

SSA Annual Team Formation Policy

The Sartell Soccer Association (SSA) will hold annual tryouts on a yearly basis for the following full soccer season. Under Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) rules, a soccer calendar year runs from August 1 – July 31. Player age group formation rules follow the soccer calendar year. SSA teams can participate in two seasons within the calendar year: fall and spring/summer. The spring/summer season also includes a winter training component.

All players seeking placement on a Sartell Soccer Association competitive team for the upcoming year must register for annual tryouts by the published deadline. Tryouts will be scheduled as early as possible, with dates anticipated in late July/early August. Players are expected to attend all tryout sessions for their age group. Attending these sessions gives evaluators the best opportunity to place players and teams at the most appropriate level for the seasons within the calendar year.

SSA registration process will include the ability for family members to provide input on their player's desire to play one or both seasons (fall and/or spring/summer). The registration process will also require family members to indicate if their player may not be able to make any of the required tryout times. It is anticipated that two tryout sessions will be required each year. This should include a reason for any absence. Players who are not registered will not be considered in the initial team formation process.

Missing one tryout session does not automatically prevent a player from being placed on a team, but it may limit the evaluation information available and may affect placement, especially in age groups with multiple teams or limited roster space. Players who attend tryouts may receive placement priority over players who miss one or more tryouts when evaluation scores, roster limits, or team placement decisions are similar.

For returning SSA competitive players who miss one or both sessions due to an excused absence, team placement may include previous season coach evaluations, prior team placement, previous tryout data, and any other SSA-approved evaluation information.

For players new to SSA, or players without prior SSA coach evaluations, missing tryouts may significantly limit the ability to place the player accurately. SSA may consider the player for placement, and the player may request an alternate evaluation opportunity, such as attending a team practice or other SSA-approved session.

Alternate evaluations for any player are not guaranteed.

Final team placement decisions, including late roster additions or any other special circumstances, will be made by the Director of Coaching in consultation with the SSA Soccer Operations Committee, and coaches as needed.