

BETTENDORF SOCCER ASSOCIATION

TRYOUT PROCESS

In June of each year, Bettendorf Soccer Association (BSA) conducts tryouts for their U11 - U19 (birth years 2013 – 2005) boys' and girls' teams. Players must register for and attend tryouts to be eligible for selection. Birth years 2014-2016 will have evaluation nights. If you plan to be placed on a 2014-2016 BSA team you must register for and attend an evaluation night.

1.1 KEY POLICIES:

- Players must register and attend their own age level/group.
- Players must register online to be eligible for selection and placement on a team/age group. \$25 online registration at least 48 hours prior to tryout. \$40 for late and onsite registration.
- Players must check-in prior to their session. It is recommended that players arrive at least 20 minutes prior to tryout time.

1.2 FORMAT

Players will participate in game-like environments in front of numerous staff evaluators as well as current age-group coaches. Players are evaluated, ranked, rated, and assessed in realistic settings, e.g., they may play 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 or 11v11. Goalkeepers will receive a separate evaluation.

1.3 2023-24 SEASON BID DATES:

Team bids for U11 (2013) thru U13 (2011) age divisions will be issued between 8:00 AM and 8PM on **June 14th**.

Team bids for U14 (2010) thru U19 (2005) age divisions will be issued between 8:00 AM and 8 PM on **June 21st**.

Each family has until 8pm on Bid Day to accept their bid by completing the registration and paying their Club dues.

Players will not be informed prior to bid day whether they make a team within the club per Iowa Soccer Association Tryout Regulations. Players will be contacted by phone or email to be informed of their roster placement selection. The individual players will then have until 8pm on their bid day to finalize registration and pay their Club dues which signals their acceptance of the offer. If a player/family knows they will be out of town at the time of placement offers, they must provide an alternate phone number or email address where they can be reached. If a player wishes to refuse a bid offer to play BSA, they will need to let us know by 8pm on Bid Day.

To reserve their roster spot, players must pay the non-refundable Club fee of \$200 by 8pm on Bid Day or their spot may be given to another interested player. **When accepting the bid you are committing to the entire 2023-24 soccer season with BSA, this is for the the fall and spring season.** Detailed acceptance instructions will be in the tryout packet as a part of the bid day process.

1.4 PLAYER PLACEMENT

Players will be placed on teams based on the following:

- Evaluations completed by team coach.
- Assessments provided by BSA staff.
- Overall fit within the framework and level of play and commitment expected.

1.5 EVALUATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

- Players will be evaluated and rated on a 3-point scale by tryout evaluators based on technical ability, tactical awareness, work rate, attitude, participation, and potential. Players will be evaluated by team coaches based on overall performance, rate of development throughout the year, attitude, work rate, and commitment.
- Players will be ranked within age group amongst their peers by tryout evaluators. Team coaches will rank players based on performance and development throughout the year as well as tryout performance.
- Players will be evaluated as to their play-up potential based Director of Coaching's evaluation.
- Players will be evaluated by BSA Staff on their level of skill, attitude, work rate, participation, commitment, development, potential, and performance as observed in games, tournaments, camps/clinics/programs, and training sessions.

1.6 TEAM AND AGE GROUP PLACEMENT

- (1) We will have both BSA Elite and BSA Competitive teams. Elite status will begin at U13.
- (2) BSA Elite teams will encompass the top team(s) in each age bracket that is open to play in "State Cup" competition. We understand that at some age levels there will not be an Elite team if we feel they are not ready to play at that level.
- (3) BSA Competitive teams will comprise teams that are ready for competitive soccer but have not yet reached Elite competition. Thus, they would not play at the State Cup level.
- (4) There will be opportunity for movement between Elite and Competitive level teams for players. Based on their technical ability/tactical ability, attitude, practice attendance, commitment, effort, and overall performance, we will continue assessing players to place them in their proper respective levels to enhance development. Our coaching directors will work with team coaches to assure players are receiving the correct training and game experience.
- (5) Teams will be structured as follows depending on numbers in each age group, looking for what is best for development in that age group:
 - a. First year of 7v7 (U9) – Age group will be split into A and B pools
 - b. Second year of 7v7 (U10) – Age group will be split into A and B pools
 - c. First year of 9v9 (U11) – Age group will be split into A and B pools
 - d. Second year of 9v9 (U12) – Age group will be split into A and B pools
 - e. All 11v11 (U13 and up) – Age group will have an Elite and Competitive teams as determined by the BSA Director of Coaching