



Tryout Information

We want to thank you for participating in tryouts for Mississippi Rush Soccer Club. Every year we hold open and competitive tryouts for all players that want to play competitive soccer. Prior to tryouts, we do not guarantee any new or existing player a place on any team, nor do we guarantee any player a specific position on a team. Selection for any team at Mississippi Rush is solely at the discretion of our coaching staff. This decision is based on the ability, potential and commitment of each tryout candidate and how those candidates can be formed into a team.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **How many teams will be formed?** At the small side age groups that will play 9v9 this upcoming season we will form as many teams as we can. It is our belief believe that **player development** is the most key factor at the younger ages.

This year players that play 9v9 will be the players born in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 birth years. We will form Jackson and Madison based teams in each age group and gender in the 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 age groups when possible. But these decisions are made as we see the number of players who attend tryouts. In addition, we will also form a second Jackson and Madison based team as well as a combined team made up of players from the Jackson and Madison communities in each age and gender if the players available.

We will explore forming additional teams if the coaches believe that the numbers and talent are there. We will not form teams for the sake of forming teams. If the coaches feel additional teams will be competitive, then the option of forming additional teams will be considered.

Also of note, 2014 age groups may later be formed as 7v7 teams instead of 9v9 and 2011 age groups may also choose to play 11v11 instead of 9v9. These decisions are made solely at the coach's discretion based on players who attend tryouts in conjunction with the club directors of coaching.

At the older ages for the teams playing 11v11, we will form as many teams as we can to accommodate the number of committed players on both the boys' and girls' side while keeping the teams as competitive as possible. This involves players born in birth years 2009 and 2010 birth years for the upcoming 2022-2023 season.

2. **How many players are on each team?** On the small side age groups (U9-U12 age) playing under a US Club Soccer Roster the maximum number of players on any team can be eighteen. We place only 12-14 on the roster. Most 2009 and 2010 teams (U13-U14) will have anywhere from 16-22 players. If a coach chooses to form a 2014 team as 7v7, there may only be 11-12 players selected. If a coach chooses to form a 2011 team as 11v11, then the roster may have anywhere from 16-22 players.

3. **Who will inform us if our child makes a team and when?** The coach will contact the player or parent directly as soon as the coach makes selections for their respective teams. Spots will be offered on a rolling basis throughout tryouts. So do not be alarmed if your child does not receive a call after the first night, or even the second night. All coaches keep roster spots open until after the third tryout is completed, and then they begin finalizing rosters. Coaches are not allowed to tell parents who is on their respective teams until the team is finalized. **No team is considered complete until after all tryouts are concluded and the final team list is posted online**

If your child is not chosen for a team this year, you will receive an email within 7days of tryouts concluding notifying you that your child was not selected. You will not receive an email if our club is aware beforehand of the player's commitment to another club.

4. **Do you form an A team and a B team?** Yes, we form teams so that each team is made up of players with a similar talent level, so yes A and B teams are formed, that are referred to as Premier and Elite, respectively. That being the case, one team is stronger at the beginning of the year than the other. But again, the focus of all the teams in the U9-U12 age groups is **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**. Often there will be a third, "c" or select team formed in most age groups as well due to the high number of players who wish to play competitive soccer.



5. **How often do the teams train/practice?** The normal schedule is two times a week. This does depend on the tournament schedule and teams may practice more leading into a tournament.
6. **How many tournaments will a team play?** Each team in conjunction with their coach decides their tournament schedule upon approval by the club DOC. All teams are required to play in Crossroads of the South in the fall and the Spring Classic in the spring, both held in Jackson. The Director of Coaching may choose Club supported tournaments that are required for each team also.

Teams will be aware of these required tournaments by July of each seasonal year. The norm is between 8-12 tournaments throughout the season (fall and spring combined) depending on the ages of the teams including Crossroads of the South and Spring Classic which are both hosted by our club.

Due to our geographic region, there are ample tournaments available for teams at all levels of play, all within 3-4 hour driving distance with a maximum of 6 hours at the U9-U14 age groups due to some teams attending coastal tournaments, league play for U13 and U14, as well as tournaments in Atlanta area.

Older teams U15-U19 may travel further for college showcase tournaments and league play.

7. **What makes Mississippi Rush different than other clubs?** Primarily is our commitment to **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**. We are in the business of raising fine young men and women that excel both on and off the soccer field. In the past years, the club has developed more players that have played in college and professionally than any other club. Second, our coaching staff is second to none in Mississippi if not the South. Third is the outstanding level of commitment from the club and our parents. The combination of these factors has resulted in success on the field for our team and success in life for our players.
8. **How are teams run?** Each team will have a team manager and a team treasurer appointed by the coach and approved by the club administration. A TEAM meeting prior to the start of the season will be held to elect a travel coordinator and any other positions the individual team might want to fill.

The team manager will coordinate the operations of the team including communication within the team and with club, applications to tournaments, uniforms, and represent the team at any organization meetings. The treasurer will oversee all money functions including the collection of fees, the payment of team expenses and provide a financial summary to the club at the end of each year. The travel coordinator will secure accommodations for the team for away travel.

9. **How are teams rostered?** All Mississippi Rush teams are primarily rostered with US Club Soccer. We prefer US Club Soccer because of its flexibility. 2004-2010 birth year (U13-U19) teams may opt to also roster with USYS thru our association with Mississippi Soccer Association.

All premier level teams in the U13-U19 age groups will register with USYS through MSA, Elite and Select teams will be a coach's decision. Our younger teams, 2011-2014 do not register with USYS, only US Club.



10. **How much does Competitive – Soccer Cost?** Each team has different budgets as well as different payment plans, arranged to suit the individual team. **A reasonable estimation of the fees are as follows** (could be less than the below):

Participation Cost

- Intent to play fee - \$200 (These fees help in upkeep of the complexes, lights, water, etc.) This fee must be paid when the player agrees to join a team for the season and commits the player to paying ALL team fees for the season. This is a fee increase with the 2022-2023 season, as with everything, costs have risen, and we have not raised this fee in years. This fee is comparable to other clubs in Mississippi.
- US Club Soccer Registration and Insurance Fee - \$24
- MSA (USYS) Player Fee and insurance for those that participate - \$25
- Player Participation Fees - \$890 (These fees pay for the coaching staff directly overall)
- Uniform Cost – approximately \$275 (These are ordered separately by the individual parent through a personalized link. The team managers will receive information as to how you will order and pass it along to the individual team parents)

Total Participation Cost: \$1414

Team Cost (Average) – Depends on amount of travel and number of players (all tournaments that the U9-U14 teams attend are no more than 3-4 hours travel distance to such cities as New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, Gulfport, Mobile, Baton Rouge, Pensacola, etc.). U13-U14 may travel more for league games, up to 6 hours. Older teams will travel further for college showcase tournaments and league play.

- Total Tournament Fees Cost (Ten Tournaments) (Shared between players, based on fourteen players, could be cheaper with more players per team) - \$500 (Average tournament cost \$600-\$700, some may be less expensive)
- Total Coaches Travel Estimate (Shared between players and shared between multiple teams in some cases) - \$300
- Friendly Game Cost (Up to ten per season, some teams may elect to focus on more training/development and scrimmages and tournaments rather than paid games – this is at the coach's discretion)- \$50

Total Team Cost - \$850

Total Cost per player is approximately \$2264

(This amount is split into 6-10 payments and total amount could be WAY less for some teams, this is a higher end budgeted amount, most teams average about \$1800-\$1900 a season)

**All individual travel cost, gas, food, and lodging is the responsibility of the individual player

A limited number of Scholarships may be available to help offset part of the Participation Fees only. The family is responsible for all team fees if they are on scholarship for participation fees and are expected to volunteer in exchange for any scholarship money received. Scholarship applications are due by July 20 each seasonal year and decisions are made by August 10

Further Questions?

Email msrushsoccer@mississippirush.com and a member of our staff will get back with you.