

## **TRYOUT PLAYER EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA:**

A Player wishing to play for Naples Youth Soccer Club for the 2009/2009 season will be evaluated by observing him/her under the pressures of annual open tryouts, during seasonal practices, scrimmages, and especially games. Only the Director of Coaching, trainers, evaluators and the Team Coach will confer in matters of player evaluation and selection. Current and potential team members will be evaluated in the **4 components of soccer**.

1. **TECHNICAL ABILITY:** Including ball control, ball movement, shooting, passing, keeper skills, etc.
2. **TACTICAL UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION:** Including player positioning, offensive and defensive understanding, decision making, etc.
3. **MENTAL DIMENSION:** Including work ethic, positive attitude, ability to learn and contribute to team and club goals, etc.
4. **PHYSICAL DIMENSION:** Including endurance, speed, reaction and other athletic attributes.

Our Team Coaches make decisions on player selection based on their best judgment of the player demonstrating the highest productivity in the 4 components of soccer (above) throughout the game of competitive soccer.

The team coach under the supervision of the Director of Coaching is responsible to make decisions for the good of Naples Youth Soccer Club and the respective age-group team. Politics, parents position in the club, friendships, personal relationships, and financial contribution to Naples Youth Soccer Club or Team will not enter into these decisions.

- **Please Note:** Your understanding here is important, for just as players and parents have freedom to evaluate and select a soccer club without bias and with a full understanding of what is expected of them, our Director of Coaching, trainers, evaluators and the Team Coach expect the same professional courtesy to evaluate and select soccer players as objectively as possible. We may not always agree on issues as sensitive as player evaluation and selection. Yet, we hope you will respect our attempt to be neutral and objective in these matters. A primary objective for our staff is to place each player on the most appropriate team that allows for the greatest opportunity for development and enjoyment.

## **OPEN TRYOUTS DEFINED:**

The Naples Youth Soccer Club open tryouts will be held **May 26th – May 31st** (see schedule below for specific age group dates and times) and are open to all players who meet the age requirements for the Teams in question (see schedule below for specific age group date of birth requirements). Each player will be given a fair opportunity to make a team on Naples Youth Soccer Club. If the Director of Coaching and the team coach deem it necessary, additional late tryouts may be held after initial tryouts to fill open spots on teams.

<b>Naples Youth Soccer Club Sharks Try-Out Schedule</b>		
<b>All tryouts at North Collier Regional Park</b>		
<b>Please arrive 30 minutes early to register</b>		
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>
<b>U9/10 BOYS</b>	<b>TUES MAY 26th SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>6-7.30 PM 8.30-10 AM</b>
<b>U11 BOYS</b>	<b>TUES MAY 26<sup>th</sup> SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>6-7.30 PM 8.30-10 AM</b>
<b>U12 BOYS</b>	<b>TUES MAY 26<sup>th</sup> SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>6-7.30 PM 8.30-10 AM</b>
<b>U13 BOYS</b>	<b>TUES MAY 26th SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>7.30-9 PM 12-1.30 PM</b>
<b>U14 BOYS</b>	<b>TUES MAY 26th SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>7.30-9 PM 12-1.30 PM</b>
<b>U15 BOYS</b>	<b>WEDS MAY 27th SUN MAY 31st</b>	<b>7.30-9 PM 11.30-1 PM</b>
<b>U16 BOYS</b>	<b>WEDS MAY 27th SUN MAY 31st</b>	<b>7.30-9 PM 11.30-1 PM</b>
<b>U17 BOYS</b>	<b>WEDS MAY 27th SUN MAY 31st</b>	<b>7.30-9 PM 11.30-1 PM</b>
<b>U18 BOYS</b>	<b>WEDS MAY 27th SUN MAY 31st</b>	<b>7.30-9 PM 11.30-1 PM</b>
<b>U9/10 GIRLS</b>	<b>WEDS MAY 27th SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>6-7.30 PM 10-11.30 AM</b>
<b>U11 GIRLS</b>	<b>WEDS MAY 27th SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>6-7.30 PM 10-11.30 AM</b>
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<b>U13 GIRLS</b>	<b>THURS MAY 28th SAT MAY 30th</b>	<b>6-7.30 PM 1.30-3 PM</b>
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<b>RAIN OUTS</b>	<b>FRI MAY 29<sup>th</sup> SUN MAY 31ST</b>	<b>6-9 PM 1-4 PM</b>

The open tryout evaluation will usually consist of 2 sessions. Keep in mind that besides the open tryout evaluation period; selection of players decisions can be supplemented based on evaluations from the previous competitive soccer seasons (practices and especially games), and via our Director of Coaching and trainer recommendations. Any decisions made by the Team Coach, and verified by the Director of Coaching are final. Our club's Director of Coaching, trainers, evaluators and Team Coaches will spend significant time and energy in evaluating over 300 players for the 2009-2010 season. These individuals are selected and dedicated to ensure our club continues to serve our soccer community and your children alike. During the open tryout evaluation period please give us the same consideration and inform us whether or not you plan to join Naples Youth Soccer Club if asked to do so post try-outs.

#### **PLAYING UP:**

The Director of Coaching will evaluate any requests for players to play up an age group. Naples Youth Soccer Club believes that the club, teams and players are generally best served with players playing true age group, but that in some situations (grandfathered players, not enough players to form a true age group team, or where a player shows exceptional technical/tactical abilities) there is a possible benefit of playing up an age group. All play-up requests will try-out in their true age group at the 1<sup>st</sup> try-out. For further information on our current 'playing up' guidelines please download the information on the download page at [www.naplessoccer.com](http://www.naplessoccer.com)

#### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PRIMARY TEAM TRY OUTS REPRESENTATION:**

All players trying out for the 'Primary Team' (e.g., A-team or Red team) are expected to accept an invitation to be a member of that team if selected. Any player who has no intention of playing on the 'Primary Team', for any reason, must discuss this with the team coach in advance of the tryouts.

#### **SELECTION NOTIFICATION PROCESS:**

- Players selected for the 'Primary Team' (e.g., A-team or Red Team) will be notified by phone within 36 hours of their last tryout.
- Players are asked to make a verbal commitment at that time.
- If there is more than one team being formed within an age group, players selected to a second team will be notified after the 'primary team' has been notified and is usually within 96 hours following the completion of their last tryout.
- Those not selected for a team will also be notified by phone. Players not selected are encouraged to play with Naples Optimist Soccer recreational program.

#### **TRYOUT APPLICATION FORM:**

We invite you to download and complete our tryout application form on the download page at [www.naplessoccer.com](http://www.naplessoccer.com) in advance of the first try out date. This will help improve the check-in process for the players and organizers. This form will also be used for player Registrations.

**AGE GUIDELINES FOR 2009-2010 SEASON:**

We follow the FYSA August 1st cut off month/day for determining a players "Season Age". To find out a player's seasonal age, click the ([Age Group Calculator](#)) and input the date of birth to see the player's age division. You can also refer to the 'Age Group' table below.

<b>Birth Date Between</b>	<b>Age Group</b>
08/01/91 thru 7/31/92	You are in the U18 (18 years and under)
08/01/92 thru 7/31/93	You are in the U17 (17 years and under)
08/01/93 thru 7/31/94	You are in the U16 (16 years and under)
08/01/94 thru 7/31/95	You are in the U15 (15 years and under)
08/01/95 thru 7/31/96	You are in the U14 (14 years and under)
08/01/96 thru 7/31/97	You are in the U13 (13 years and under)
08/01/97 thru 7/31/98	You are in the U12 (12 years and under)
08/01/98 thru 7/31/99	You are in the U11 (11 years and under)
08/01/99 thru 7/31/00	You are in the U10 (10 years and under)
08/01/00 thru 7/31/01	You are in the U9 (9 years and under)

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

For specific questions that may not be covered in this information elsewhere on the website, please feel free to contact [Gavin Spooner](#).

**2009/2010 COACHES:**

Please check back closer to the tryout dates for the assigned coaches for 2009/2010.