

BRIARWOOD SOCCER CLUB

COMPETITIVE TEAM TRY OUTS POLICIES

Briarwood Soccer Club (“BSC”) will hold tryouts for its 2011-2012 Ambassadors and Lady Ambassadors competitive teams on Saturday, June 4, through Saturday, June 11, 2011. There is no cost to attend tryouts. The [tryout schedule](#) posted at www.briarwoodsoccer.com or by clicking on the [competitive tryout](#) link. In the event of inclement weather, make-up sessions will be posted on the website.

Tryout Locations

Tryouts for Ambassadors boys’ and girls’ teams will be held at BSC’s 119 game fields, situated directly across 119 from Briarwood High School.

Parents are respectfully requested to remain outside of the field areas during the course of the tryout sessions.

Arrive Early For Each Session

Players should plan to arrive at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled tryout session to complete a tryout registration form or fill out the online form before you attend your first session. The [tryout registration sheet](#) is posted on the Club web site at www.briarwoodsoccer.com and can be accessed by clicking on the [Registration form for tryouts](#) link.

Bring Shin Guards, Soccer Cleats and a Drink

Players should come dressed to play soccer and must wear shin guards and soccer cleats. Players who do not have shin guards or soccer cleats will not be permitted to participate in the tryout session. Players should also bring a drink, such as water or sports drink.

Player Selection

It is very important that players attend all tryout sessions scheduled for their age group. BSC may begin the process of making offers immediately following the first tryout session and the process of making offers may continue throughout the tryout period until each team roster is filled. If a player is unable to attend a tryout session, he or she should notify the BSC Director of Coaching, Ryan Leib, at 776-5114 or rleib@briarwood.org. Please include your name, gender, age group, and contact information in any e-mail. All players will be notified of the Club’s selection decision by a member of the BSC coaching staff no later than June 19, 2011. Notification will be by telephone or e-mail.

“Playing Up”

Players should attend the tryout for his or her pure age group. If a player wishes to try out for an older age group, he or she must contact the BSC Director of Coaching, Ryan Leib, prior to attending a tryout session. Requests to “play up” in age group are treated on a case-by-case basis with the best interest of the player being paramount. The decision of whether to allow a player to play up in age group rests with the BSC Director of Coaching.

“Gold,” “Blue,” and “White” Designations

BSC frequently runs multiple teams at the same age level. The first team selected is designated as the “gold” team, the second team selected is designated as the “blue” team, and the third team selected is designated as the “white” team. Gold teams typically play at the highest level of play in the state (AYSA State League Division I). Blue teams typically play at the AYSA State League Division II level, or at the top level of play in the Mid-Alabama Rec Soccer (“MARS”). White teams typically play at the appropriate level of play in MARS.

Responsibilities If Selected

If a player is selected for a BSC competitive team, *he or she is expected to attend all practices, games and team related events*. Players are expected to be available for all tournaments their team participates in. Our Club is committed to developing each player and in honor of each player’s commitment to the Club, it is our Club’s intention to reward each player with meaningful playing time over the course of the soccer year.

How Long Is My Commitment For?

As required by the AYSA, players selected for the competitive teams commit to play for the entire seasonal year which runs from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012 (special situations may be raised with the BSC Director of Coaching and the team head coach). This essentially means that players selected for U-11 through U-14 teams play both the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 seasons with their teams, and are encouraged, but not required, to play indoor soccer over the winter. For U-15-U18 teams who play for their school team in the spring, players are normally expected to return to their respective teams following the conclusion of any high school or JV season to participate in May tournaments, or to prepare for regionals if the team is a state champion.

Questions

If you have any questions concerning tryouts or player selection, contact BSC Director of Coaching Ryan Leib at 776-5114 or by e-mail at soccer@briarwood.org.