



Rebels Soccer Club

Tryout Policy

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I. Objective

1. The objective of this document is to establish the philosophy and parameters of the Rebels Soccer Club (RSC) tryout policy, which are:

- a)** Foster the physical, mental and emotional growth of youth through the sport of soccer at levels of age and competition.
- b)** Provide policies around which the club can effectively and equitably manage and administrate teams.
- c)** Provide an equitable system that places players on teams that match their skill levels while providing an opportunity to learn and develop new skills.
- d)** Provide an environment where-in coaches of different age groups are encouraged to work together in the formation of teams that will best benefit the players, the RSC and the community.
- e)** Publicly advertise the tryouts to the soccer community, via public medium, thereby notifying all potential participants of the RSC and the programs offered.

f) The Chair of the TryOut Committee (TOC), with the concurrence of rest of the TOC, will resolve all complaints related to inappropriateness of behavior (player, parent, coach or evaluator) or other tryout related conflicts as they may arise. The guidelines for resolving grievances or conflicts are:

- 1)** Contact a member of the TOC
- 2)** TOC member will document the situation and present it to the TOC Chair (Club President).
- 3)** TOC will review the situation and determine consequence(s) and resolution.
- 4)** Club President will communicate decision to the parties involved and will be responsible for the enforcement of any punitive action.

2. This policy is for teams playing in the following Summer MYSA season only.

a) RSC recognizes the benefit of off-season play and encourages players and teams to participate in off-season leagues, both indoor and outdoor, before and after the MYSA Summer season.

b) Coaches and Team Managers are responsible for actively coordinating the scheduling and registering of their teams for off-season leagues with the RSC.

3. Coach Responsibilities

a) Coaches do not own teams and/or players. Coaches are selected and approved by the Coaching Director and the RSC Board.

b) A coach may not recruit or attempt to recruit a player while that player is playing on another team without first notifying the current coach. Nor may a coach attempt to recruit players for a specific team during tryouts.

4. Player Responsibilities

- a) By participating in tryouts you are agreeing to be placed on a team dictated by your skill level. See the dispute process detailed in Section I.1.f.
- b) No player may wear club apparel or any other apparel where the intent is to indicate team affiliation.
- c) Players are encouraged to register in their appropriate age group according to the MYSA birth year cutoff chart. However, players can tryout and, if selected, register to play with an older age group. Players should announce their intention to tryout with an older age group by contacting either the Boys or Girls Director in advance of the actual Tryout date. Players should also tryout at their appropriate age group.

II. TryOut Committee

1. The TryOut Committee (TOC) will consist of the following RSC Board Members:

- a) President (Committee Chair)
- b) Vice President
- c) Girls Director
- d) Boys Director
- e) Coaching Director

III. Team Selection

1. Tryout evaluation results and the ranking of each player are considered confidential and will not be shared with players or parents.

2. A team may choose to register with the RSC as a Tournament Only Team and not participate in the tryout process. Each coach must send a tryout waiver form to either the Boys or Girls Director for consideration. The RSC Board will review and make a determination on each application. The application deadline for the Tryout waiver must be received by the applicable gender director at least 7 calendar days prior to the announced tryout day for the age group. If a team wished to register after the tryout process has ended, an application must be submitted at least 7 calendar days prior to the MYSA team registration deadline.

3. Each coach will complete an individual player evaluation (RSC Player Evaluation Form) and a ranked roster for their current team (RSC Coaches Year End Final Starting Lineup and Player Ranking Form) prior to tryouts. The coach is responsible for submitting both forms to the Coaching Director. The Coaching director is responsible for communicating the deadline for the submission of the roster and evaluations.

4. If there is not a coach in place at the time of tryouts, the TOC will determine team rosters based on tryout results in conjunction with, if available, the previous coaches ranked roster and individual player evaluations.

5. If a coach is not identified by November 1st, the RSC reserves the right to hire a paid coach. Responsibility is that of the team.

6. Age Groups

a. U9's and U10's will not have tryouts, but each prospective player will participate in a skill evaluation conducted by the tryout evaluators. The TOC will determine team rosters.

b. U11's

(1) The top six players, as ranked during the tryout process, will automatically be placed on the team.

(2) The remaining places on the team will be determined by the coach and the TOC. If there is not a coach identified at tryouts, the TOC will make the remaining roster selections.

(3) Balancing of team's may be considered.

(4) Team level of play will be the decision of the coach in cooperation with the Boys/Girls Director.

(5) Final 2 roster positions may come from outside the tryout pool and may be unfilled.

c. U12-U19

(1) Roster selection for existing teams that are staying at their current level of play or those that have been promoted:

a. Each Coach may identify up to a maximum of 75% the players from their end of year roster that they would like to "protect" throughout the tryout process. The remaining 25% of the roster positions will be considered "at risk". The Coach will consider the overall needs of the team and in conjunction with last year's player evaluations, if available, and the tryout results, determine which players he/she recommends for the rest of the roster. The Coach, with input and agreement from the TOC, will then complete the roster. At no time before, during or after this process will players, or their parents, will be told of their protection status.

b. Article 6C-a does not pertain to players

playing up. Players playing up are covered under Article 8c.

- c. Final 2 roster positions may come from outside the tryout pool and may be unfilled.

7. Roster selection for existing teams that are being relegated:

- a. The process is similar as detailed for teams that are staying at their current level or are being promoted, however 50% of the roster will be considered at risk. The TOC will complete the roster with the Coaches input being considered. Player evaluations, if available, will be reviewed closely.

8. Roster selection when there are multiple team's in the same age group:

- a. Each team will complete a "protected" roster based on their level of play status (promotion, relegation, or remaining the same).
- b. The TOC will review the results of the tryouts and the documented needs of the first team, along with both Coaches and any previous season coaches, if they are not one in the same, to determine move-up opportunities. Players selected to move-up would be allowed to decline the invitation. The TOC and RSC, in keeping with the philosophy of the club, will encourage players to play at their highest level of ability.
- c. Players trying out at an older age group will need to qualify each year. They will need to finish in the top six to be considered for the

team U13 to U19 and top four for U11 &U12.

d. Players who are injured and cannot participate in try outs will need a Medical statement from their medical Assoc. to be placed on the list to be considered for a position.

e. If a player is offered a position on a Team thru tryouts and he or she does not accept the assignment they will remain part of the try out pool for that MYSA soccer year thru the end of the state tournament.