

Practices

Practice schedules are put together by the coaches. These will be given to players as soon as they are available. Practices are not optional, but there are always exceptions (too much homework, illness, etc.).

Age Divisions

The age divisions are as follows:

Division	Age Bracket (Birthdate)
U8	8/1/2001 to 7/31/2002
U9	8/1/2000 to 7/31/2001
U10	8/1/1999 to 7/31/2000
U11	8/1/1998 to 7/31/1999
U12	8/1/1997 to 7/31/1998
U13	8/1/1996 to 7/31/1997
U14	8/1/1995 to 7/31/1996

The Celtic Soccer Club recommends that youth should tryout in his/her age group, but there are some who choose to play on an older team.

How can a player *play-up* an age group? The rule reads that if a player is eligible to play in a particular age appropriate division, then that player is also eligible to play in any older age group. For example:

- Your son/daughter was born on 8/1/1997. Your son/daughter is eligible to play on the U12, U13, or U14 team. Or...
- Your son/daughter was born on 7/31/1997. Your son/daughter is eligible to play on the U13 or U14 team.

Additionally, U7 and younger children are not eligible to play select soccer. If you and your son/daughter decide to tryout for an older team, please let the coach know on the first day of tryouts. But, we emphasize that our recommendation is to stay within the appropriate age group.

Tryouts

Your son/daughter will need to tryout for a Celtic team. During tryouts, players will be evaluated on various skills. The coaching staff will create the team roster based on skill evaluation. Returning players do not have any guarantee that they will be on the team again. They must tryout with all the other youth at tryouts.

Leagues and Travel

The Celtic Soccer Club plays in the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association (MVYSA) league and teams travel to Eaton in the west, to Springfield in the east, and from Wapakoneta in the north to Lebanon in the south with all the communities in between. Older age groups may play in the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League (BPYSL) and travel to Cincinnati and Columbus for league games.

Celtic teams also travel to tournaments all around the Midwest. Coaches and teams make these decisions independently. Ask the coach what tournament s/he is planning to play in this year.

Time Commitment

Being a part of the Celtic Soccer Club is a time commitment. The average team practices two to three times a week and plays one to two games a week. Also, Celtic parents are required to work one day in the fall and one day in the spring to get the facility ready for each season. Parents are also required to work during the Creek Classic soccer tournament.

Parents will also be asked to volunteer in running the team by coordinating uniform orders, attending monthly Celtic Board meetings, organizing fundraisers, preparing maps/directions to games, coordinating tournament registration, providing snacks, etc.

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Tryout Information 2009

Boys Team Tryouts

Monday, June 1 6:00–8:00 pm
Wednesday, June 3 6:00–8:00 pm
Saturday, June 6 10:00–12:00 noon
(rain date)



Girls Team Tryouts

Tuesday, June 2 6:00–8:00 pm
Thursday, June 4 6:00–8:00 pm
Saturday, June 6 1:00–3:00 pm
(rain date)

Registration

All players attending tryouts must register at the BSA website <http://www.beavercreeksoccer.com>. Look for *Tryouts* under the *BSA Celtic* menu.

Who Are The Celtic?

The Celtic Soccer Club is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that has been a positive influence in the lives of many Beavercreek children and their parents since 1982. We are proud of the organization and its contribution to the Beavercreek community, and we trust your association with the Celtic Soccer Club will be rewarding.

The Celtic Soccer Club is part of the Beavercreek Soccer Association (BSA). BSA has a recreational and competitive side. The Celtic Soccer Club is the competitive side.

The BSA vision is to provide a safe and caring environment for the physical, mental, and emotional development of today's youth for the challenges of tomorrow through the use of its organized soccer programs and soccer facilities.

Celtic Mission Statement

Provide a safe, fun, and educational environment for the development of soccer skills, leadership, and team cooperation; fostering good sportsmanship, moral and ethical values, and help prepare all participants for the next level of competition. To provide an atmosphere to develop our children and their coaches in pursuit of competitive quality soccer play.

Celtic Coaching Staff

All Celtic coaches are licensed soccer coaches and attend on-going training. All Celtic players receive additional professional training under the direction of Jeff Popp. Jeff, a graduate of Wright State University, is a ten-year veteran of the NPSL (National Professional Soccer League) who has enjoyed an extensive playing career in Dayton/Cincinnati and

Milwaukee. As an NPSL All-Star, Jeff has dedicated over 18 years developing the talents of youth and young adult soccer players.

Tryouts—What To Bring?

Youth need to wear soccer cleats, shin guards, t-shirt, and shorts (no soccer club gear please). They also need to bring a soccer ball and water bottle. Parents should bring a copy of their registration form that should have been received via e-mail.

Location

Tryouts are located at the John Ankeney Soccer Complex. Below are the field assignments for each age group.

Division	Fields
U8	TBD
U9	TBD
U10	TBD
U11	TBD
U12	TBD
U13	TBD
U14	TBD

What To Consider?

Cost and time commitments are among the biggest factors to consider. Are you and your son/daughter able to commit to the game, travel, and practice schedules, especially considering other activities in which your son/daughter may be involved?

There are also expenses associated with select soccer including club fees and uniform expenses. Celtic teams participate in off-season winter training as well as indoor soccer leagues. There may be extra fees associated with this training and league play. A detailed list of expenses will be posted on the *Tryouts* website and provided at the tryout sessions.

Each team as well as the club may have fundraisers during the year asking for your support either financially or by selling various items. Parents are

also expected to volunteer time at spring and fall complex clean-up days and the Creek Classic soccer tournament in early June.

You should also consider whether a competitive soccer environment is appropriate for your son/daughter vs. a recreational environment depending on the youth's own expectations and desires about soccer.

Contact Information

For questions about tryouts, please see the BSA Celtic website or contact the Directors of Coaching.

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