



Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer

Club/Select Registration Form 2008/2009

(Players U8 – U12 please use Youth Registration Form)

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Player Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth _____ Address _____
Month Day Year Number Street

Phone (____) _____ City Zip
Area Number

Parent or Guardian _____

Address (if different) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ email _____

If possible, we prefer assignment to a NMSA _____ GVSA _____ no preference _____ team.
For a complete explanation of your choices please read the information on the following page thoroughly.

To Register I Have Enclosed the Following:

1. Registration Form
2. Medical Care Authorization Form (even if you have one on file)
3. A copy of child's birth certificate (if new to TBAYS)
4. Payment of \$168 in the form of a check payable to "TBAYS" or Credit Card Information Below:

___ VISA or ___ MASTERCARD _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Dat ___/___

Authorized Signature:

TBAYS Refund Policy

TBAYS will refund all but \$25 up until the team's 1st game. **No refunds can be made after play has begun.**

Comments:

Club Team Registration Information

This year when you register for a U13 and up team you will be asked to choose between NMSA and GVSA as your team option. Providing we have enough players, we will attempt to form teams that play in the league that you, the player, prefer. This will be on a 1st Come-1st Served basis so if the option you choose is already full you may be placed on a different team or on a waitlist. The teams and currently registered players are listed on the website (www.tbays.org) and can be found by selecting 'club' from the main menu and then clicking on the 'Rosters' button. We **strongly** suggest that you register for a team even if you are planning to try out for a select team. That way you will have a spot reserved on your favorite team in the event that you do not make select.

We must have payment at the time of registration in order to hold your place on the team. Please don't submit registrations without payment as this creates confusion and sometimes results in players thinking they are registered when they are not.

NMSA vs GVSA - What's the Difference?

The GVSA (Grand Valley Soccer Association) league is centered in the Grand Rapids area and includes teams from Jackson, Lansing, and Muskegon, as well as Grand Rapids. There will be several games each season for which travel downstate will be required. In general, this league is more competitive, although, of course there are always variations in the level of play. In addition, the GVSA team will most likely play in at least one tournament away from home in addition to the TBAYS tournaments. Although all players are guaranteed to play at least 25% of the game, game time may not be equal for all players.

The NMSA (Northern Michigan Soccer Alliance) league is a little less competitive and is made up of teams from Petoskey, Cheyboygan, Gaylord, Grayling, Alpena and other Northern Michigan cities. The team will probably only play in home tournaments.

Both GVSA and NMSA teams can expect to play 2-3 weekends on home fields during each season. The remainder of the season will be away games.

How Do I Get the Team I Want?

Teams will be formed in each age group on a 1st come-1st served basis. The first 18 kids (22 kids for U17 and up) to sign up for a team will form that team. Kids who sign up later will go on a wait list. If there are enough kids to form additional teams, we'll do so. We will probably combine age groups (eg U13/14 or U14/15) in order to provide as many players as possible with the type of team they prefer to play with. If you want to play with specific other players please include that in the comments area of your registration. Team rosters are listed online if you want to check and see who's already registered.

How Do I Get the Coach I Want?

When a coach volunteers his name will be added to the website and you can register for his team. In cases where teams are forming without coaches, the Director of Coaches will assign a coach to the team.

What If I Want to Try Out for a Select Team?

TBAYS would encourage you to register and indicate your team choice as early as possible. You will then be rostered on the team of your choice. Should you make the select team, your spot on the other team will go to the next person on the waitlist. If you don't register early, you may not have an option to play with your preferred team if you don't make the select team.

It is TBAYS intention to provide our players with more choices and more opportunities to play soccer the way THEY want to play. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know by emailing us at director@tbays.org or coaching@tbays.org.