



Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer

TBAYS Youth Soccer Teams

Youth Players

Teams will play traditional TBAYS recreational soccer which means they'll play in mostly local venues with a minimum amount of travel. All players are assured of equal play time throughout the season, regardless of ability. Exceptions are made only for disciplinary reasons. Practices are once or twice per week at the coach's discretion.

TEAM SELECTION Guidelines for Youth Players

TBAYS U8 teams are coed that are formed on a first come first served basis. The U8's will practice once or twice per week. U10-U12 are single gender (boys teams or girls teams) combining U9 and U10 to play U9/10 and U11 and U12 to play U11/12. U9/10 teams play 6 v 6. U11/12 teams play 8 v 8. You may request that your player 'play up' one year so that a U10 player plays on a U11/12 team but you should bear in mind that he will be playing with and against players who may be as much as two years older. Players are never allowed to 'play down'. This is a violation of MSYSA rules. This means that we always have a few kids who are playing on teams with kids who are not in the same grade as themselves. Boys **MUST** play on boy's teams. Girls can sign up for a boy's team if they wish.

Please go to the website at www.tbays.org to check on team availability. Select 'Youth' from the main menu and then click on the 'Rosters' button. Decide which team you'd like to play on and enter that team name on your registration form. If your 1st choice team is full and you leave your 2nd choice blank, we will assume that we can place you on any team in your age group that has an opening. If you don't want that to happen, please put 'none' on the 2nd choice line. We encourage you to choose a team. Players who are not rostered cannot be guaranteed a spot on any team. You will automatically be waitlisted for your 1st choice team whether you make a 2nd choice or not. Teams will be formed in each age group on a 1st come-1st served basis. The first 14 kids (11 kids for U10 teams) to sign up for a soccer team will form that team.

If you don't see the team you want, you can request that TBAYS start a new team in your age/gender group. Please designate this team by either a coach or school name on the registration form. **If you are designating a coach, please be sure that person intends to be a coach.** If you are interested in coaching or assisting with a youth team, we'd love to have you! Applications are being taken now for the upcoming season.

Club players may choose fall, spring, or full year play. Full year players will remain on the same team in both seasons.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at office@tbays.org or 933-8229.