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Frequently Asked Questions

How does travel soccer differ from recreation soccer league (Ayso)?

CLASC soccer travel teams are competitive. Therefore, making the roster, and staying on the roster, must be earned based on the team member's play. In recreation soccer league, all players are placed on a team roster regardless of playing ability. Recreation soccer also has unique requirements to encourage participation by all players such as all players must play 1/2 of each game. Recreation soccer is based on volunteerism; parents are administrators, coaches, referees. **CLASC** travel soccer has professional coaching with appropriate USSF licenses and extensive experience.

How does **CLASC** travel soccer differ from other travel soccer programs in the area?

CLASC soccer travel club was developed to provide players with the opportunity and environment to pursue soccer at the highest levels of competition. **CLASC** soccer has been in existence since 1998. We pull from our experience in the industry to consistently provide quality soccer training for ages 4-19. **We are a non-for-profit organization with all registration fees applied directly towards player's development**, not marketing or PR. Each player receives over 150 hours of quality soccer training yearly with further options to play in local and regional tournaments.

When do travel soccer teams play their games?

Depending on which league the team is placed, most games in travel soccer tend to be played on Sundays during the outdoor season. It is not uncommon to play games on both a Saturday and Sunday based on weather cancellations at the end of the season. The fall season runs from September to the beginning of November. The spring season runs from the end of March until the first part of June.

Most teams also participate in tournaments. Tournaments consist of 3-5 games during a weekend. Generally tournaments are held several weeks before the season begins (i.e. in August and March), after the season (November and June), and during breaks in the season such as the Columbus Day and Memorial Day weekends. Tournaments may be local (i.e. Chicagoland area) or neighboring states, i.e. Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Most **CLASC** travel teams play one to three tournaments per year.

Many **CLASC** teams compete in State Cup events.

How many players are on a team?

Experienced travel coaches try to keep their rosters small, especially when coaching younger aged teams. The players are training hard and want to play. Their parents certainly want them to play. If a team is carrying a full roster of players, it is very difficult for the team to provide adequate playing time for every player. Smaller rosters assume that all players will be at the practices, matches and especially tournaments.

What is the player's time commitment?

Most **CLASC** travel teams operate a 10 month per year program, including outdoor league play in the fall and spring, indoor play in the winter and camp and tournament play at various times throughout the summer. (High school age travel teams do not play in the spring (girls) fall (boys) when their high school squads are competing.)



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Most **CLASC** travel teams train twice a week for 1 1/2 hours per session. Occasionally, some teams may practice three times per week. Including tournaments, most **CLASC** travel teams play approximately 10-15 games each spring and fall season and possibly 10 -14 games during indoor league play. Basically players received over 150 hours of instruction / playing experience a year.

While most **CLASC** travel teams, particularly younger teams, encourage their players to participate in other sports, travel teams also expect that team members will give preference to travel team games over conflicts with other extra-curriculum sports.

My child cannot make tryouts, what other alternative is there?

Returning players must register online to put their name and desire to return into the system and notify their coach if returning. If there is a strong turn-out for that particular age, there might be a supplemental tryout date in which we would request that the player make themselves available to be evaluated.

My child plays up in age division.

We request that the player attend both aged tryouts for a complete assessment.

Which tryout does my child attend? The age level that they are currently playing on? Or the age level that they will be next year?

Tryouts are for the following years teams. In other words, if he/she on a u10 team now, he/she will attend the u11 aged tryouts. Please see our [Age Chart](#) if unsure

My child's age is such that he/ she is eligible to play on a younger team, but has been playing on a team that is at his/ her school 'grade' level. Does he/ she need to attend the younger-aged tryout?

We ideally like to see the strongest age appropriate team formed for each age level. But when it comes to grade level, we feel it is better for the player to play among players at their school grade level. We may utilize that player though to 'guest' play at the age appropriate level occasionally as this is allowed in league play.

My child plays other sports especially in the winter. Can I take the winter off and not train with the club?

The program is a 10-month program including winter team and skill training. Winter training is where some of the most gains are made in players' skill development. A player can not take the entire winter off and not participant in any training. Ideally players attend both team and footskill training, but there is flexibility to allow players to filter into the winter training program that best fits their schedule. If there are conflicts, there is flexibility with the winter session by attending other team practices or footskill sessions.

Where will winter indoor practices be held? Will there be winter league play?

Primarily all of our practices will be held at Mercy Soccer Center in the west loop. If needed, we will spill over to other sites to accommodate the club's training, but our intent this year as it has in the past to get as many training session in at Mercy which is located in the west loop. Winter league



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play will be determined on age and skill level. There could be a team that will attend tournaments over winter rather than weekly league play. There could be teams that will participate in a local 'house-league'. We can't make full determinations for each team until after tryouts and teams have been selected.

Will there be any financial scholarship available?

CLASC Travel Program makes every effort to ensure that all players who are accepted onto a team are able to participate without regard to financial considerations. If your child participation is jeopardized because of financial limitations complete a scholarship application form which will be made available at registration in order to determine eligibility. Payment installments will also be an option, please refer to the website for more details.

What happens after tryouts?

All accepted players will be posted on our website as quickly as we can after each tryout. You will receive a phone call notifying you of your placement with **CLASC**. We will also contact via email all players with an update as to their status.

When is registration?

The club is hoping to allow online registration for those that pay by credit cards to enable easy processing. We will set up a registration table for walk-in registration on June 13-14th. Details will be announced after player selection.