

# TRYOUT GUIDE



*Fall 26 / Spring 27*

# CHANGES FOR 2026-2027 PLAYING YEAR

## TRANSITION FROM BIRTH-YEAR TO SCHOOL-YEAR REGISTRATION



Beginning with the upcoming playing year, Regent SC will transition from a January–December birth year model to an August 1–July 31 seasonal year structure for team formation, in alignment with guidance from US Youth Soccer, MAYSА, and WYSA.

AGE GROUP	BIRTHDATE
5U	AUG. 1, 2021 - JULY 31, 2022
6U	AUG. 1, 2020 - JULY 31, 2021
7U	AUG. 1, 2019 - JULY 31, 2020
8U	AUG. 1, 2018 - JULY 31, 2019
9U	AUG. 1, 2017 - JULY 31, 2018
10U	AUG. 1, 2016 - JULY 31, 2017
11U	AUG. 1, 2015 - JULY 31, 2016
12U	AUG. 1, 2014 - JULY 31, 2015

AGE GROUP	BIRTHDATE
13U	AUG. 1, 2013 - JULY 31, 2014
14U	AUG. 1, 2012 - JULY 31, 2013
15U	AUG. 1, 2011 - JULY 31, 2012
16U	AUG. 1, 2010 - JULY 31, 2011
17U	AUG. 1, 2009 - JULY 31, 2010
18U	AUG. 1, 2008 - JULY 31, 2009
19U	AUG. 1, 2007 - JULY 31, 2008

More information will be available on our website: [regentsoccer.org](https://regentsoccer.org)

“This change was made based on additional critical feedback, data, and expert input to better align players with their school-grade peers. Our associations feel that this age group player formation will be the most inclusive and help increase participation.”

[Link to WYSA Announcement](#)

**Players born between August 1 and December 31 are impacted by this change.**

Impacted players will remain in their current age group next year.

### Example:

Players currently in the 11U age group (birth year 2015) and who have a birthdate between August 1 and December 31, will remain in the 11U age group again for the upcoming 2026/27 playing year.



① **What is this presentation for?** To provide information on our tryout process for the upcoming Fall 2026 - Spring 2027 playing season

① **What age groups are affected?**

**\*\*Note Age Group Changes starting 2026/27\*\***

- 11U → all players born August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016
- 12U → all players born August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015
- 13U → all players born August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014
- 14U → all players born August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013
- 15U → all players born in 2012 who will be in Middle School during the 2026/27 school year

① **Why do we have Regent Tryouts?** Regent uses tryouts to identify players who are “looking for more” out of their soccer experience

- **What they are:** A “Placement” Tool - We use the tryout process to place players on teams based on teams 11U & older
- **What they are not:** A “Judgment” Tool to exclude or get rid of players



## What Programs does Regent offer?

- Blue Program - players are offered spots on a roster, based on performance at a tryout
- Gold Program - players register to play on a recreational team AND kids who are not offered spots on a Blue roster

## What is the Alliance?

- The Alliance refers to Regent, Shorewood, Middleton United (MU) and Madison 56ers
- The neighborhood clubs (Regent, Shorewood and MU) work together to provide a local league for their 9U/10U teams
- The neighborhood clubs refer their players to each other to increase the likelihood that every player gets onto a team
- The neighborhood clubs work with 56ers during tryouts
- The 56ers is an elite level club that is looking to form teams that compete at the state, regional, and national levels.



## How does 56ers work with Regent during tryouts?

- Alliance tryouts are held at the same time and location
- Players can tryout for 56ers and specify Regent as their “Alternate” club.
- Coaches at the neighborhood clubs are able to evaluate their players who choose attend the 56ers tryout
- Trying out for the 56ers does NOT guarantee your player a roster spot in the Regent Blue program or on any particular team.

## Tryout for the club that you want to play for!

- There are striking differences in the expectation, travel and cost which are detailed in this presentation.

## Also covered in this presentation:

- **How tryouts work**
  - *How are players evaluated & how can they be prepared?*
- **What can players and families expect before, during, and after tryouts**



Follow-up ZOOM Q&A - We will hold a **ZOOM** meeting on **March 11, 2026** **at 7:30pm** to further answer any questions you may have.

We will explain the differences in programming between Regent and 56ers, as well as what your player can expect during their two days of tryouts and the offer process.

The following slides give background information and detail that will provide context to the tryout process.



# PATHWAY FROM 6U (KINDE) TO 11U & OLDER MAYSAs LEAGUES

(Geographic area expands as kids get older)



**REGENT & SHOREWOOD**  
In-House 6U  
("kinde") program

**REGENT & SHOREWOOD**  
In-House  
7U/8U  
program

**9U/10U ALLIANCE  
LEAGUE** (Regent,  
Shorewood and  
Middleton United)

–OR–

**MAYSAs 9/10U  
LEAGUE** - Regent  
and MU place some  
teams in MAYSAs  
leagues

**11U AND OLDER enter  
MAYSAs LEAGUES**

Regent will form both  
Select Blue teams and  
Developmental Gold  
teams

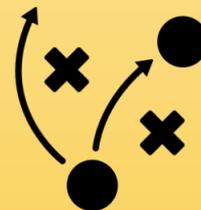
(Shorewood players now  
register with Regent)

## MAYSAs

MADISON AREA YOUTH  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Local competition  
within 90 minutes  
of Madison.

Most games are  
closer.





**Regent's goal is for every player to be successful (i.e., to have fun, compete, meet new friends and improve their soccer skills).**



### **Be Part of the Regent Soccer Community!**

- Regent is primarily a community club with most of its players coming from the West High area.
- We support soccer players from kindergarten through High School.
- We value the bonds that our players form over their playing years and we strive to create a club culture where all players can participate and find success both on and off the soccer field.

**Parental involvement is critical to Regent's success as a community soccer club.**

**Parents are involved in many ways (at home and on the field):**

- Staying informed and engaged
- Attending games and cheering for the team
- Volunteering with their player's team

[Click here to see Regent's Mission, Vision and Values.](#)



# "MADISON ALLIANCE"

## Regent, Shorewood, Middleton Utd and 56ers

- ① **Alliance club share information during and after tryouts**
  - Regent and MU work together, if necessary, to find a team for everyone who tries out.
- ① **Regent players are encouraged to designate Regent as their Alternate if they tryout for 56ers**
  - Players who try out for the 56ers have the option of designating Regent as their Alternate club.
  - Regent coaches communicate with 56ers during tryouts.
  - Regent Players who do not make 56ers are considered by Regent when forming the Regent teams
- ① **Trying out for the 56ers does NOT guarantee your player a roster spot in the Regent Blue program or on any particular team.**
- ① **Tryouts are run simultaneously** - All three clubs (Regent, MU and 56ers) are at Reddan at the same time which facilitates the sharing of information. Each club has its own tryout field at Reddan.
- ① **Tryout for the club that you want to play for!** There are striking differences in the expectation, travel and cost which are detailed in this presentation.

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# REGENT GOLD PROGRAM

## RECREATIONAL & DEVELOPMENTAL



FORM TEAMS > DEVELOP SKILLS > COMPETE

**PLAYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TRYOUT TO**

**BE ON A GOLD PROGRAM TEAM**

### NEIGHBORHOOD

REGENT & SHOREWOOD AREA

ATTEND SCHOOLS IN **WEST** HIGH DISTRICT

PRACTICE AT NEAR WEST SIDE **MADISON PARKS**

### COACHING

VOLUNTEER COACHES

LICENSED TRAINERS

REGENT PLAYER DEVELOPMENT MODEL

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

### FLEXIBLE TEAM FORMATION

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES WELCOMED

FRIEND / COACH REQUESTS CONSIDERED

REGENT MAY COMBINE AGE GROUPS (if necessary)



Approx. \$130 FULL KIT, LASTS 2 YEARS

*New cycle year begins Fall 2026 - tentative  
kit, design & pricing subject to change*

### FALL & SPRING COMMITMENT

TRAIN **1-2x** PER WEEK

PLAY **8** GAMES PER SEASON IN MAYSA (in Fall and Spring)

OPTIONALLY PLAY **3-5** GAMES IN **1** TOURNAMENT

### COST

APPROX. \$450-550/PLAYER

INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, TRAINER FEES & REF FEES

### WINTER RECOMMENDATION

CONNECT WITH A **BLUE PROGRAM** TEAM

PLAY or TRAIN IN REGENT **COMMUNITY** EVENTS

### REC+ OPTIONS FOR ADVANCING PLAYERS

TRYOUT FOR REGENT **BLUE PROGRAM**

TRAIN AT **TOCA**

ATTEND LOCAL **SUMMER CAMPS** BY DUTCH SOCCER SCHOOL,  
UW SOCCER and FORWARD MADISON etc

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# REGENT BLUE PROGRAM SELECT



TRYOUT > FORM TEAMS > DEVELOP SKILLS > COMPETE

## NEIGHBORHOOD

REGENT & SHOREWOOD AREA

ATTEND SCHOOLS IN **WEST** HIGH DISTRICT

PRACTICE AT NEAR WEST SIDE **MADISON PARKS**

## COACHING

LICENSED COACHES

REGENT PLAYER DEVELOPMENT MODEL

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

## SMALLER ROSTERS

MORE PLAYING TIME

PLAYER PASSING OPPORTUNITIES

## MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

ACCEPTED AND SUPPORTED



Approx. \$130 FULL KIT, LASTS **2** YEARS

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## FALL & SPRING COMMITMENT

TRAIN **2x** PER WEEK

PLAY **8** GAMES PER SEASON IN MAYSA (in Fall and Spring)

PLAY **3 - 10** GAMES IN **1 - 2** TOURNAMENTS

WORK ON **SKILLS** OUTSIDE OF PRACTICE

## COST

APPROX. \$550-750 PER PLAYER

INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, COACHING, & REFEREE FEES

## WINTER RECOMMENDATION

TRAIN **1x** PER WEEK

PLAY **1+** MADISON FUTSAL LEAGUE SESSIONS

PLAY IN REGENT **COMMUNITY** EVENTS

## CLUB-COMPATIBLE OPTIONS FOR PLAYERS LOOKING FOR MORE

TRYOUT FOR WISCONSIN **ODP**

TRYOUT FOR **MADISON FUTSAL FORGE & FORCE**

TRAIN AT **TOCA**

ATTEND LOCAL **SUMMER CAMPS** BY DUTCH SOCCER SCHOOL, UW  
SOCCER AND FORWARD MADISON

U11-U14 PROGRAMS	GOLD	BLUE
TRYOUT / EVALUATION	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED
REGISTRATION FEE	~\$275	~\$275
COACH/TRAINER FEE	\$200	\$250 - \$450
UNIFORM (ADIDAS)	~\$130 BIENNIAL	~\$130 BIENNIAL
PRACTICES	2 PER WEEK	2 PER WEEK
COACHING	VOLUNTEER COACH + LICENSED TRAINER	LICENSED COACH
LEAGUE	MAYSA	MAYSA
TOURNAMENTS	0 - 2 ~ \$40 EACH	2 - 4 ~ \$40 EACH
WINTER SOCCER	ENCOURAGED	RECOMMENDED
MANAGER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
COACHING SUPPORT	DIRECTOR OF COACHING & CLUB	DIRECTOR OF COACHING & CLUB
MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES	WELCOME	ACCEPTED
ROSTER SIZE	FULL SIZE ROSTERS	SMALLER ROSTERS



#### LOW-STRESS TRYOUTS

All players who attend a tryout will receive an offer to join a Blue or Gold team.

*Note: Gold teams can only be formed if there are enough players and volunteers signed up for an age group*

Regent's goal is for **every player** to be successful.

- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Compete
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Improve soccer skills

**Financial Aid is available for all Regent programs.**



	Regent BLUE	56ers SILVER	56ers WHITE + RED
TRYOUT / EVALUATION	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
REGISTRATION FEE	~\$275	\$1500	\$1500+
COACH/TRAINER FEE	\$250 - \$450	Included	Included
UNIFORM (ADIDAS)	~ \$130 BIENNIAL	\$150 BIENNIAL	\$150 BIENNIAL
PRACTICES	2 PER WEEK	2 PER WEEK	2 - 3 PER WEEK
COACHING	LICENSED COACH	LICENSED COACH	LICENSED COACH
LEAGUE	MAYSA	MAYSA	STATE / REGIONAL
TOURNAMENTS	2 - 4 ~ \$40 EACH	2 - 4 (Included in fee but does not include costs of travel)	2 - 4 (Included in fee but does not include costs of travel)
WINTER SOCCER	RECOMMENDED	TRAINING REQUIRED	TRAINING REQUIRED

① 56ers offer a competitive **performance environment**, drawing players from all over the Madison area.

① 56ers **WHITE & RED** teams travel to play at the state, regional or national level.

① 56ers **SILVER** and Regent **BLUE** compete in MAYSA leagues.

🔗 [madison56ers.org](http://madison56ers.org)



# 2025/26 SEASON TRYOUT SCHEDULE



GIRLS 4:45 - 6:15pm

CO-ED 6:30 - 8:00pm

REDDAN SOCCER PARK  
6874 CROSS COUNTRY RD  
VERONA, WI 53593

AGE GROUP	DAY 1	DAY 2	RAIN DATE	Alliance Notifications
11U August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 12
12U August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 12
13U August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014	June 7	June 8	June 11	June 12
14U August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12

\* If your player was born between August 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012 AND will be in 8th grade, please contact Regent about your options.

# Online Registration - Regent, MU or 56ers



- Register with the club you wish to play for.
  - Go to their website and register for their tryout.
  - ★ Note - it's a good idea to upload a headshot picture of your player at this time
- If you do not intend to accept an offer, please do not tryout for that club.
- Only register for one of the clubs (Regent, MU or 56ers) - the tryout for these clubs takes place at the same location and time so you can only attend one of them!
- Cost: \$40 pre-registration online (*plus online processing fee*).
- Late fees go into effect 48 hours before the first night of your age group tryout.
- Online registration closes 24 hours before the first night of your age group tryout.
- If you do not register online, you MUST register onsite: \$80 onsite.'
- **If you tryout for the 56ers, you may also select Regent as your preferred alternate club.**
  - **You must select Regent as your alternate club if you want to be considered for a Regent team (ie if you do not make 56ers)**

# Regent On-site Check-in Procedure



## Both Nights of the Tryout

- ★ **STEP 1:** Your player **MUST** check in with Regent each night. Players should check in **15-30** min before their scheduled start time. Adults may leave the park or hang around near the shelter during your players session. **DO NOT GO ONTO THE FIELDS**
- ★ **STEP 2:** Players will be given a freshly washed pinney with their tryout number on it. Players will wear this pinney for the tryout - they will leave it at the fields on Night 1 (it will be laundered and on the field when they return for Night 2).
- ★ **STEP 3:** After check in, players will be guided to their tryout field by an Alliance coach or volunteer.

## What To Wear & Bring

- Soccer appropriate clothing including:
  - Tryout shirt received at check-in
  - Athletic shorts
  - Shin-guards
  - Soccer shoes (cleats are recommended)
- Plenty of water / hand sanitizer
- **Fully inflated** soccer ball
  - 11U & 12U – Size 4
  - 13U & above – Size 5
- A great attitude!



# The Tryout Process



- Each player is expected to attend both nights.
- Players will check at the shelter at Reddan (look for the Regent sign!).
- Adults usually take a walk, run errands or find a place near the shelter to hang out while they wait.
- **Only players and coaches are permitted on the tryout fields.**

## Night One (90 min)

- Group warm up for 10-15 min
- 1v1 and/or 2v2 drills for 10-15 min
- Small-sided games (no GK)
- Players trying out for GK will be evaluated separately by a Keeper coach in addition to participating in the larger tryout **(Players trying out as GK are committing to play at least half of every match at GK)**

## Night Two (90 min)

- Group warm up for 10-15 min
- Full field games with GK
- Players trying out for GK will be given game time at the keeper position

# Evaluations & Team Information



- Players are evaluated by the coaches for their age group, Regent's DOC and independent evaluators provided by 56ers and Regent. Each player is seen by multiple evaluators.
- Regent coaches also gather information from the player's current coach.
- These evaluations are used to advise the coach and DOC who work together to set the roster.
- **The goal is to place each player on a team where they have an opportunity to succeed and make a positive impact**

## Players are evaluated on:

- ★ **Athleticism/Athletic Ability** - players speed and strength on and off the ball, agility and quickness
- ★ **Technical Skill** - players skill level/comfort level with the ball. Ability to receive, pass, dribble, shoot, head and juggle the ball
- ★ **Tactical Ability/Awareness** - players' understanding and ability to problem solve tactical situations on and off the ball
- ★ **Social & Emotional Readiness** - coachability, work ethic and attitude!

# The Offer Process - All players who attend a tryout will receive an offer to a Blue or Gold team

## ★ The Offer Process goes more quickly when families respond quickly.

- Offers are sent via PlayMetrics
- The offer will tell you the name of the team, coach, how to accept the offer and what to do next
- You have **24 hours to respond** to your offer (i.e., Accept or Decline in PlayMetrics)



## ★ How to accept a Regent offer (Please follow instructions completely)

- Click the "Register" link within the offer, OR
- Log into PlayMetrics - there will be a banner at the top of the screen that says "Register" or "Decline" (click Register to Accept)
- Follow the directions in the email (login, register, upload photo, make payment)
- If you need information, send your coach or the club an email for assistance!
- Your offer is not considered accepted until you register and pay! Late fees will begin accruing 48hrs after the offer was given.

## ★ Delays in offers / what to do if you haven't received an offer yet

- You may not hear on Day 1 of our offers. Please be patient. You will hear from us one way or the other. Remember - our goal is to find everyone a roster spot.
- If there is a big delay, we will contact everyone explaining that offers are delayed
- If you want to inquire about the status of your player, please use the Contact Form on our website (include player name & birth year).
- It is possible that you will receive an offer from MU - we will explain this should it occur

## ★ When a player registers with a club, it is for the whole seasonal year (Fall and Spring).

# How it Works



## \*Next steps - after receipt of an "offer"

- 1) Player needs to login and register - mid-June
- 2) Complete requirements (upload picture if nec, apply for scholarship if nec, establish proof of birth (POB), etc.) - mid-June (part of registration)
- 3) Order Uniform - late June
- 4) Team meetings to meet coach and team - first half of July
- 5) Teams start practicing mid August

Regent and MU make every effort to offer a place on a team to every player looking to play.

# TRYOUT FAQ



## ★ The weather forecast looks bad - heat / storms - what do we do?

- Assume that the tryout is ON and go to Reddan unless you have received a message from Regent stating otherwise
- The health and safety of our players and staff are our highest priority. We will adapt our tryouts when necessary due to weather considerations.

## ★ My player only wants to play with their friends and in the Gold Program - do we have to tryout?

- Not necessarily, however Gold teams can only be formed if we have enough players and volunteers signed up.
- If there are enough players to form a Gold team but no volunteer coaches, a licensed, paid coach will be assigned.  
**The coaching fees will be covered by the team, which may result in additional costs for each player.**
- If a Gold team cannot be formed, your player will be offered the opportunity to try out for a Blue (competitive) team if that is something they are interested in.

## ★ Can my player tryout for an older age group (i.e., "play up")?

- Yes - a player can try out to "play up" an age group. However, consistent with our governing body's policies, it is not guaranteed.
- Playing up is considered as a development opportunity, not an automatic step.
- At the tryout, our coaches will evaluate your player to determine if it is developmentally appropriate for them to play up.

# FAQ CONTINUED



## ★ What is the best way to support my player during this time?

- Know the process and ask questions
- Arrive to the sessions early and bring their equipment- rushing only increases anxiety
- Prepare your player by reminding them the only thing they have to do is play soccer and have fun!!
- Afterwards, ask if they had fun and if they got to see some familiar faces. Don't fixate on "making the team"!
- Stay as relaxed as possible - this tends to be more stressful for the adults than the players.

## ★ Can I see my player's evaluation?

- Please refer to the Coaching matrix to get a feel for what types of skills the coaches are looking for.
- If you would like specific feedback, please send a message using the Contact Form on our website.
- Remember that we are assessing skills (i.e. can they control the ball) and behavior/coachability/sportsmanship (i.e. are they there to play?) more than results (i.e. # of goals scored)

## ★ My player played in the Blue program on the first team last year. Will they be on the same team this year?

- Not necessarily- each year is a new tryout and potentially a new roster. All players must earn their spots on the team each year

# FAQ CONTINUED



★ **My player can only attend one night of tryouts - what do we need to do?**

- It is in your players best interest that players attend both nights.
- Regent works hard to evaluate everyone,
- CONTACT Regent as early as possible, if you have a conflict! You must make arrangements ahead of time in order to enable Regent to evaluate your player adequately (deadline to inform Regent is in May !!!)

★ **How many teams will Regent form at each age group?**

- We track the number of kids registering for tryouts leading into tryouts so that we can predict how many coaches we will need. Getting players registered early for tryouts helps us with our planning. Ideally, we have a rough headcount in EARLY MAY
- Historically if numbers are low, we combine age groups so everyone has a team (i.e., 11U/12U & 13U/14U) - more common in Gold
- Here is a look at what teams Regent will typically forms each year (*the # of teams formed is entirely dependent on the # of players who sign up*).

Age Group	BLUE	GOLD
11U	2-4 girls / 3-4 boys	At least 1
12U	2-4 girls / 3-4 boys	At least 1
13U	1-2 girls / 2-3 boys	At least 1
14U	1-2 girls / 2-3 boys	At least 1

# FAQ CONTINUED



## ★ What is the order of Regent teams?

- The teams are tiered:
  - i. First team = Azzurre/Azzurri
  - ii. Second team = Royal
  - iii. Third team = Indigo
  - iv. Fourth team = Cobalt / Onyx / Sapphire

## ★ When do I order my uniform?

- Uniforms are on a 2-year cycle - Fall 2026 is the start of a new cycle year and all players will be required to get a new uniform
- Uniform ordering takes place after offers - typically starting the third week of June.
- Required uniform kit = 2 jerseys, shorts, and socks
- Approximate cost = ~\$130

## ★ What if I am out of cell/email range during offers?

- You **MUST** accept your offer within 24 hours in writing.
- If you are unavailable, you may set up a proxy to answer for you.
- All steps including payment still must be followed. This must be arranged ahead of time with Regent.
- Please contact Regent at least 2 weeks before tryouts to arrange how to handle your offer if you are unable to receive emails during the Offer period.

## ★ If I try out for 56ers and I don't get offered a spot with the 56ers, am I guaranteed a spot in the Blue program?

- NO - Regent will evaluate your performance on the 56ers field in order to place you onto a Regent team.

## ★ What are the biggest differences between 56ers and Regent Blue?

- Cost and commitment - please refer to our Regent Blue vs 56er slide, above



Thank you for taking the  
time to look at this  
presentation / Please join  
us for our tryout Zoom  
meeting.

