



# CVYS Travel Soccer Fact Sheet and FAQ

Central Valley Youth Soccer Club offers in-house soccer and travel soccer teams. We do not offer cup or indoor soccer, but we are including some information on these programs as well as they may be a fit for your child.

## Travel Soccer

Travel teams are traditionally composed of players who wish to take their play to the next higher level above in-house. Travel teams play against other PAWest clubs located in nearby school districts. PAWest will bracket travel teams into Div 4, 5, or 6 levels based on their player ability and past records.

**Competitive Level:** Scores and standings are recorded for all travel matches. Yellow and red cards are recorded.

Div 6 and Div 5: Considered non-competitive, meaning coaches aim to give equal playing time to all players. Matches are within their local PAWest district. That is, CVYS would play matches against local teams in the West District such as Mars, Seneca Valley and Blackhawk.

Div 4: Competitive, coaches have no restrictions on playing time allocation. Matches are with any PAWest club across all districts, so CVYS could play more distant clubs such as Fox Chapel, Monroeville and Erie.

**Evaluations:** Held between the spring and fall sessions. Roster number limitations per team sometimes preclude placement of all players who are evaluated.

**When:** Spring and fall travel sessions overlap with the in-house seasons. Games typically run for 8 weeks with matches on mostly on Sunday afternoons. Coaches may also participate in tournament play such as the Edinboro Open in summer and the Plum Kickoff Classic in fall.

## Classic or “Cup” Soccer

Cup teams are traditionally composed of players who wish to take their play to a higher level above travel. Cup players often participate on both a travel and cup team. Examples of local cup clubs are Stars United, Penns Forest and Beadling. Cost can be a consideration in joining a cup program. With overnight tournament stays factored, costs can range from \$1000-2000 yearly.

**Competitive Level:** Competitive. Scores and standings are recorded for all cup matches. Yellow and red cards recorded. Coaches have no restrictions on playing time allocation.

**Evaluations/Try-outs:** Dates vary by club, usually mid summer

**When:** Training can be year round, with spring and fall sessions and additionally winter and summer training sessions. Matches are usually on Saturdays. Cup tournament participation varies widely by club and often includes out of state tournaments.

## Indoor Soccer

Indoor soccer play (such as SporTrak in Sewickley or Tri-County in Freedom) is NOT officially associated with Central Valley Youth Soccer. CVYS travel or In-house coaches will often volunteer to form teams based on the interest put forth from players and parents. Matches are usually held in the winter months.



## Travel Soccer Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What's are the differences between travel soccer and in-house soccer?

*'Travel' is the next level of competition from 'in-house' soccer offered to U10 and older players whereby teams play other community soccer club teams on Sunday afternoon rather than on Saturday morning.*

2. What is the approximate travel distance to the games:

*The travel time is generally less than 45 minutes. You will need to make arrangements to have your child to the travel fields at least 30 minutes before game time.*

3. How long is the travel soccer season?

*'Travel' soccer season is eight weeks long each fall and spring just like for 'in-house'. The travel team schedule will overlap in-house play.*

4. What is the time commitment? How many practices and games per week?

*'Travel' soccer time commitment is an additional practice (or two) per week and one game each Sunday in addition to the 'in-house' practice and game each week.*

5. How are travel teams formed?

*Travel teams are formed for the fall season based on evaluations held in mid- to late-June. The Board works with prospective coaches and the evaluated player pool to form teams. Teams are intended to remain together for both fall and spring; however, there are typically a few player drop/adds between fall and spring.*

6. What are player evaluations all about? What happens there?

*Evaluations (hour-long drills and scrimmage) are used by the Board to collect data for relative soccer abilities of prospective players used in forming teams. Although the goal is to roster all interested players who are appropriately skilled, there are roster limitations and the evaluations help with decisions in that regard.*

7. Who can coach? What if I want to coach a team?

*Conceivably, anyone can coach. Requests to coach are made through the CVYS Board who in-turn select the appropriate coach. Coaches are selected based on soccer experience, coaching history and involvement in CVYS.*

8. How do I know if my child is ready for travel soccer?

*Your child may be ready for travel soccer if they are progressing well with soccer proficiency compared to their peer group and they are able to take instruction from coaches.*

9. What is the full cost for travel soccer?

*Cost for travel soccer for U10 and U12 is an additional \$20 per season above the in-house registration fee plus the cost of the travel uniform. A uniform includes a team-matching jersey, shorts and socks. U14 soccer is travel only, so the registration fee for U14 travel is \$65. Parents can register for both in-house and travel soccer on-line at [www.cvyouthsoccer.org](http://www.cvyouthsoccer.org)*

10. Are there any differences in game play between in-house and travel soccer?

*Rules for travel games are the same as for in-house.*