

How Are We Evaluating?

Tryouts are scheduled to last for 3 hours on Monday 8/24, Tuesday 8/25, and Wednesday 8/26. All players must participate fully in all sessions to be considered for a roster spot. Injuries or other extenuating circumstances not in violation of MIAA rules will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Players will be assigned pinnie numbers alphabetically (by surname). The groups will be split up in various ways - by grade, by position, by last name - and changed throughout each day.

Each day, a minimum of 6 qualified soccer coaches will complete a detailed evaluation form ranking all players on their technical, tactical, and athletic abilities.

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Over the three days, we will be looking at the overall qualities of each player. Technical abilities such as ball control, passing, receiving, and shooting, and physical characteristics such as athleticism and condition are all relatively easy to judge. The main things that we will be looking for are: game understanding (soccer IQ), communication, awareness, work rate, teamwork, and consistency. My goal is not only to select the 'best players' but to build a cohesive team by determining how each girl will fit into the style of play that we want to assert.

Tryouts are a stressful time for all players. The best advice I can give you is to play confidently, regardless of how others are doing, even if you're having a 'bad day' - this is why we have three sessions. A big thing that coaches look for is how a player responds to adversity on the field, whether that is her mistake or a mistake by one of her teammates. Attitude is everything.

When Will Results Be Posted?

All players will receive an email from me personally, by 6pm on Wednesday 8/26. Any player not being offered a roster spot will receive an individual email from me with specific feedback. Please understand that roster decisions are final. The hardest part of my job is having to ruin a teenage girl's love of this sport. With the number of players trying out every year, and the level of quality within that group, it is an unfortunate reality that 'cuts' are a necessary part of the process.

Players who are being offered a roster spot will receive a generic welcome email from me with details of the next steps.

What Happens Next?

Team practices begin the following day (8/27). Varsity is scheduled for 10am - 12pm. JV and Freshman are scheduled for 10:30am - 12:30pm. Players will select their jersey numbers and receive their uniforms at the beginning of practice.

Please refer to TeamSnap One for the most current information regarding scheduled practices, games, and events.

I hope that you'll find this information to be helpful. For further clarification, please see the MIAA handbook.

If you've made it this far, thank you for reading. I promise you a fair, open, and comprehensive tryout.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Best,
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