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How are coaches assigned?

All head coach candidates must apply to be considered for a head coach role and be MYSA-credentialed.

Head coaches are selected and voted on by BYSA board vote based on a number of factors, including current soccer licenses, coaching experience and philosophy, past disciplinary actions. Coaches are not assigned until after player evaluations.

Each team may have up to two additional assistant coaches. Assistant coaches are typically identified by the head coach, and may in some circumstances be assigned to the team by the BYSA Board or age group coordinator. All assistant coaches must be MYSA-credentialed.

MYSA-credentialed coaches have passed a CORI check and completed annually required health and safety-related online training. Additionally, BYSA coaches are strongly encouraged to pursue US Soccer licensing for the age group in which they coach and will reimburse coaches for licensing fees.

What if my player cannot attend a player evaluation session?

In most age groups, player evaluations are completed over the course of two events to allow for proper time to rate players and form team rosters. Players are expected to attend all evaluation events and missing an evaluation may impact team placement. Not attending the evaluation session

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adds complexity and difficulty when forming rosters, although there are valid reasons for not being able to attend.

In the event injury prevents a player from participating, all available player data will be considered and placement will be approved by BYSA President.

If your player is unable to attend an evaluation, you should contact the age group coordinator immediately so that the appropriate action can be taken.

My player has conflicts in the spring and would only like to play in the winter, should we sign up for travel soccer?

Players should not register for this program if they are unable to commit to playing the spring season. Please contact your age group coordinator for more information.

Is the Bridgewater "Dome" affiliated with BYSA?

The Bridgewater Sports Complex (aka "The Dome") is a separate organization/company from BYSA. Due to being local to town, BYSA is a main customer for The Dome as we rent their facilities to host our indoor practices during the winter.

How do I sign up?

Login to your BYSA SportsConnect site. If you are new to BYSA you will need to create an account and add your child with their name/birthdate. Any eligible programs for your player(s) will be visible. If two age groups appear, select the program listing your child's grade. Complete the registration information. Players must be registered prior to attending player evaluations. There is no fee for registering - fees are due after player evaluations and team formation.

How much does it cost?

Fees for the Competitive Travel program vary each year based on the number of teams and registered players, facility rentals, outdoor league fees, and insurance costs.

Program fees cover indoor winter training sessions as well as Spring Travel league fees and outdoor practices.

Division	2026 Fee
Grades 1 and 2 Boys and Girls	\$110
Grades 3 through 8	\$180
Grades 9 and up	\$125

Financial Aid is available upon completion of a request <u>here</u>.

In addition to the program fees, players will need to purchase a uniform kit (which typically ranges between \$100-125 and provide their own gear (cleats, shin guards, water bottle, soccer ball). Tournaments including the Bridgewater Challenge Cup are also an additional fee and coordinated by the coaches.

When do I pay?

After team rosters are set and coaches have been assigned, you will receive an invitation to accept your child's roster spot on a team. To secure your spot, payment is required when you accept your invitation. You may choose to pay in full or set up a payment plan. Please note, all balances must be paid in full by **February 1, 2026**. Unpaid balances after this date may be subject to late fees or risk losing prior payments and a player's roster spot.

Uniforms are ordered separately from WeGotSoccer and orders should be placed once a player has been assigned a jersey number.

Am I allowed to request team placement for my player?

Teams are formed based on player evaluation ratings and team need (Grade 3 and above). BYSA does not accept any requests for team placement or movement after teams are formed. If you have any questions/concerns about team placement, please contact doc@bridgewateryouthsoccer.com

What if my player decides that he/she would like to play travel soccer after evaluations are completed?

In special circumstances, players may be allowed to roster to a team after fall evaluations have completed. Each case will be evaluated based on a number of factors, including roster sizes, prior player participation, and potential player conflicts. There is **no guarantee of team placement** if a player does not attend player evaluations. Contact doc@bridgewateryouthsoccer.com if you would like to inquire about joining the program after evaluations have been completed.

Can players from outside of Bridgewater participate in the BYSA Travel Program?

Players must follow the residing town's soccer league rules to determine eligibility for playing for a different town travel program. Players must seek permission from their current town soccer

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organization and work with the BYSA president prior to registering for the travel program and being considered for team placement.

I have further questions about the travel program, who can I ask?

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