

Gaylord Soccer League

Travel Team Formation U10 thru U12

The Gaylord Soccer League, including the Extreme Select Soccer Club, is a member of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and as such follows MSYSA rules and regulations except for those in which GSL has established a more strict policy than dictated by the MSYSA. GSL also recognizes the United States Soccer Federation and United States Youth Soccer Association as the governing bodies of youth soccer and abides by their policies and practices.

The Gaylord Soccer League (GSL) currently forms teams in these age divisions by a process of open registration. The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) recognizes the “year” as beginning on August 1st and ending on July 31st of the following year. There are typically two seasons in which matches are played, autumn and spring. Teams stay intact for the entire year.

New Team Formation

New teams are assembled during the open registration process in the spring for the seasonal year beginning August 1st. The open registration period will be published in the local news paper and be promoted on the GSL web site. Roster spots will be filled in chronological order of being received. Age appropriate registrants have priority over non age appropriate registrants. If there are roster openings at the conclusion of the open registration period those openings will be filled by the non age appropriate registrations that were received during the open registration in order starting from the oldest age player to youngest.

Each new registration must be mailed individually by the parent or guardian of the player to the specified address. Any registration that is received prior to the specified date of the start of open registration will be returned.

Player Placement

Players will be placed on a team based on being age appropriate. A player might be allowed to play up a **maximum** of 1 age division if approved by the TAC.

Two (2) age divisions will be combined if it is a last resort to keep a team together or form a new team. The age ratio of the players will be taken into consideration prior to combining 2 age divisions.

A player whose birth date falls on, or between, August 1st to October 31st will be allowed to play up in order to be on the team with their classmates. These players however will not be considered age appropriate.

The player of the head coach will be guaranteed a roster spot. Players of assistant coaches are **not** guaranteed roster spots.

If enough registrations have been received in order to create 2 teams the positions will be filled in chronological order of receipt. If there are not enough to fill the roster spots on both teams but enough to create 2 teams with an acceptable number of players the teams will be divided evenly. Any new players would fill spots in an alternating fashion.

Player Additions

Players may be added to a roster at any time after the close of open registration if a position is available. A \$20 late fee will apply to all registrations received after the open registration period.

Roster Size

U10 = 11 players (play 6 V 6)

U 11 & U12 = 14 players (play 8 V 8)

January Registration

There might be an open registration period in January if necessary. This will take place in order to fill any vacant spots on existing teams or to form a new team for the spring season. The dates for the registration will be posted in the local paper and on the GSL web site. All other rules apply regarding to new player registration and player placement.

Waiting List

Upon filling a roster any remaining eligible registrations will be put on a waiting list. If a roster spot becomes available the first player will be contacted and given the opportunity to accept the open roster spot. The player will have 48 hours after being contacted to make a decision. If the position is declined or the allotted time expires the next player will be contacted and so on.

Existing Teams

Existing teams are allowed to remain intact from season to season as long as each player submits a new registration with payment in full, and updated medical release form by the required date. A team representative, including a coach, may collect the registrations and submit them to the registrar in person or via mail. Any roster openings will be filled during open registration. Roster spots will be filled in chronological order of receipt of registration with all age appropriate registrants having priority over non age appropriate registrants. If there are roster openings at the conclusion of the open registration period those openings will be filled by the non age appropriate registrations that were received during the open registration in order starting from the oldest to youngest.

New registrations will be accepted at an advertised registration site during the specified time of the event(s). They can also be mailed to the GSL P.O. Box. Each new registration must be mailed individually by the parent or guardian of the player. Any registration that is received prior to the specified date of the start of open registration will be rejected.

Player Transfers

As specified by GSL guide lines no more than two (2) players are allowed to transfer to or from any one team during the season. Transfers request forms must be completed by the coach and parent of the player and submitted with associated transfer fees. Transfer requests are reviewed prior to approval/denial by the Travel Advisory Committee.

A player that has been rostered on an existing team will be required to follow the open registration procedure if they desire to join a different team.

Dual Registration

Players are prohibited from registering for more than one team regardless of affiliation. Per MSYSA rules a team with a dual registered player will forfeit all sanctioned games during the time the player was dual registered.

Team Reorganization

In the event a team has been formed or has acquired players from more than one age group the GSL Travel Advisory Committee has the authority to remove non age appropriate players to an age appropriate team. This will not be done if it jeopardizes the team the non age appropriate player is currently on.

Coaches

Travel soccer is considered a higher level of play than that of a recreational league. The players are expected to have the desire to be willing to learn the technical, tactical, and, physical aspects of the game. Coaches are also expected to have the necessary knowledge and teaching skills in order to properly develop players. All travel teams are required to have at least one coach attain an E level coaching certificate within 6 months of the organization of a team or accepting a new coaching position. In the interim of attaining the E certificate all new coaches will be required to attend a two hour session focused on the basics of coaching practices. This course is presented by the GSL DOC or approved instructor.

The E level certificate is a three day course usually beginning on a Friday evening and ending on Sunday mid afternoon. There are typically about 12 classes held throughout the State at various times of the year. Cost for the E certificate is \$100. A portion of the class cost will be reimbursed the coach by GSL.

Team Manager

Each team must have a designated team manager to handle various aspects of the teams operations. Most importantly is the TM must be responsible for all team monetary aspects. The TM must be someone other than the assistant coach and can not be related to either the coach or assistant coach.

Registration Costs (effective April 1st, 2010)

\$65 per player per year

\$35 new players for spring only

Note: A \$20 late fee will be applied to all registrations not received during the open registration period. No refunds will be given after the team roster has been submitted to the MSYSA.

*A player that was a registered recreational player with the GSL in the fall of the previous year is exempt from fees for the spring season

The above information can be reviewed and changed at any time by the Travel Advisory Committee with the approval of the Gaylord Soccer League Board of Directors.

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