



Saline FC

Welcome to Saline FC's Travel Soccer Tryouts. The purpose of our Saline FC travel program is to provide a high quality competitive soccer experience to area youth, as well as the opportunity for growth, skill development, competition, and enjoyment as soccer players and people.

We use tryouts as a process to determine player placement on competitive travel teams according to skill level. Saline FC strives to foster the formation of a strong Black team. Saline FC wants to encourage these teams to strive for (1) Premier status, and (2) success in the State Cup and other competitions. Gold teams should expect to lose players to the Black team and to potentially gain players from the Black team or players recruited from other teams. Saline FC strongly encourages movement between Black, Gold and White teams in every age group for the purpose of player development. It is especially important that this occurs whenever appropriate, so as to preclude players, coaches, and/or their parents from believing that they have a right to stay on their team even if the player does not possess the requisite skill level to play on that team.

The tryout process is conducted by a head coach at that age group and 2-4 evaluators based on the age group size. The process consists of written evaluations and observation of players during the following tryout parts:

- Warm up (consisting of jogging, dynamic soccer related movements, dribbling and changing direction with the ball, ball skills and Coerver foot skills.)
- Small Sided Games with no goalkeepers (To assess a player's skill levels in small confined spaces and how players deal with pressure.)
- Goalkeepers tryouts (for U13+ teams) (To assess the skill level of Goal Keepers attending the try out.)
- Full Sided Games (To make final decisions on player placement.)

Players will be evaluated to insure placement on the appropriate competitive team. The player evaluation is designed to target the 5 main attributes needed to design effective teams. These attributes are: Technical Skills, Tactical Skills, Speed, Endurance, and Attitude. It is up to the independent evaluators and the head coaches to determine how much weight is given to each aspect of the tryout process and the weighting may vary from year to year for the same age group.

At the end of the first day of tryouts, the head coach may offer written invitations to the Black team (highest competitive level team). The maximum number of offers that will be made is the number of field players for that age group. It is at the sole discretion of the head coach to make these offers and may be less than the maximum number. When offered a spot on the Black team, the player and family will have up to three (3) hours to decide whether to accept the offered spot on the team and sign their contract at the contract tent. If after three hours the contract has not been signed, the spot will be released and be available the second day of tryouts.

All players (whether they have been offered a spot on the Black team or not) are expected to return the second day of tryouts. All the remaining spots on the Black team and all spots on the Gold and/or White teams will be filled on the second day of tryouts. If offered a spot on a team, the player and family will have up to three (3) hours to decide whether they accept the spot on the team and sign a contract at the registration tent.

If a team roster has no remaining available positions, Saline FC will attempt to combine age groups or find a player from surrounding clubs to form an additional team. If there are enough players to form an additional team, we will contact you within the week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact admin@salinesoccer.org or 734-780-2162. We hope you have a great tryout experience and good luck!

Sincerely,
Saline FC Travel Committee