



TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION for 2017 Fall - 2018 Spring

ROCKY HILL SOCCER CLUB

Rocky Hill Soccer Club is looking for boys and girls born 2004 through 2009 that are looking to play soccer at a competitive level while representing Rocky Hill. This league is a more competitive level of play than the Park and Recreation programs run in many towns, including Rocky Hill. Part of our mission is to increase the kids' level of play while assisting in their development of skills, teamwork and physical well-being. Our Board, Coaches and Referees strive to educate all families on the fundamentals of soccer while creating a fun and exciting atmosphere for the kids of Rocky Hill to showcase their love of the sport of soccer.

U08 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2010/11)	No tryouts; open registration for 11/2017 start	
U09 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2009)	Maxwell Park	June 3 @ 10:00 a.m.
U10 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2008)	Maxwell Park	June 3 @ 9:00 a.m.
U11 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2007)	Maxwell Park	June 3 @ 8:00 a.m.
U12 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2006)	Maxwell Park	June 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
U13 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2005)	Maxwell Park	June 2 @ 6:30 p.m.
U14 Girls and Boys (Birth year of 2004)	Maxwell Park	June 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

*The Board must be contacted for any exceptions to grade and birth-date that do not comply. Please contact George Hatzikostas via email: hatzikostasge@att.net

REGISTRATION PROCESS

In order to participate in tryouts each player (returning and new) must be registered. Registration is available online or you will need to be prepared to submit required "walk up" registration information the day of tryouts.

1) ONLINE REGISTRATION (Preferred) www.rockyhillsoccer.com

If you are able to register online we ask that you please do so. This will be very helpful in providing our staff with accurate numbers per age group prior to tryouts and will help you avoid any delays at tryouts.

2) WALK UP REGISTRATION

If you are unable to register online we ask that you please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of your child's tryout time and come prepared with the required documents that can be printed from the website. Please review the list of required documents online so that you are prepared at tryouts.

Commitment Fee payment will be due at the time of registration (online by credit/debit card or at the field by cash or check). The fee structure is as follows: U09/U10: \$115.00; U11/U12: \$140.00; U13/U14: \$165.00. Players who do not make a RHSC team will have their fee refunded to them. Please be aware that there are additional fees to be collected later including Uniform fees (new players only) and coaches fees.

For more detailed tryout information and to register online visit www.rockyhillsoccer.com and click on the "Tryouts" option on the left hand navigation.

If your questions are not answered there, please contact: Lauren Rosario; lauren_rosario@yahoo.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Is Club Soccer the same as “travel soccer”?

Yes it is. “Club” or “travel” soccer is organized and run by the Rocky Hill Soccer (RHSC) under the auspices of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association. RHSC receives no funding from local or state sources and is headed by a Board of Directors, consisting of volunteer parents, which meets monthly.

How far do the teams travel to play?

The majority of games are against neighboring towns within a 20 to 30 minute drive. Some of the teams will participate in tournaments which may be held out of state; however this is a decision that the team makes as a group with input from the parents and typically only occurs once per season.

Is it expensive to be on a team?

Uniforms are ordered every 2 years and cost approximately \$120. The Commitment Fee typically ranges from \$115-\$165 depending on the age level. This fee covers the Club expenses which are primarily referees fees for the games for both the Fall and Spring. You will not be asked to pay an additional Club fee in the Spring. Depending on the team, there may also be Team Fees each season. The Team fee is set by the individual team’s Manager each season and is reviewed with the parents. This fee could include a paid Coaching fee which may cost up to \$150 per season.

How often are practices held and when are games played?

Practices are held twice a week on Rocky Hill fields, between 75 and 90 minutes. Games are on the weekends; there may be weekends when there is a game both on Saturday and Sunday.

I know that soccer is usually a fall sport. Do the teams play all year?

RHSC considers soccer the primary sport for the fall season but expects a commitment by their players for the spring. As many players and parents enjoy soccer so much, each team will need to evaluate and decide whether they will play winter indoor session (this is optional).

RHSC sponsors the Rocky Hill Soccer Tournament which is a tournament held on Columbus Day weekend that attracts club teams from all over New England. If your child is part of a travel program, we expect that your child will participate and parents will volunteer for the tournament.

Why are there tryouts and will my child definitely be placed on a team?

Tryouts are held to assess each players ability and skill level. If there are enough players in a given age group, multiple teams will be formed, with players grouped according to skill level. There may be occasions, simply given the numbers, that a player could not be placed on a club team. In this situation the player would still be able to play soccer with the Rocky Hill Park & Rec program. The timing works out that you will know whether your child has been placed on a club team prior to the start of the Park & Rec season. Any monies that you may have paid to Park & Rec soccer program will be easily refunded to you.

What if I have further questions, or are unable to attend registration or tryouts, or simply have an interest in coaching or managing a team?

We are always looking for people to manage or coach a team. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact: Lauren Rosario: lauren_rosario@yahoo.com

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