



January 2019

Subject: HSA Select Coaching Applications, 2019-2020 season

Hi HSA Coaches,

In 2015, the Highline Soccer Association (HSA) launched a **Community Select program** ([HSA Select](#)) to provide our youth players the opportunity to stay within our association and to play at a higher level.

We are now entering Year 5 of the program and we invite you to consider applying for a HSA Select coaching position in the **U-11 (Birth Year 2009) through U-17 (Birth Year 2003) age groups**. HSA Select coaches will need to challenge themselves at this higher level, as well as to lead select-level players. These coaches will benefit from a partnership with [Highline Premier Football Club](#) (HPFC). This is not a paid role and teams will be formed using a tryout process. The HSA Select teams play in the [North Puget Sound League](#) (NPSL), which is a select league covering the Seattle, Eastside and surrounding areas (view [NPSL club directory](#)). The cost per player is between \$550 and \$800, which is higher than recreational soccer and less than premier. Refer to the [HSA Select web site](#) for more information about Player Fees.

We are reaching out to you now as we transition out of the fall season, so we can meet the following timeline to eventual player **tryouts in May 2019** (see *Note below for Boys 2003 and 2004 teams*).

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| January | Coach applications accepted (deadline is January 31) |
| February | HSA Select committee interviews and picks coaches |
| March - April | Coach develops vision/structure/financials for the team; HSA Select committee reviews and approves. Promotion of HSA Select program and tryout schedule to HSA membership. |
| Early May | *Tryouts |
| Mid May | Team formation meeting and uniform fitting |
| June - August | Training starts and summer tournaments |
| September | **Fall League starts |
| January | Founders Cup (State Cup) |

*NOTE: Tryouts for the Boys 2004 (U-16) and Boys 2003 (U-17) teams will be held in mid-February, prior to the start of the High School Boys season. A team formation meeting will be held shortly after tryouts in February, and a uniform fitting will be held during the May Team Formation meeting.

**NOTE: Fall League is a 12-game season for Boys U-11 to U-19, and Girls U-11 to U-14.

Girls U-15 and older have their 12-game season during the winter, December – March.

Girls U-15 also have an optional 6-game fall season (most GU-15 players will be in their high school season) at an additional cost (TBD).

If you are chosen to lead a team, there will be high expectations of you as a coach, both in how you lead your team technically and how you present yourself on the pitch during practices and games. The continued success of this program depends on the quality of our coaches. The HSA Select Program requires their select coaches to hold at a minimum a USSF Grassroots Course certificate (11v11, 9v9, or equivalent, such as an "E" license) and encourages their coaches to pursue the USSF "D" License (or equivalent) for older age groups. You do not need a license to be selected, although you should pursue the Grassroots Course license within the first year of serving as a select coach. Learn more at the [WYS Coaching Education page](#) and [U.S. Soccer's Digital Coaching Center](#).

Questions? If you have questions about the coaching position or application process, please don't hesitate to ask by sending a message to hsaselect@gmail.com.

How to apply

The following items are posted on [HSA Select page](#).

- [HSA Select Coach job description](#) (PDF) -- please review before applying
- [HSA Select Coach application](#) (online application) -- **please complete by 1/31/19**.

Thanks,

Highline Soccer Association (HSA), representing
Highline Soccer Club (HSC)
West Seattle Soccer Club (WSSC)
Highline Premier FC (HPFC)

HSA Select Committee

HSA Board Rep – Tim McMonigle
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HSA Select DOC – Tom Gass