

EPSC 2023/24 Tryout Important Info and FAQs

12U-19U (2012-2005)

Returning EPSC Player

I Cannot Attend Any Tryouts but Want to Be on a Team?

Register in the tryout system **AND** notify us at tryout@epsoccerclub.com

What Is the Placement Process If I Cannot Attend Tryouts?

We will place you based on Coach Evals and any relevant Director input.

NOTE: You must be registered in tryouts to be placed on a team....No Exceptions!

I Can Only Attend One Tryout Session?

Notify us of why and which session you will attend.

New Player to EPSC

I Cannot Attend Any Tryouts but Want to Be on a Team?

Contact us for earliest possible assessment such as an August or November training session
tryout@epsoccerclub.com

What is the Placement Process If I Cannot Attend Tryouts?

Contact us for the earliest possible assessment tryout@epsoccerclub.com

I Can Only Attend One Tryout Session?

Notify us of why and which session you will attend.

Tryout Process

The goal of team formations is to place players in the best situation to continue along their best development pathway.

Who Evaluates the Players?

EPSC Staff/Coaches & Independent Evaluators. Players will be assessed by multiple evaluators

What Will Tryouts Look Like? What Should My Child Expect?

Tryout Session #1 – Warmup, Technical Activities, and Small-Sided Games

Tryout Session #2 - Warmup, Match Play

Goalkeepers: What Will the Tryouts Look Like?

Tryout Session #1 – 1hr assessment with Club GK Trainer, Small-Sided Games

Tryout Session #2 - Warmup, Match Play (will be assessed from all Evaluators in their Match Play)

How does the Scoring Work?

Evaluators use Software, and scores are automatically inputted to the EPSC system, these numbers are then coupled with the Coach Scores and Director Scores to provide one overall score. EPSC Staff help with their input in very close decisions. All EPSC Staff are involved in our team formations.

What are Evaluators Looking For?

What are Evaluators predominantly looking at:

- Match Effect
- Technical Ability
- Decision Making (tactical)
- Attitude (Psychological)
- Positional play (weighted more as players get older)

The above are weighted slightly differently through the ages.

Example-

- “Commitment” is weighted highly as this is the first key to everything
- “Technical” applies at all ages
- “Tactical” applies more at the older ages

- “Psychological” applies more at older ages than the youngest
- “Physical” is used less at younger ages as we look more at Technical Ability
- “Match Effect” is constant and should reflect all of the above

What to Bring?

- **Bring:** Water, Inflated Ball (Size 5). Shinguards
- **Wear:** Current Players – Wear EPSC Training Attire.
- **Wear:** New Player - Try to wear similar colors (Grey or Gold Top/Red Shorts/Red Socks)



Post-Tryouts

IMPORTANT

Teams may be subject to change based on age group numbers, strength of player pool, etc. Age groups have the potential to be combined if numbers/level dictate. Any changes will be communicated to players before accepting their position.

How Will I Be Notified About My EPSC Placement?

An email notification will be sent to players. Check Spam if you do not receive anything.

How Long Do I Have to Accept My EPSC Offer?

Post-Tryouts - 24hrs after team posting.

Note: If you do not accept your spot within the 24hrs, there is no guarantee that this spot is still available

If I Pay a Tryout Fee, Does This Bind Me To EPSC?

No, absolutely not. This is tryout fee to cover our costs and deter casual interest. Once you have accepted your roster spot and paid your registration fee, that will bind you to EPSC.

Are Placements Contestable?

No! Player placements cannot be contested and the club will not engage in any debate on team placements. Team placements are not negotiable. We will not share specifics regarding rankings, scores, and especially not placements of other players. Players looking for feedback should look at their end of season Technical Reviews.

Please keep in mind that Tryouts are an extremely busy time.

Frequently Asked Questions

My Child is an 8th Grader, but a 15U (2009), What Will They Do in the Fall?

For players born in 2009 and not playing High School Soccer, we offer the Gapper Program where players will either join a 14U Team for the Fall or create a league/tournament team if there are enough Gappers. We will reach out to the players that qualify for the Gapper Program after the Tryouts and they can register for it at that time. Gappers will return to their 15U team after the end of the Fall Season.

Can my Child Play/Tryout in an Older Age Group?

Opportunities for players to compete in an older age group will be decided upon by request ONLY from EPSC Directors and AGCs. Players should reach out to tryout@epsoccerclub.com if they want to try out at an older age group.

Can I Watch Tryouts?

No, spectators are not allowed at Tryouts. We understand this can be a stressful time, but the best thing you can do is let your child do their thing and trust the process.

Will Everyone Make a Team?

We try to place every player that attends Tryouts and rarely have to cut players. However, there may be extenuating circumstances such as roster size, team numbers, level, etc. that would be reason to not be able to place a player.

Do You Offer Financial Aid?

Yes, Financial Aid is available for those players who qualify. Families can apply for FA using this link

Any Other Questions???

See the Tryout tab on www.epsoccerclub.com

If this does not answer your question – email tryout@epsoccerclub.com

We look forward to having you at EPSC!!