

## Message from the President of the Board of Directors

Space Coast United Soccer Club would like to express our appreciation to everyone who came out to our NPL ID Camp and FYSA Tryouts. We recognize the tryout process is a highly emotional experience for players, parents, and coaches; and are grateful we have a community of families who appreciate the difficult decisions our coaching staff have to make this time of year.

2016 tryouts were impacted by a variety of unprecedented factors. The US Soccer birth year mandate affected every player in every club throughout the country. Additionally, several clubs within Brevard County experienced significant organizational changes resulting in an increase of non-SCU members trying out for a position on a Space Coast United team. The increase in numbers also means notification regarding tryout results is taking longer than usual, so we appreciate your patience.

Coaches can be faced with one of two dilemmas when it comes to tryouts. They do not have enough players try out so they struggle to fill rosters and risk fielding teams that are not truly competitive. Or they have a lot of players try out and know that some players will be hurt when they are not selected for a team. Our coaches struggle with these decisions, but ultimately must do what they feel is best for the individual players, team, and club.

Coaches are expected to select and develop teams they believe will be the most competitive and successful in their leagues, region, and state. No one wants their child to be placed on a team likely to lose week in and week out. I have been there and can tell you personally it is demoralizing and robs the players of their love of the game.

This year, my son was offered a position on a Select team after having played NPL/State Cup for three years. I firmly believe he will receive the best coaching and player development on a Region Cup team at Space Coast United than he would on a "state cup" team anywhere else in the county or even the state. The influx of new players to SCU and the birth year mandate have provided my son with the opportunity to bond with new teammates, grow into a position he's only played for one year, and likely have a winning season. It will show him the value of adaptability and perseverance.

Whether or not your child was offered a spot on a competitive team, Space Coast United Soccer Club has a place for every child to play. Our award winning recreation program is an excellent opportunity for players to train and develop their skills for next year's tryouts. Many of our coaching staff are available for private and small group training sessions for players who want to develop at a faster rate. Simply [contact a coach](#) personally to enquire about their schedule and hourly rates.

Once again, thank you for your interest in representing Space Coast United Soccer Club at a competitive level. I wish all of our young players a safe, fun, and successful year.

Regards,

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2014 FYSA TOPSoccer Club of the Year

2015 FYSA Recreation Club of the Year

P.S. Go easy on the team managers. They are volunteers and this is a big adjustment year!