

Frequently Asked Travel Program Questions

What is the commitment for travel soccer?

Travel soccer is a full year commitment for the Fall and Spring playing seasons. However, please note that we do have many travel soccer players that play multiple sports (soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse). Teams generally practice two times per week (see practice section below).

Most teams begin practicing in early August and finish their playing year around Memorial Day (or just after). The league Fall season begins the weekend after Labor Day and ends the weekend before Thanksgiving. The league Spring season begins in mid-March (weather/snow permitting) and ends the weekend prior to Memorial Day.

Some teams may participate in a local indoor soccer league. However, that is an individual team decision.

What days are the games played?

Girls travel soccer games are on Saturday afternoons for U8-U14 and Sunday for U15+. Boys travel soccer games are on Sunday afternoons.

What times are the games played?

Travel game times are determined by the travel league in which the team is playing not by Cherry Hill FC - game start times are generally anytime from 12:30-3:30.

What leagues do travel teams play in?

Boys travel teams generally play in the South Jersey Soccer League and Girls travel teams generally play in the South Jersey Girls Soccer League. We do have some highly competitive teams that play in MAPS and JAGS leagues.

Where are games played?

Half of your games will be played at home. Home games are played at either DeCou or Beck depending on the field schedule. Away games are played based on the league schedule. Teams playing in the South Jersey leagues mentioned above can travel anywhere from 5 minutes away (Voorhees) to an hour (Cape May).

When and where do teams practice?

The number of Practice/Training sessions per week is at the discretion of our coaches. Travel teams practice/train on our lighted field at either DeCou or Johnson.

The club also offers indoor training in January and February to help prepare for the Spring season.

Will our team use a trainer?

The club requires that all teams use a club-approved trainer. There are a very small minority of older teams that have been granted permission to forgo a trainer. The club gives each team a training allowance to pay for the use of trainers. Additional training sessions, as determined by the coach, are paid for by the team.

What are soccer tournaments?

Most teams enter into several soccer tournaments each year. Tournaments are selected by the coach. Tournaments are played over 2-3 days (eg: Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Easter or Memorial Day). There are additional pre and post-season tournaments that a team may also enter (eg: Cherry Hill FC tournament held in June). Teams usually play 3-4 games over the course of a tournament. The cost of tournaments is paid by the parents.

Can my player play with their friend or with their previous coach?

Tryouts are held in the Spring to determine the following season's travel teams. Players are placed based on the tryouts.

What is the tryout process?

Tryouts are run by club-approved trainers. The trainers will put the players through various drills and game situations.

Do I have to have experience to coach?

To coach at the travel level, a coach must attend a NJ Youth Soccer class to obtain their F license.