

First Year/Younger Travel FAQ's

Joining travel soccer is an exciting time for parents and players, but sometimes the words “travel soccer” can be a little intimidating. To help explain what First year/younger travel general entails, we put together this FAQ to help streamline the process for you.

When does travel soccer occur?

Younger teams will practice 2x a week in the Fall (Aug-early Nov) and Spring (April-early June). They practice 1x per week in the winter in an indoor setting.

Teams play in the CPYSL Fall and Spring League. Games are on Saturday mornings mostly, sometimes in the afternoon and usually consist of 8 games each season.

How far is the travel?

Most teams we will play in the younger ages of travel are located within 30 minutes of Hershey, often closer. You also play 50% of your games at home, which is usually at Shank Park.

U8 and U9 soccer do play in one or two tournaments, but we start them out by playing in the Hershey tournaments we operate as a club. So, no additional travel is required.

Who is the coach for travel?

To make sure all the kids get a great and similar experience, we have a First Year Travel Coordinator who coaches the youngest boys and girls team each year. This allows us to make sure everyone new to travel gets the fundamentals they need from a coach that is specifically hired for developing these age groups.

Can my son/daughter play other sports or activities while being on a travel team?

The Hershey Soccer Club is a believer in kids being able to be kids. We encourage and accommodate those that play other sports as well as have extra curricular activities separate from soccer. This is a belief we hold at the youngest ages as well as when kids get older.

There still should be a certain level of commitment (for example, try not to miss a game for a practice/other regular activity and we would understand when players miss a practice for a game or other special activity the other way).

What is the cost for Travel Soccer?

The Hershey Soccer Club subsidizes the U8-U10 program to help with the cost. Even with us being an incredibly competitive regarding cost with similar clubs, the price increase from rec can be daunting.

We offer scholarships for every program we host at the Hershey Soccer Club. The last thing we want to see happen is for a kid to not be able to play soccer due to cost. We are extremely fortunate to be able to use tournament proceeds to help make sure this does not happen.

U8 Boys/Girls – Coach Eyster/TBD (7v7): (\$850)

- **Tournaments Count:** 1 Hershey Tournaments
- **League Play:** Fall and Spring CPYSL League
- **Professional Coaching:** 2x a week training in Fall/Spring, 1x a week winter training, plus games and tournaments

U9 Boys/Girls – Coach Eyster/TBD (7v7): (\$975)

- **Tournaments Count:** 2 Hershey Tournaments
- **League Play:** Fall and Spring CPYSL League
- **Professional Coaching:** 2x a week training in Fall/Spring, 1x a week winter training, plus games and tournaments

Will my son or daughter be placed on a team for certain?

At the youngest ages, the tryout period is really a placement. We do everything we can to find a place for each player that attends tryouts. It is extremely rare for us not to find a travel opportunity for anyone trying out at the youngest ages.