

Questions and Answers from the U9 Player Development Tracks Meeting

Questions:

Q: Is the Skills Academy an additional option along with regular practice?

A: Yes. It is available along with your regular team practices during the season

Q: If I sign-up for Skills Academy, is my attendance mandatory?

A: It is expected that if you sign-up that you will attend. The more sessions the player has with the coach, the more they will gain from the activity.

Q: What is MYSA?

A: Mass Youth Soccer Association. Governing body of youth soccer in Massachusetts

Q: Is BAYS all-inclusive or are there cuts?

A: BAYS is an all inclusive program and spots are available for every child as long as they sign-up on time. Players who sign-up late, will be accommodated only as rosters permit.

Q: Are there evaluations after the Fall season?

A: Coach evaluations occur after every season. There are no other evaluations during the year besides the Spring.

Q: How many nights do BAYS evaluations take?

A: The evaluation is a two night event. Each session is a two hour period.

Q: What is the average number of BAYS teams in U-9?

A: This year, the Spring 4 boys and 4 girls team and the Fall had 5 boys and 5 girls teams.

Q: How many kids are on each team?

A: Depends on the age group. 6v6 it is typically 10-12 players

Q: Will there be U-9 Academy Squad?

A: No, players are too young. Academy Squad is for players U11-14. Skills Academy should be used to get professional coaching at U8, U9 and U10.

Q: New kids to town, where are they placed?

A: Work with the parents for accurate placement and available spots on each team

Q: Can kids play IM in the fall and BAYS in spring?

A: Yes. Registration through SYSA. Players will be placed utilizing the coaching evaluations from Fall IM team.

Q: Can you switch back and forth depending on interest?

A: Yes

Q: Are scores kept at the IM level?

A: No, but BAYS will keep scores

Q: Are there problems getting coaches?

A: Volunteer coaches are the life blood of SYSA. We welcome all parents who wish to volunteer. To date, there has not been an issue in having parents volunteer to coach or manage the teams.

Q: Do we know what the enrollment numbers are for the Fall?

A: Not until the registration process starts.

Q: What is the time commitment for BAYS?

A: 2x week practice, games on Saturdays. SYSA player commitment policy asks for 50% attendance at the practices and 70% attendance for games. This is to be fair to the entire team. BAYS players can get an additional practice through the Skills Academy if interested.

Q: What is the time commitment for IM?

A: 1 weekly practice and 1 game. SYSA player commitment policy asks for 50% attendance at the practices and 70% attendance for games. This is to be fair to the entire team. IM players can get an additional practice through the Skills Academy if interested.

Q: Is IM a level program among the range of players?

A: IM traditionally will have a range of player's ability. This really depends on who signs up. The teams are level balanced to ensure competitive games.

Q: Will you let us know if there is not enough kids for IM so that we can try out for BAYS?

A: Yes, we will let you know. Registration deadline is May 20th. This information would be published once the initial registration closes. Players signed-up for IM would be able to switch to BAYS before the start of tryouts the week of May 23rd.

Q: Do the BAYS team stay together from Fall to Spring?

A: Yes. But it depends on numbers if kids decide to play different sports. There may not be enough kids to be able to keep them intact.

Q: Do all towns have the same requirements and selection criteria in BAYS?

A: No. Each town has their own ranking criteria although Sudbury's program is not unlike many other towns. Other towns limit the number of BAYS players, while Sudbury does not.

Q: When does the Fall season start and how long?

A: Games start the first weekend after Labor Day and for 10-weeks. Usually practices during the week before the first game.

Q: At what age is Skills Academy offered?

A: U8 through U14

Q: Are there typical nights for BAYS practices?

A: No, but there are designated group nights set-up by SYSA for each age group. The coach sets the second practice.

Q: Are there issues with player's religious schooling commitments?

A: No, family, school and religious events take priority over soccer. We try to minimize the conflicts through a master schedule

Q: Will the master schedule coordinate with other sport commitments?

A: We are talking to other youth sport programs in an attempt to coordinate schedules.

Q: Is there an evaluation for IM?

A: No. We use the coach's previous Fall and Spring evaluations to strive for parity among teams

Q: Is there a cost difference between BAYS and IM?

A: Both programs are \$150 per season. There is an additional uniform cost that is required for BAYS (~\$58, can be worn multiple seasons). IM is provided with team tee shirts.

Q: Are there limits to the number kids playing?

A: No. There are spaces for every kid who signs up in registration. We only wait list players if they miss the registration deadline.