

Gaylord Soccer League Travel Soccer FAQ's

Q: Is travel soccer appropriate for my child?

A: Travel Soccer is a program for the committed, competitive and skilled athlete who wants to train and play at a higher level and has a desire to improve.

Q: Are there tryouts?

A: Teams are formed via tryouts beginning @ U13. U10 through U12 teams are formed and vacant roster spots filled via an open registration process

Q: When is the season?

A: U10 through U14 teams play in both fall and spring and U15 and above girls play in fall and boys play in spring.

Q: Do the teams play in a league?

A: Currently teams play in the Northern Michigan Soccer Alliance (NMSA) which typically consists of teams from Alpena, Traverse City, Petoskey, Grayling, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs, and a few other Northern Michigan communities. NMSA is not a registered league through the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) yet abides by its rules.

Q: When are games played?

A: NMSA games are played only on weekends. Girls typically play on Saturday and boys on Sunday. They play 2 games each day and NMSA requires teams to commit to play at least 4 weekends.

Q: How many tournaments do teams play?

A: It can range from 0 to five. The younger teams (U12 and below) typically play in 1 to 3 tournaments and the older teams playing in 3 to 5. (Teams that play in 4 or 5 tournaments do not play in NMSA)

Q: Where are the tournaments?

A: Cities all over the State of Michigan host tournaments throughout spring and fall. Most teams elect to do tournaments that are closest to Gaylord like Traverse City and Petoskey. However teams from Gaylord have gone to Saginaw, Midland, Canton, Marquette, and occasionally (but rarely) out of State.

Q: How much does a tournament cost?

A: Entry fees range from \$350 to \$500 which is divided evenly among the players. So a tournament that has a fee of \$400 for a team with 16 players would cost each player \$25.

Q: Who coaches travel teams?

A: Most anyone with experience can coach a travel team. Gaylord Soccer League does require the head coach to have a minimum of a level "E" coaching certificate which can be obtained by attending a 2 day course through MSYSA. We are always looking for interested coaches.

Q: How often are practices?

A: Teams practice about 2 to three times per week with practice times of between 1 to two hours.

Q: Bottom line, how much will it cost me to have my son/daughter play travel soccer?

A: The average is usually about \$150 to \$200 *per season* including league registration fees, referee & tournament fees, and uniforms.

If you are interested in finding out more about travel soccer please send an e-mail to info@gaylordsoccer.net