



Bloomington United Soccer Club  
Competitive Team Formation Policy

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**Purpose:** Bloomington United Soccer Club forms competitive teams in compliance with [Twin Cities Soccer League \(TCSL\) rules](#) and in alignment with our mission and vision. Our goal is to place all interested players on a team and to form teams that maximize development of individual players and competitiveness of teams.

**Tryouts:** U9-11 teams hold tryouts in July each year for the Fall season and January for the Spring/Summer season. U12-19 teams hold tryouts in July for the full year (Fall and Spring / Summer seasons). Players are expected to attend at least one of two tryout sessions that are offered.

**Evaluation:** A combination of player evaluations from the most recent season (for returning players) and performance during the tryout session will be used to determine relative competitive level of all players. Both evaluations will consider technical skill, tactical knowledge, physical and mental aspects for all players. For tryouts, we aim to have 1-2 coaches who did not coach players in their most recent season completing evaluations to obtain multiple perspectives.

**Team formation decisions:** The Director of Coaching is responsible for gathering inputs from coaches and making team formation decisions. While the preference is to have players assigned to a team at their age level, there are instances where players are assigned to older teams based on their skill level in comparison to the competitive level of the team and based on the number of players registered across multiple age levels.

**Notification and acceptance:** Families will be notified of team placement via the email address provided at the time of intent to play tryout registration. Placement on a team must be accepted within 48 hours of notification by completing the initial or full payment for the upcoming season.

Note: Teams that compete at higher levels of TCSL may have higher attendance and participation expectations such as winter training, additional tournaments, etc. which should be considered when accepting a roster spot.

**Tryout and/or team formation questions:** Please contact the Director of Coaching with any questions.