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## **HSA SELECT TRYOUT PROCESS**

### **Welcome!**

Thank you for participating in the 2019 Highline Soccer Association (HSA) Select Program Tryouts. The purpose of this document is to briefly explain the general tryout process and help answer some common questions.

### **Registration**

The tryout process starts with pre-registration. If you have pre-registered, we already have most of the information needed for tryouts. If you have not pre-registered, we require information at check-in so your player can join the tryouts. There is a \$15 fee to participate in tryouts (\$20 for walkups). All registrations will be completed on birth year (example: player born on 5/21/2006 will register for "2006/U-14" tryout).

### **Getting Started**

All players will be assigned a numbered pinnie which they will wear for identification and use throughout the two days of tryouts. Once the tryout begins, players will be brought onto the field with coaches, and parents/guardians will be introduced to the HSA Select Program leadership operating the Tryouts. This is a basic introduction and not a Q&A period since they need to return to the field to oversee the tryout.

### **Premier and Select Tiers**

Highline Soccer Association (HSA) has a Premier Club (Highline Premier FC) and a Select Program (HSA Select). The tryout process for the premier club and select program are similar, with the HSA Select tryouts occurring after the Highline Premier FC tryouts have concluded.

### **Player Assessments**

Your player will be assessed in the overall select player pool at tryouts. The coaches have organized a full slate of engaging, challenging activities for all the players that should provide sufficient information for our coaches. The activities will assess various factors the coaches look for in players that are a good fit for an advanced development program, not simply current aptitude. Assessments are performed on a variety of factors, including:

Skill/Aptitude	Speed of Play
Athleticism	Decision-Making
Coach-ability	Composure
Focus	Responsibility
Attitude	Creativity
Work Rate	

For more information go to [www.highlinesa.org/HSA\\_Select](http://www.highlinesa.org/HSA_Select) or email [hsaselect@gmail.com](mailto:hsaselect@gmail.com)

On the field, there will be HSA Select staff/volunteers comprised of head coaches and evaluators. Highline Premier FC staff may also be providing support with the select tryouts.

These sessions do allow these experienced coaches/evaluators to see what they need in a very efficient albeit short period of time. That said, tryouts are not exact by any stretch.

**Players help us and themselves to position themselves most favorably when they attend both sessions.**

### **Play up Policy**

- All players register in their birth-year age group
- NEW players must try out in their birth-year age group. If a player wants to be considered for an older age group, they must inform the HSA Select Committee.
- RETURNING players, who played up the previous year, must receive prior approval from the older age-group coach to be moved up to that age group.
- **The HSA Select tryout committee will evaluate play-up opportunities during tryouts**
  - If a player is identified, a committee rep will have a conversation with the player and parents, and ask if they want to try out at an older age group
  - If they agree, they are moved to the older age group immediately (if tryouts are held concurrently), or at the next tryout for that age group
- HSA Select reserves the right to make final decisions regarding approval of all play-up requests
- In order to qualify for a skill-based play-up within HSA Select, players must be capable of being a starting player on the older birth year team as determined by HSA Select

### **The Notification/Offer Process**

Select team tryouts consist of two try-out sessions. Most of the activity is completed during the two-day tryouts although some players may also be identified after.

HSA Select coaches will send player invites (by email or phone call) no later than 24-48 hours following the conclusion of the last tryout. The HSA Select Committee will send an update by email to ALL participants no later than 48 hours following the conclusion of the last tryout.

### **Team Formation Meeting (and uniform fitting)**

The team formation meeting (for players accepting offers) will be held on:

**Saturday, May 18, 9am**

**Grace Church, 10323 28th Ave SW, Seattle, WA**

**Players and parent/guardian are required to attend this meeting.** This meeting will cover information about the HSA Select program, introduce coaches, discuss expectations, and go over the uniform ordering process and player registration. Teams will also meet separately to review team schedule, fees, and volunteer needs. Each player will then get fitted for uniforms and be provided with an order form.