

# Travel Season: Frequently Asked Questions



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## From Bridgewater Youth Soccer Association (BYSA)

### What is travel soccer?

Travel soccer is a program designed for the more serious athlete (and family) ready to make a commitment to the sport, both financially and in time. The travel season technically takes place in the Spring (April through June). However, given the dedication to the sport in Bridgewater, teams are established in the Fall and play one, two or three eight-week sessions at the Bridgewater Sports Complex – the Dome – from November through March.

Dome sessions are not sanctioned by BYSA. Teams play against local area towns and are placed in divisions by skill level to ensure competitive games.

Travel soccer is sanctioned by BYSA and South Shore Soccer League (SSSL). SSSL is designee of Mass Youth Soccer and consists of member towns from our immediate area. As at the Dome, teams are placed in divisions by skill level.

Notes: 1. All U8 & U10 games are non-results oriented. While scores are kept, no standings are enforced as both divisions are geared at player development, not wins or losses.

2. Beginning in 2011, Mass Youth Soccer has decommissioned U8 travel soccer for the 2011-2012 season, so BYSA is coordinating a house league that will only participate in Dome play.

### How are teams set?

BYSA conducts an evaluation process for all players inter-

ested in playing travel soccer. Each year, players participate in one or more evaluation sessions, where they are measured in three key areas of the game: tactical, technical and physical. Evaluators include BYSA Board Members, coaches for that division and other knowledgeable soccer participants.

### Tryout Schedule

U8 Boys @ Flagg St.	U8 Girls @ the Dome
10/22 - 3-5 PM	10/15 - 3-5 PM
U10 Boys @ Flagg St.	U10 Girls @ Flagg St.
10/20 - 4-5:30 PM 10/22 - 3-5 PM	10/10 - 3-5 PM 10/14 - 4:30-6 PM
U12 Boys @ Flagg St.	U12 Girls @ Flagg St.
10/9 - 10-12 PM 10/12 - 4:30-6 PM	10/6 - 4:30-6 PM 10/15 - 1:30-3 PM
U14 Boys @ Flagg St.	U14 Girls @ Flagg St.
10/15 - 3-5 PM 10/22 - 3-5 PM	10/15 - 3:30-5:30 P 10/19 - 4:30-6 PM
U16 Boys @ Flagg St.	U16 Girls @ Flagg St.
10/16 - 11- 1PM TBD	10/16 - 11-1 PM 10/23 - 12-2 PM
U18 Boys @ Flagg St.	U18 Girls @ Flagg St.
10/1 - 4-6 PM	10/10 - 2-4 PM

Subject to change. Visit web site for confirmation.

After the tryouts, a Division Coordinator consolidates all ratings which yields a ranking of the players. Division coaches then participate in a placement session, where teams are set as follows: A Team, B Team, C Team, and so on. Note: U8 teams are not constructed by rank to enhance player development for all.

The number of teams is contingent upon the number of players that tryout and the number of coaches willing to take on the commitment of running a travel soccer team.

### How much does travel soccer cost?

There are variances in cost, mostly contingent upon the coach's preference in Dome activities. Each Dome session costs between \$70-\$90 per player. Practice for all three Dome sessions will total between \$50-\$80 per player depending on frequency, the

number of players per team and if the team is sharing a field.

Uniforms and Equipment: Travel teams usually have two uniforms – one for the Dome (\$25+/-) and one for outdoors (\$60); some teams use their outdoor town uniforms at the Dome. Shin pads are required. Turf shoes are recommended at the Dome, but sneakers may be worn. Cleats are recommended outside.

It is safe to assume a total cost of \$350-\$500.

### Who are the coaches?

Coaches are all BYSA volunteers who have successfully passed a CORI check. They are strongly encouraged to participate in Mass Youth Soccer's coach education licensing program, and are reimbursed to do so.

### How do we sign up?

Visit the BYSA web site for details. Please pre-register your child prior to tryouts to make the evaluation process run more smoothly. Thank you for your interest in BYSA!