



MIDDLETON UNITED SOCCER 'THE TRANSITION YEAR'

AGENDA

- 1) What is the Alliance, MAYSA, etc.
- 2) What are the various leagues?
 - a) Grassroots, Competitive, and Premier
- 3) What are the commitment and expectations of each league?
- 4) What are Tryouts
- 5) What should we expect at tryouts?

AGE GROUP FORMATION

- 1) Starting the Fall 2026 season, US Soccer mandated all clubs form teams based on an August 1-July 31 to better align with a player's grade
 - a) The only exceptions we are looking at will be summer birthdays but an older grade - rather than playing with their age group, we will move them to their grade

WHAT AGE GROUP WILL MY CHILD BE?

Age Group	Tryout Group	Typical School Year
August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017	56ers 11U (10U Tryout Team) or MU 10U Academy	4th
August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016	11U	5th
August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015	12U	6th
August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014	13U	7th
August 2012 - July 31, 2013	14U	8th

WHO IS THIS MEETING INTENDED FOR?

- 1) Players moving from U10 to U11
- 2) Players who are:
 - a) Interested in trying out for the 2026-2027 season
 - i) Middleton United does NOT offer tryouts for our U9/U10 players
 - (1) Middleton United DOES offer an Academy option for our 9/10U players they play U9/U10 (7v7)
 - ii) Madison 56ers will offer a tryout based team for U9/U10 players
 - (1) They will play up in the U11 (9v9)

WHAT IS MAYSA?

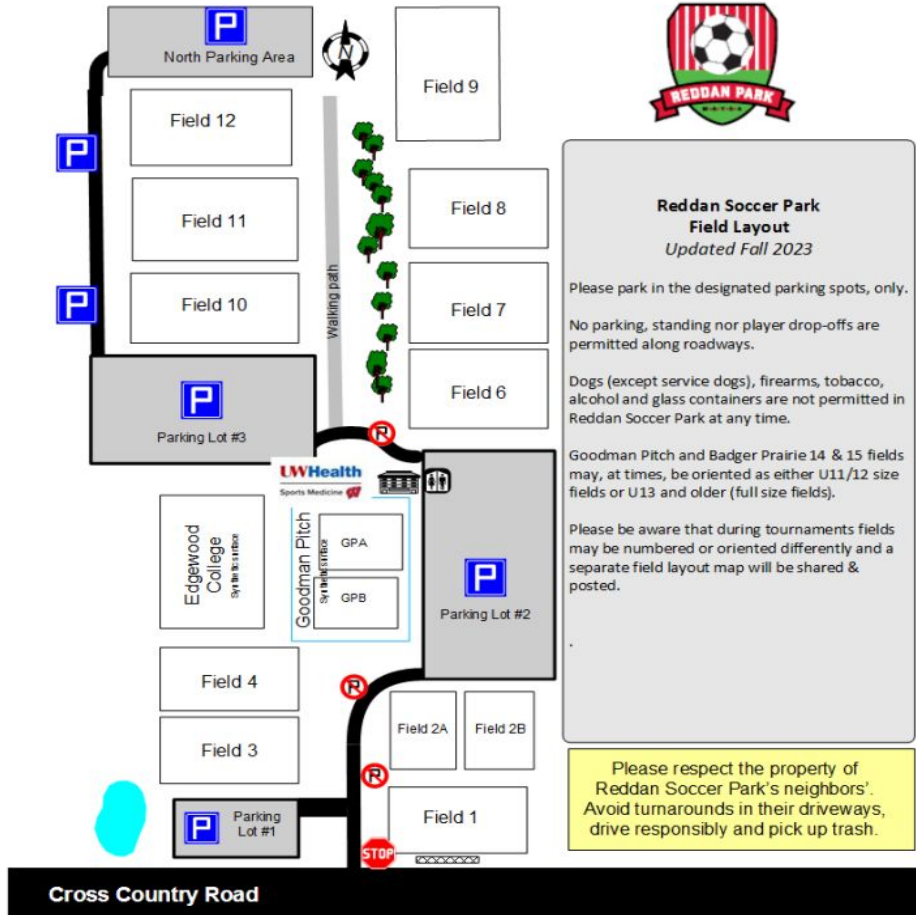
- 1) Madison Area Youth Soccer Association
- 2) MAYSA is not a club
 - a) Governing body of youth soccer in the general Madison area
- 3) Middleton United is apart of MAYSA

WHAT IS THE ALLIANCE?

- 1) The Alliance is a working relationship between the community clubs MU, Regent/Shorewood, and our premier level partner the Madison 56ers
- 2) Benefits to the Alliance:
 - a) 9U/10U in-house scheduling
 - b) GK Training for U11-U18
 - c) Tryouts for 11U-18U teams
 - i) If MU Competitive rosters are full & we believe your player would benefit from being in that type of competitive environment, we will reach out to Regent to offer your player a spot with them
 - ii) IF your player wishes to play at the premier level and therefore tries out with the 56ers but is not extended an offer, your players tryout evaluation is passed on to MU (as long as you indicate MU as your preferred club during tryout registration with 56ers.
 - (1) This allows player to go to tryouts with 56ers and still be considered for a spot with MU
 - (2) Since all 3 clubs tryout at the same location and time, MU will be able to personally assess your player if they are on a 56er tryout field. Players wishing to play for MU will be on the same field and players wishing to to play for 56ers will be on another field

*****IMPORTANT*** to tryout for the club your player and family wishes to play for & CAN COMMIT TO. Trying out for the 56ers should not be looked at as a “safe bet” - your player will be assessed against the other players on the same field. This may enhance or detract from your players skill set.**

MAP OF REDDAN



ARE THERE OTHER CLUBS IN THE AREA?

- 1) Yes (just to name a few)
 - a) Regent
 - b) Madison 56ers
 - c) Rush/MYSC
 - d) Madison F.C. (East Madison)
 - e) Waunakee
 - f) Oregon
 - g) Verona
- 2) All MAYSA Clubs fall within Southeast Wisconsin
- 3) MU/Regent/56ers work together based on similar coaching/club philosophies

GRASSROOTS, COMPETITIVE, PREMIER.... WHAT DO THESE MEAN?

- 1) There are three levels of commitment.
 - a) Non Tryout Teams - Considered Grassroots
 - i) Play within MAYSA
 - b) Tryout Teams - Considered Competitive (MU) and Premier (56ers)
 - i) Play within MAYSA (MU/56ers) & WYSA State Leagues (56ers only)
 - ii) In order of level of skill, time commitment, and financial commitment:
 - (1) Premier (Madison 56ers ONLY)
 - (2) Competitive (Middleton United)
 - (3) Grassroots (Middleton United)
- 2) MU hosts Grassroots and Competitive level teams

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT LEVEL IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR MY CHILD?

1) **MU Grassroots (non tryout based)**

- a) Buddy requests allowed
- b) No winter obligation
- c) Commitment to 1 practice/week
 - i) 8 league games/season (16 full year)
- d) Financial commitment \$250-\$300 (full year)

2) **MU Competitive (tryout based)**

- a) Commitment to playing fall/spring soccer (with minimum of 1 winter session) -roughly 7/8 months
- b) Commitment to attending 2 practices/week
 - i) 8 league games/season & 2 tournament weekends/season (16 league games, 4 tournaments per year)
- c) Commitment to play within Dane County
- d) Multi-sport/commitment family
- e) NO Buddy requests allowed
- f) Financial commitment \$650-\$800 (full year)

3) **56ers Premier (tryout based)**

- a) Commitment to play 10+ months of year
- b) Commitment to 2-3 practices/week - throughout fall, winter, and spring
- c) Commitment to play within Wisconsin/midwest for league games and tournaments
 - i) 8 league games/season & 2-3 tournament weekends/season (16 league games, 4-6 tournaments per year)
- d) Wants to play just soccer
- e) NO buddy requests allowed
- f) Financial commitment \$1500-\$1700 (full year)

2025 FALL SEASON TEAMS MAYSA

- 1) In the Fall of 2025 season:
 - a) 11U Teams: 123 teams (includes all tiers)
 - i) 75 boys teams
 - ii) 48 girls teams
- 2) In the Fall 2025 season Alliance (MU/Regent/56ers) had:
 - i) 17 boy teams
 - (1) MU had 6 (3 competitive; 3 grassroots)
 - ii) 12 girl teams
 - (1) MU had 4 (2 competitive; 2 grassroots)

MU GRASSROOTS SOCCER

- 1) Designed for players whose main objective is to continue playing with friends
- 2) Teams are formed based on friend/coach request.
- 3) If we do not have enough players to form a team, we will combine birth years
- 4) If your player tries out for MU or Madison 56ers and is NOT extended an offer - they WILL get an offer to play in MU Grassroots league
- 5) Games are played within Dane County
- 6) Teams typically train 1 time/week for 60-90 minutes at local parks in the Middleton area
- 7) Coaches are volunteer parents (Y1 or Y2 license; club provides practice plans)
- 8) Cost \$250-\$300 per player and includes registration, referee fees, and jersey
- 9) Commitment fall and spring - about 18 weeks
 - a) Most grassroots teams DO NOT participate in soccer activities over the winter
- 10) All athletes earn an equal amount of playing time during games.

MU GRASSROOTS PLAY

- 1) Teams participate in MAYSA Tier 4 leagues (Tier 1-4 as option)
 - a) MAYSA leagues are structured by skill level and geographic area
 - b) Teams can be from Madison, Middleton, Mt. Horeb, Milton, Columbus, etc.
 - c) 2025 Fall Season MU had
 - i) 2 - 11U Girls Team
 - ii) 3 - 11U Coed team

MU COMPETITIVE PLAY

- 1) Designed for players who want a little more from their soccer experience
- 2) Teams formed/tiered by tryout and within player's birth year
 - a) Red (A), White (B), Black (C)
- 3) All teams participate in MAYSA league
- 4) Games are played within Dane County & possible away tournament (team based decision)
- 5) Teams train 2 times/week for 90 minutes
- 6) Commitment fall/spring with typical 1 indoor session
 - a) Some teams do all 3 sessions of indoor (team based decision)
 - b) Winter activities are optional and at additional cost
- 7) Coaches are licensed with a state level E and are paid (by team)
- 8) Cost \$650-\$800 per player and includes registration, uniforms, coaching, referee, and tournament fees for fall AND spring
 - a) Managers/treasurers collect all fees except registration at start of each season
- 9) New uniforms are required every 2 years to coincide with the manufacture uniform cycle
 - a) Fall 2026 is a new jersey cycle
 - b) All players MUST wear the required uniform
- 10) Teams train at local Middleton parks
- 11) A player who attends every practice/works diligently could earn more playing time than a player who misses multiple practices for other sports
- 12) All players are expected to be strong teammates and therefore attend all practices/games during season

MU COMPETITIVE PLAY

- 1) Teams participate in MAYSA leagues (Tier 1-4 as option)
 - a) MAYSA leagues are structured by skill level and geographic area
 - i) Middleton United will place teams in the “Tier 2” or “Tier 3” division for the fall season
 - (1) Similar to 9U fall/spring season
 - (2) Rearrange in spring based on fall season scores
 - b) Fall 2025, Middleton United had:
 - i) Girls team - 2
 - ii) Boys team - 3
 - (1) Red (1), White (2), Black (3), Grey (4)

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE IN TRAVEL FOR MU COMPETITIVE OR MU GRASSROOTS?

- 1) Travel for both competitive & grassroots is possible
- 2) Travel depends on:
 - a) Surrounding clubs (do they have an age group team?)
 - b) MAYSA scheduling
- 3) Try to get geographically close teams to play each other but not always possible

MU COMPETITIVE LEVEL COACHING

- 1) MU coaches have experience or in early stages of coaching career
- 2) Are required to have their “E” licensure (some have higher or intend to obtain higher)
- 3) MU will assist with hiring coach
- 4) Current parent coaches can continue coaching (if worked out with the club coaching placements)
 - a) MU has several parent coaches with certified license.
If parent becomes the coach, the team will compensate him/her under guidance of club coaching fee structure

MADISON 56ERS - PREMIER PARTNER

- 1) Designed for players wishing to play in a premier (midwest and national travel) level environment
- 2) Teams formed/tiered by tryout and within player's birth year
 - a) Red (A), White (B), Silver (C), Bronze (D)
 - b) 10U Gold (A), 10U Black (B), 10U Bronze (C), 9U Grey (D)
- 3) 56ers 11U White, Silver, Bronze, and all 10U teams play within MAYSA 11U league
 - a) Games are played within Dane County & typically 2-3 tournaments/season (club based decision)
- 4) 56ers 11U Red play within the WYSA State League
 - a) Games are played within state of Wisconsin & typically 3 tournaments/season (club based decision)
- 5) Teams train 2-3 times/week for 90 minutes - either at Reddan Soccer Park/Badger Prairie
- 6) Commitment 10+ months of year
 - a) Winter training 2 times/week
 - b) Most teams do all 3 sessions of indoor (team based decision.). Winter leagues are optional and at additional cost
- 7) Coaches are typically licensed with a state level D or higher and have played at a collegiate level. 56er coaches are employees of the 56er club
- 8) Cost \$1500-\$1700 per player and includes registration, uniforms, coaching, referee, and some tournament fees for fall AND spring (the higher level the team, the more travel/expense.)
- 9) New uniforms are required every 2 years to coincide with the manufacture uniform cycle
 - a) Fall 2026 is a NEW jersey cycle
 - i) All players MUST wear the required uniform

MADISON 56ERS COMMITMENT

- 1) If players make a commitment to other activities (other sports, music lessons) the team expects that the athlete structure their schedule so they can attend to their soccer commitment **first**.
 - a) Playing time is not guaranteed but based off attendance and commitment to team
- 2) During the winter:
 - a) Coaches require at least 1 indoor session with most teams doing all 3
 - b) Training 2 times/week from end of fall (November) to beginning of spring (April)
- 3) Fall trainings begin roughly in early August and go through early/mid November

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MU COMPETITIVE AND MADISON 56ERS?

- 1) Cost
 - a) MU: \$650-\$800
 - b) 56ers: \$1500-\$1700
- 2) Time
 - a) MU: 7/8 months of year; Dane County; possible away tournament within Wisconsin
 - b) 56ers: 10 months of year; Dane County/state travel; away tournaments; fundraising/volunteer requirements at 56ers
- 3) Expectation:
 - a) MU: Play within MAYSA League
 - b) 56ers: Red - State Level; White/Silver/Bronze/U10 play within MAYSA League
- 4) Coaching:
 - a) MU: Typically E level license (paid by team)
 - b) 56ers: Typically A, B, C, or D level license (paid by club)

WHAT LEAGUES ARE MU/56ERS IN?

- 1) WYSA (State Level)
 - a) 56ers 11U Red
- 2) MAYSA Tier 1
 - a) 56ers 11U White
- 3) MAYSA Tier 2
 - a) MU 11U Red
 - b) 56ers 11U Silver
 - c) 56ers 11U Gold
 - d) 56ers 11U Black
- 4) MAYSA Tier 3
 - a) MU 11U White
 - b) MU 11U Black
 - c) 56ers 11U Bronze
 - d) MU 11U Grey
- 5) MAYSA Tier 4
 - a) MU Grassroots Team(s)
 - b) 56ers 11U Grey

2025 FALL MAYSА LEAGUE PLACEMENTS

Fall 2025 Competitive Girls League (ex. Tier 2)

1. Regent U11 Azzurre (move up in spring)
2. Madison 56ers U11 Gold (move up in spring)
3. MU U11 Girls Red (move up in spring)
4. McFarland U11G Blue
5. Norski U11G Gold (move up in spring)
6. Madison 56ers Silver

2025 FALL MAYSА LEAGUE PLACEMENTS

Fall 2025 Competitive Girls League (ex. Tier 3A)

1. Watertown Infinity (move up in spring)
2. Regent U11G Sapphire (move up in spring)
3. Monona Grove U11G Blue (move up in spring)
4. Beaver Dam U11 Girls (move up in spring)
5. Oregon U11G Black (move up in spring)
6. Sun Prairie U11G White (move up in spring)
7. Lodi U11G Ice
8. South Central U11G Gold (move up in spring)
9. Rush West
10. Sauk Prairie U11G Red

2026 SPRING MAYSA LEAGUE PLACEMENTS

Spring 2026 Competitive (Tier 2)

1. Madison 56ers 2015 Girls Silver
2. Watertown Infinity
3. Regent 11UG Sapphire
4. SCSC U11G Gold
5. Monona Grove U11G Blue
6. Beaver Dam U11G
7. Oregon 11U Girls Black
8. Sun Prairie 11U Girls White
9. Oregon 10U Girls Academy Orange
10. McFarland U11G Blue

WHAT ARE TRYOUTS ALL ABOUT

- 1) Tryouts are designed to give every player a fair opportunity to earn a spot on a team.
- 2) Tryouts were created as a necessity to stop recruiting, and stacking a team at a young age.

2026 TRYOUTS

Tryout Times:

Females 4:45-6:15pm

Males 6:30-8:00pm

Tryouts take place at Reddan Soccer Park (6874 Cross Country Rd, Verona, WI 53593)

Link for Tryout information: [Click HERE](#)

MU 2026 TRYOUTS

Age Group	Day 1	Day 2	Rain Date	Notification
11U	June 1	June 2	June 3	6/13-6/15
12U	June 4	June 5	June 6	6/13-6/15
13U	June 7	June 8	June 11	6/13-6/15
14U	June 9	June 10	June 11	6/13-6/15

TRYOUTS & PLAYING UP

- 1) Middleton United has a policy for players interested in playing up within MU
 - a) Family submit request by May 1st
 - b) Players must fall within the top 5 of the older age group
- 2) U10 players who wish to try-out
 - a) 56ers will be hosting Under 10 teams
 - i) Play MAYSA 11U league
 - b) MU will host a 9/10U Academy option
 - i) Play MAYSA 9/10U league
 - ii) Registration for MU Academy is May 1-May 15

TRYOUT INFORMATION

- 1) Only those players who hope to play at a competitive/premier level need to attend tryouts.
 - a) Non tryout team (grassroots) registration May 1-June 25
 - b) IF trying out, DO NOT register for 2026/2027 season until notifications!
- 2) This will be one of their first chances your child will have the opportunity to be evaluated by an unbiased, experienced evaluator.
- 3) Evaluators have a strong well qualified soccer coaching background
 - a) 56er coaches, Alliance competitive coaches, Club Directors, and outside higher level coaches.
 - b) MU will have an additional 3-4 staff members on site evaluating players

TRYOUT REGISTRATION

- 1) Register with the club you wish to play for
 - a) If you DO NOT intend to accept an offer, please do not try out for that club.
 - i) We assume anyone trying out for 56ers, intends to take an offer if they receive one
 - b) Only register for ONE CLUB
 - c) Cost \$40 pre-registration online. Online registration closes 48 hours before night 1 of your age group tryout. \$80 onsite
 - i) MU Registration: https://middletonunited.demosphere-secure.com/_registration_login
 - ii) Madison 56ers: <https://madison56ers.org>
 - (1) If you chose to tryout for 56ers, please also select MU as your preferred alternate club. If you do not do this, your player WILL NOT be added to my list of players to keep track of & therefor not get an offer from MU
 - d) On-Site Check In
 - i) Check in 30 minutes before the start of EACH session
 - ii) Check in with the club you registered for (each club will have their own check in table at the pavilion at Reddan)
 - iii) At registration (both nights) your player will receive a pinney with a number on it At the end of each session, coaches will collect the pinney at the field DO NOT take the pinney home!!!

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR TO TRYOUTS

- 1) What to wear
 - a) Soccer appropriate clothing
 - b) Tryout shirt received at check-in
 - c) Athletic shorts
 - d) Shin-guards
 - e) Cleats are strongly recommended
- 2) What to bring
 - a) Plenty of water!
 - b) Fully inflated soccer ball
 - i) 11U - size 4
 - ii) A great attitude and work ethic

THE TRYOUT PROCESS

- 1) Each player is expected to attend both nights of their age group tryout
- 2) MU and 56er players tryout on SEPARATE fields but both at Reddan Soccer Park
- 3) NO ADULTS near/around tryout fields
- 4) Non-club representatives NOT ALLOWED near tryout fields
- 5) Tryout last 90 min.
 - a) Night 1 - warm up; 1v1 and/or 2v2 games; finish with 5v5 games
 - b) Night 2 - warm up; 9v9
- 6) Players who elect to tryout for GK will be evaluated separately
 - a) It is expected that players trying out for GK are committing to 1/2 of EVERY match as the GK (full year expectation)

KEY REMINDERS FOR TRYOUTS

- 1) Tryout fee is \$40 (register within 48 hours of scheduled dates or onsite \$80.)
- 2) Trying out 56ers (register with them but choose MU as alternate Club...
IMPORTANT!
- 3) Trying out MU (register with us.)
 - a) Need to verify POB & 1x1 photo in MU Playmetrics account
- 4) Tryout fee onsite is \$80 **(PLEASE AVOID!)**
- 5) This fee is the fee to attend the tryout process. This will not offset your 2026-2027 registration fee
- 6) Player must wear shin guards, shoes, bring water bottle, and inflated ball
- 7) Arrive 45 minutes early on night 1; 30 minutes on night 2
- 8) Parents may not be on the tryout fields!!!

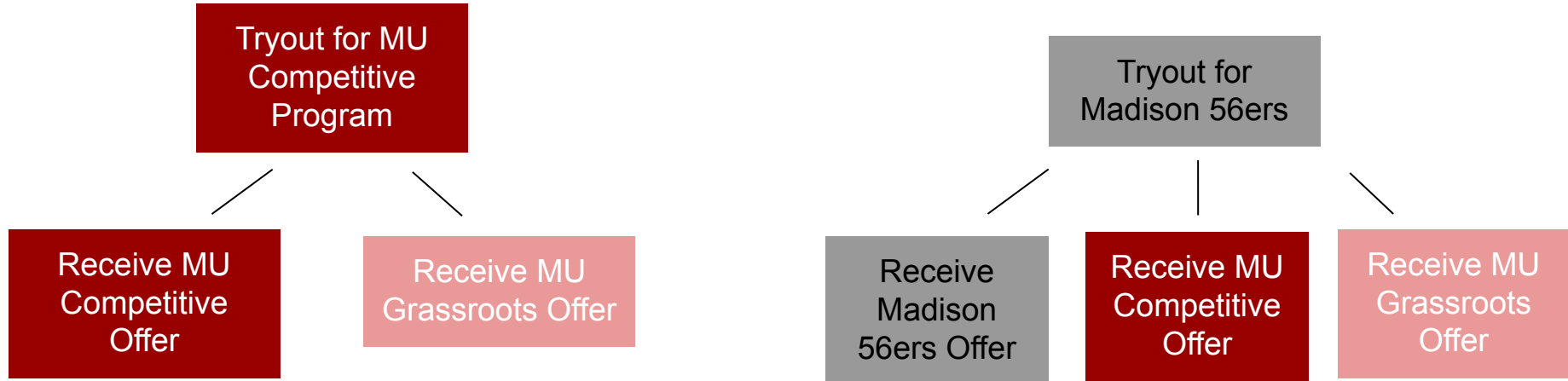
EVALUATIONS

- 1) MU players evaluated by independent evaluators provided by 56ers, MU age group coaches, MU tryout assistant, and MU director
 - a) Each player is seen by 8-10 evaluators over the course of 2 day process
 - b) Evaluations compiled with TOP priority to place players where they will best be successful on the pitch
- 2) Players are evaluated on:
 - a) Athleticism/Athletic Ability
 - i) Players speed/strength on and off the ball, agility, quickness, etc
 - b) Technical Skill
 - i) Players skill/comfort level with the ball. Ability to dribble, pass, receive, shoot, head, and juggle the ball
 - c) Tactical Ability/Awareness
 - i) Players understanding & ability to problem solve tactical situations on and off the ball
 - d) Mentality
 - i) Players ability to work hard, help their teammates, and lead on/off the field

TEAM FORMATION

- 1) MU age group coaches, MU tryout assistant, and Director compile all evaluations including evaluations from player's previous coach (if they played within the club)
- 2) Players placed within MU program or possibly Regent program
- 3) MU & Regent are committed to having a place for every player to play
 - a) We will work together, when necessary, to place players.

HOW IT WORKS



MU and Regent make every effort to offer a place for a player to play. You may receive an offer from Regent after MU's Competitive teams are full

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TRYOUTS

- 1) This by far is the hardest part of the process
- 2) They will have friends who make 56er/MU team and notified earlier on the weekend
- 3) Why are players sometimes waiting to hear about placement?
 - a) 24 hour (some families respond within an hour, some take full 24 hours)
 - b) Working together as an Alliance to form teams (takes time to coordinate)

THE OFFER PROCESS

- 1) You will hear from MU with either an competitive or grassroots offer
 - a) If your player is NOT getting an offer to our competitive program, after those teams are formed, we will begin to offer for our grassroots program
- 2) Please know what offer you will accept BEFORE the offer date and respond quickly
- 3) 11-14U MU Competitive offers will be June 12-16 (56ers start June 12)
 - a) You may not hear from us right away. Please be patient! You will hear from us one way or another. If you do not hear from the club by June 20 please reach out to Molly at middletonunited@gmail.com.
 - b) It may be the case you receive an offer from Regent
- 4) Offers are sent via email directly from the coaches (process pending based on the new Playmetrics system)
 - a) You have 24 hours to respond to your offer.
 - i) If you do not respond within 24 hours, your offer WILL go to another player**
 - b) Coaches will follow up with a phone call if they don't hear from you via email
 - c) Please take this timeline seriously.
 - i) For every hour you delay your response, there is a child who is not hearing from us
 - d) Offers will contain directions to accept/deny, the birth year, coaches name, and specific team (Red, White, Black)
 - e) Accepting an offer with MU Competitive Program
 - i) Must be within 24 hours (sooner is greatly appreciated)
 - ii) Must be in writing via email (acceptance response in email to coach)
 - iii) Your offer is not considered accepted until registration with MU Demosphere system/payment has been made
 - iv) A \$25 late fee starts to accrue 48 hours after the offer was given

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TRYOUTS

- 1) Remember what you are agreeing to if you wish to commit to a Competitive or Premier team:
 - a) Our family is committed to the higher costs.
 - b) Our family is committed to the increased hours of participation.
 - c) Our family is committed to finding and hiring of a coach, increased travel to games and tournaments.
 - d) Our family is committed to each year “all new friends”
 - e) Our family is committed to a new practice location
 - f) Our family is committed to traveling to our home games

WAYS TO HELP YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS

- 1) Listen and learn more about the process so you can explain what to expect, and what the choices are for the kids and parents.
- 2) Encourage your player to attend the 10U mock tryouts (run similar to actual tryouts)
 - a) Girls May 3rd 4:30-5:45pm (Settlers Prairie)
 - b) Boys May 3rd 5:45-7:00pm (Settlers Prairie)
 - c) Link to register (will also be sent out): Click [HERE](#)
- 3) ASK QUESTIONS!
- 4) Prepare your child for the process and the selection part of the process
 - a) Prepare them for every option & for their friends to make a different team