



## **BRIARWOOD SOCCER CLUB**

### **COMPETITIVE TEAM TRY OUTS POLICIES 2023-24**

Briarwood Soccer Club (“BSC”) will hold tryouts for its 2023-2024 Ambassadors and Lady Ambassadors competitive teams on Monday-Thursday, May 15-18, 2023 for U13-U19 (players born from 2011-2005) and Monday-Wednesday, May 22-24, 2021 for U11-U12 (players born in 2013-2012). There is no cost to attend tryouts. The [tryout schedule](#) is posted at [www.briarwoodsoccer.com](http://www.briarwoodsoccer.com) click on the [competitive tryout](#) link. In the event of inclement weather, make-up sessions will be posted on the website, our weather hotline is 205.776.5603 for updated message.

#### **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, 6255 Cahaba Valley Rd. 35242, and Engel field, the upper field behind OMPC, 5080 Cahaba Valley Trace, 35242. 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 (20) 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 link](#) is posted on the Club web site at [www.briarwoodsoccer.com](http://www.briarwoodsoccer.com).

#### **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 (205) 776-5114 or [rleib@briarwood.org](mailto: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 1, 2023. Notification will be

by phone 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 an 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 (ASA State League A Bracket). Blue teams typically play at the ASA State League B-D brackets, or at the top level of play in the Central Alabama Soccer League (CASL). White teams typically play at the appropriate level of play in CASL.

### **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 matches and 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. Payment must be received by June 30, 2023 after tryouts, payment can be paid online, mailed to the club office, or dropped off at the drop box at Briarwood Church available 6am-10pm each day. Payment plans may also be arranged with the DOC, those arrangements must be in place by July 1.

### **How Long Is My Commitment For?**

As required by the ASA, players selected for the competitive teams commit to play for the entire seasonal year which runs from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 (special situations may be raised with the BSC Director of Coaching and the team head coach). This essentially means that players selected for U11- U14 teams play both the Fall 2023 (August 1-Nov 15) and Spring 2024 (Feb 1-May 15) seasons with their teams. For U15-U19 players who play for their school team in the spring, the club season is Fall-only, but players are expected to return to their respective club 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 (205) 776-5114 or by e-mail at [rleib@briarwood.org](mailto:rleib@briarwood.org).