **ARE RETURNING PLAYERS GIVEN PREFERENCE DURING TRYOUTS?**

No. The tryouts are an open process and selection is based on the skill and ability that a player demonstrates at the tryouts.

### **I AM INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR SOUND FC, BUT I CANNOT AFFORD IT. IS THERE A FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM?**

Sound FC has a financial aid program for those who cannot afford the full cost of playing premier soccer. If you wish to apply for financial aid, please fill out the financial aid application and submit to the office PRIOR TO TRYOUTS or at the FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS so the club can determine if you qualify. Please be sure all required financial documents are turned in with the application. You can find the financial aid application on the Sound FC club website.

### **HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR A TEAM?**

Once you have received a phone call from the Sound FC coach and have accepted a position on a team, you will receive an email with registration instructions. You should expect to receive this email within 48 hours of the second day of tryouts. You may need to upload a copy of the player's birth certificate or passport and a headshot for the player's ID card so have those ready. Select your team, acknowledge the waivers/notices, and set up the payment plan or pay in full. All players must be registered before the team formation meeting. Players will not be able to begin practicing until fully registered. If you cannot register



online you may register by filling out paper forms at the Sound FC/NYSA office at 12810 NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 202, Woodinville, WA 98072.

### **TEAM FORMATION MEETING**

After players register, the team will get together for a team formation meeting. Teams meet to:

- 1) Turn in paperwork: Medical Release Form, Codes of Conduct (provided by Team Manager in advance of meeting).
- 2) Submit a check to the Team Treasurer to cover tournament fees, team equipment expenses, etc.
- 3) Sign up for volunteer roles.
- 4) Discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Your coach or team manager will let you know when and where the meeting will be held. Each player must have a parent or guardian attend the team formation meeting.

### **HOW DO I GET A UNIFORM?**

Adidas uniforms will be ordered online through Soccer.com. Each team will have a uniform coordinator who will work with the club's uniform coordinator to set up the team roster and each player's contact information on the soccer.com system. Then an email will be sent directly to the parent with the ordering guidelines.