



From: Hingham Youth Soccer, Inc.

To: All Travel Division players, parents and coaches

Re: Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Registration for incoming Grades 3/4, Grades 5/6 & Grade 7/8

Date: May 25, 2017

Hingham Youth Soccer registration for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 season for the Grade 3/4(formerly U10), Grade 5/6 (formerly U12) and Grade 7/8 (formerly U14) travel divisions will open at 5:00 PM on May 25, 2017. Please go to [www.hinghamyouthsoccer.com](http://www.hinghamyouthsoccer.com) and click on the Registration tab. You will be registering for HYS via Sports Pilot and will need to create a family user ID and password for your Sports Pilot account if you did not register with HYS in the past year.

For player tryouts, Hingham Youth Soccer is using an independent, professional soccer organization servicing both town and club soccer programs. Professional coaches will conduct evaluations of the **current** 4th and 5th (U12) and 6th and 7th (U14) grade soccer players who have registered to participate in Hingham Youth Soccer for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 season.

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

1. Players must register on-line before the start of tryouts. Tryouts will run between June 11-20, 2017 and will be communicated via email and posted on our website.
2. Registration Fees: \$200 for Grades 3/4 (formerly U10), \$230 for Grades 5/6 (formerly U12) and Grades 7/8 (formerly U14) travel (includes a uniform).
3. Players registering after tryouts will be placed on a wait list. In addition, players registering after July 1st will also be assessed a \$25 late fee. If your child is interested in playing soccer, you should sign up as soon as possible to ensure a roster spot. If your child is undecided about playing soccer, HYS recommends that you register now and if your child decides not to play, you can request a refund (less a \$25 administrative fee) before July 1st as **no refunds will be issued after July 1st**.

#### **New Grade Based Placement Policies in HYS (Per MYSA)**

Beginning in the Fall of 2017, all players will be grouped by their grade in school, and must be born on or after the date/year specified. If your child does not fit into the age range please contact the HYS Registrar, Suzie MacKay at [support@hinghamyouthsoccer.com](mailto:support@hinghamyouthsoccer.com)

#### **Grade Ranges for Fall 2017 (for Travel Division):**

Grade 3 & 4 (formerly U10) and born on or after 1/1/2007

Grade 5 & 6 (formerly U12) and born on or after 1/1/2005

Grade 7 & 8 (formerly U14) and born on or after 1/1/2003

Grade 9 & 10 (formerly U16) and born on or after 1/1/2001

Grade 11 & 12 (formerly U18) and born on or after 1/1/1999

**\*\*PLEASE BE SURE THE CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH AND GRADE IN SCHOOL FOR FALL 2017 ARE ENTERED WHEN COMPLETING REGISTRATION\*\***

For additional reference, we have included links to the MA Youth Soccer website:

[http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/massachusetts\\_youth\\_soccers\\_statement\\_on\\_us\\_soccer\\_birth\\_year\\_mandate/](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/massachusetts_youth_soccers_statement_on_us_soccer_birth_year_mandate/)

[http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/about/age\\_groups/](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/about/age_groups/)

## **TEAM FORMATION:**

- Division Directors are responsible for setting the rosters for all teams
- Teams 1 and 2 represent the players with the highest tryout scores.
- In age groups with a large number of players, team 1, 2 and 3 would represent the top three tiered teams (i.e. Team 1 (A), Team 2 (B1) and Team 3 (B2)).
- There are no requests nor coach input in determining teams 1 and 2; HYS division directors use the scores provided by outside, professional, non-parent evaluators to assign players to the top 2 teams.
- The teams are set by the division director, based on each player's evaluation score, and then HYS assigns coaches within the teams; players are not moved within these top three teams or into or out of these top teams for coach coverage reasons.
- In the situation where players' scores are similar, players in the higher grade will be given the opportunity to play on the higher of the tiered teams.
- Teams 3 and higher (or 4 and higher in larger divisions), are evenly balanced among the remaining players (i.e. in a division of 7 teams, team 3 through 7 should be evenly matched teams; the highest team number does not indicate that it is the weakest team in the division; division directors use the evaluation data to distribute players equally).
- A top priority for creating the balanced teams is to have a relatively equal distribution of skill level; each team should have players of varying abilities and in theory, each of the balanced teams should be evenly matched so that if they played against each other, the games would be competitive.
- HYS Division Directors attempt to mix 5th and 6th graders; one challenge to this team make-up is to get enough coach and assistant coaches so inevitably coach coverage issues influence some of the team make-up for the balanced teams.
- Reciprocal friend requests made at registration will be considered for the balanced teams only if the reciprocal request can be done within the context of the balancing goals of skill mix, grade mix and coach coverage.
- Friend requests are given much less priority at the Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8 level than at the younger age groups, and are usually the last factor in balanced team placements. In most cases, HYS is unable to honor requests.
- HYS does try to honor requests of coaches who ask to coach together for the balanced teams; efforts are made to accommodate the coaching requests which are made known to the division director during the tryout and registration period.
- Once teams have been assigned to coaches they are final and players may not be moved unless it is with the approval of the Division Director.
- There are no tryouts for Grade 3/4. Equal teams will be formed based on knowledge of players from prior in-town participation and elementary school.

## **SEASON START:**

- Coaches and players will be notified of their team roster as soon Division Directors have completed putting together the teams. We hope to have assignments completed by late July/early August.
  - Game schedules will be available during the first week of September; in-town schedules will be available on the HYS website. Travel coaches will distribute their schedules via email or hardcopy.
- You will be notified by your Division Director and/or coach as to when you will start practices and games. Typically this is in early September, after school starts.
- Any questions regarding registrations, please contact Suzie MacKay, HYS Registrar at [support@hinghamyouthsoccer.com](mailto:support@hinghamyouthsoccer.com)