



HOTSPUR FC TRYOUT INFORMATION 2015

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are a few frequently asked questions and answers regarding the tryout process. We hope this is useful to you and that it may provide some helpful information about this year's event.



Any new changes to tryouts this year?

No. The tryouts will be run in similar fashion to last year's structure. As a reminder, the **tryouts will be closed to parents and coaches**. What that means is that the parents will drop the player off with a completed form at the tryout location and will leave the tryouts returning 15 minutes prior to the end of the session. **Parents will only be allowed to stay for the U8 tryout sessions.**

If any parent stays during tryouts other than U8, their son or daughter will not be considered to play for the club.



How do I know what age group to register my child for?

When you register on our [SportSignup site](#), your child's birthdate will determine which age group to register for. Tryouts are open to all age-appropriate children regardless of ability or experience. Your child must try out for his/her age-appropriate team unless they are enrolled in school at an older grade. In that case, he/she may elect to, instead try out for their grade-appropriate team, but not for both. Tryouts are open to children who reside in Ramsey or attend Ramsey Schools, or who have a parent who teaches in a Ramsey school.



How does the tryout work?

Each age group will tryout together to determine the Fall season teams. The players will be judged on many factors relating to the game of soccer such as ball skill, positioning, speed, knowledge of the game, teamwork, attitude, and effort. **It is important to note it is not just about scoring goals.** Once the tryout is done, the players are ranked according to the independent trainers' evaluation. This is reviewed along with the Coach's evaluation and trainer's evaluation of each player from the past season to determine the final teams.



What should my son/daughter do in tryouts?

Your son/daughter should try their best to show the trainers that they have ball skill, understand the role of the different positions they may play, maintain a positive attitude, hustle all the time, and be a team player. They should give 100% on the field.



What should he/she wear at tryouts?

All participants should come to tryouts with the proper soccer wear, which includes shorts, shin guards, soccer socks, cleats and a t-shirt. **DO NOT wear any Hotspur jerseys at tryouts or jerseys with your name on them** as you will be asked to put on another shirt. Bring plenty of water for your son or daughter, which they can take across the field with them for the duration of the tryout session.



What should I do as a parent at tryouts?

As a parent for U8 players, the best thing you can do is let your child participate without any distraction or interaction from you during the tryout. For all other age groups, it is now our policy that you drop your child off and return 15 minutes prior to the end of the session. Water should be given to your child when they are dropped off to take with them across the field.



What if there is a conflict for my son/daughter for his tryout date?

It is highly recommended that you do everything you can to have your player participate with the proper age-related tryout session for the most accurate evaluation. If you are unable to make your scheduled tryout date, please

contact your coach or a Hotspur Board member as early as possible prior to the scheduled date to discuss.



When will I be notified if my son/daughter has made the Hotspurs?

Notification will go out on the same day for all teams. All players will be contacted to inform them if they have or have not made the team. This season, all communication will be shared the week of June 15th. Club fees will be billed out immediately.



What is the cost to become a member of the Hotspurs?

The current cost to become a member of the Hotspur FC for the 2014-2015 season was \$410 for the entire Fall and Spring season. This does not include uniforms, tournaments, summer or winter leagues. There is a reduced rate for the second, third, and fourth child in a family who have players at different ages. The fee for the 2015-2016 season has not been determined.



When does the season begin and end?

The Fall season begins around Labor Day and ends before Thanksgiving. The Spring season begins late March and ends around the middle of June.



How many practices a week?

Practices are conducted twice a week. One practice takes place with a professional trainer and the other practice is considered the coach's practice. Games are scheduled for the weekends. Boys play on Saturdays and girls on Sundays in the Fall and both genders play on Sundays in the Spring.



How can I volunteer to help?

The Hotspur FC is 100% volunteer not-for-profit organization. If you are interested in helping, please go to the website and call a member of the board to find out how you can be involved with the club.



Where can I find more information about the Hotspur soccer club?

You can find out more information by visiting our website at:
www.Hotspursoccer.net

I sincerely hope that this information has been helpful to you. I look forward to seeing your son or daughter on the field soon wearing a Hotspur uniform!

Sincerely,

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