



## **HOTSPUR FC TRYOUT INFORMATION 2019**

### **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 an online registration receipt 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 first and second grade (based on fall school grade 2019) tryout sessions.**

**If any parent stays during tryouts other than the first and second grade session, 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?**

If you are new to the program this information will help you to choose the correct grade/age group for your child. For those returning players, we are following the same format as the 2018-2019 year.

Hotspur FC will keep our teams together and develop them on a "grade-level" basis as we do now, including our youngest Hotspurs (players entering first or second grade in the fall of 2019).

One of the missions of Hotspur FC, as an in-town club, is to develop our players for the competitive environment of high school soccer and create a strong feeder program for our Ramsey High School teams. It is our belief that keeping teams together with their grade will help us to continue with that mission while ensuring continuity within the Club.

For exact grade and age bracket information, please see the Age and Grade Requirements on our Hotspur Website at: <https://www.hotspursoccer.org/ramsey-hotspur-fc-tryout-schedule-2019/>

### **What does that mean for the tryout registration?**

When you register on our [SportSignup site](#), your child's birthdate and grade will determine the age group for which to register him or her. Tryouts are open to all age-appropriate children regardless of ability or experience. **Your child must try out for his/her age and/or grade-appropriate team.** Note: If a child can fit into two age groups based on age and grade (ie: they are very young for their grade and might be able to play younger), you must choose one. A child cannot try out 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 try out 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 know how to 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 gear, 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 second grade 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 our policy that you drop your child off and return 10 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 Hotspur FC?**

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. All communication will be shared by mid- June. Club fees will be billed out immediately.



### **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.



## **What if my child is too young for the tryout age groups, but would like to be a Hotspur?**

Our training partner, Performance Soccer Training (PST), has many opportunities for junior player development. You can visit their website for more information. And don't forget Ramsey Recreation Soccer and the programs they have available for pre-schoolers, kindergarteners, etc.



## **How can I volunteer to help?**

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 FC soccer club?**

You can find out more information by visiting our website at:  
[www.Hotspursoccer.org](http://www.Hotspursoccer.org)

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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