

2018 Registration Guidelines

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Welcome to the Scarborough Soccer Club (SSC) 2018 travel soccer season! Please take a moment to read through the following guidelines and instructions prior to continuing to the registration website link at the bottom of this page. The SSC Board of Directors (BOD) continually strives to improve the quality of service provided to the dedicated youth soccer players of Scarborough. We have been working hard since the final whistle last fall to prepare for another exciting season starting in August.

Eligibility - Scarborough Soccer Club competes in Soccer Maine's Fall Classic League, which offers teams divided by gender from ages 8 to 14.

Scarborough Soccer Club will continue to rely on a combination of age and grade year in determining eligibility.

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>2018 Fall Eligibility</u>
August 1 2009 - July 31 2010	U9
August 1 2008 - July 31 2009	U10
August 1 2007 - July 31 2008	U11
August 1 2006 - July 31 2007	U12
August 1 2005 - July 31 2006	U13
August 1 2004 - July 31 2005	U14

Fees - In 2018, the registration fee is \$210 for each player during our early registration period, and \$260 from 4/14/18 to 4/27/18. Registration closes 4/27/18. There is a \$50 discount for each additional sibling living in the same household. The fee covers the cost of training, referees, equipment, and tournaments. A standard uniform package is also included in this fee. Every year we look for ways to manage costs for our soccer families; all coaches, team administrators and the Scarborough Soccer Club Board are volunteers.

Birth Certificates - If your child is a new player for the 2018 season, please upload a birth certificate in your child's profile page using the DOCUMENTS TAB in our registration partner site, GotSoccer.com. It is much easier to upload your child's document while creating his / her player profile instead of going back into the site later. Please note that a player cannot attend tryouts unless a birth certificate has been uploaded into GotSoccer.com.

Payment is rendered online at the completion of the registration process and is payable by credit card only (Visa, MasterCard and Discover). We do not accept cash, checks or AMEX as a form of payment. Please make sure you have a valid credit card on hand when you begin the online registration process.

Refund Policy - A refund may be requested in writing prior to May 31, 2018 and will be provided less a \$50.00 administration fee. After this date, no refunds will be granted for withdrawal from the soccer program.

Player Development Mission - Scarborough Soccer Club is committed to providing a fun and competitive youth soccer playing experience, focused on player development. Our objective is to get the most out of each member of the club and help them develop to the best of their potential. The objective is not "team development" and is not "win at all costs". Winning will come through the development of fundamentally sound, mentally strong, skillful and committed soccer players.

Accordingly, SSC places far less emphasis on winning at younger age groups. This philosophy is in alignment with that of Soccer Maine, where all games played at the U11 level and below are non results oriented. Scores are not posted and there are no end of season playoffs. Our policies regarding player attraction, team selection and cuts, and games and opponents are all reflective of this philosophy. Our coaches are expected to embrace this philosophy, and focus energies on skills development and fun.

At the U12 level and above, the club's primary focus remains skill development but we begin to use state competitions as a measure of progress and development. Accordingly, players are often segmented by ability to allow coaches to train players of like skills and proficiency in the fundamentals and tactics appropriate for their current level of development. This segmentation of players is evaluated annually at the tryout process, as some players progress faster than others. Competitive age groups may have teams divided equally when the caliber of registered players warrants such team selection. This determination is made based on tryout results and discussions between the SSC selection committee and potential coaches. Our club will foster a system that promotes advancement of players based upon merit, and rewards hard work and player development. Overall, this approach builds an incentive system for players to improve their skills and develop as a complete player.

Selection Process - Scarborough Soccer Club is not for everyone. In situations where a player's skills are significantly lacking, there are legitimate safety concerns or a player exhibits behavioral issues that detract from the ability of others to learn the game of soccer, the SSC has the latitude to cut these players from the program. As a general rule, we are less inclined to do this at the younger age groups where many kids are still developing fundamental skills, including social skills, and more likely to do this at older age groups once development has been assessed and a track record of ability and effort has been determined. However, it is our objective to be an inclusive club and promote soccer to as many players as can reasonably be accommodated. In the event that a child is not offered a roster or training spot, a full refund will be provided.

Player Commitment - Since the above philosophy will limit the number of players on each roster, it is important for all players and parents to understand the level of commitment required in deciding if participation in travel soccer is best for them. In addition to practices, **players and parents must be willing to commit to attending all league games, tournaments, year end festivals and playoffs as well as any additional "friendlies" that are scheduled.** Players should not be committing to other soccer programs or overlapping activities that will prevent them from making this commitment. The BOD must assure that a player being placed on a SSC travel team from which others could potentially be cut will not leave the team shorthanded or keep someone else from having the travel club experience. Please make sure you can make this commitment prior to registering.

We encourage our players to participate at the highest level that they can attain. In some situations, participation in travel soccer is not going to be the **best level of soccer** for player development and growth of the more skilled players in each age group. We have identified the club's strengths and limitations and support other programs that can offer a higher level of competition for those qualified.

Tryouts and Team Selection - Since there is the possibility of players not being selected for the travel program, the SSC feels it is important to have a thorough and comprehensive selection process. There are two evaluations for competitive age groups. All players will be required to **attend both sessions** and

can only be excused by the SSC Director of Coaching. This will minimize the situation of having a bad tryout with only one opportunity and also eliminates the makeup evaluations that were scheduled in previous years. The scheduled tryout dates are listed on our website.

Playing Time Policy - Our philosophy is “player development”. Players develop best by playing in games. This philosophy of required playing time will help develop the weaker players during the season to the point that they will become an asset in the success of the team toward the end of the season. Any player that meets the requirements described above for player commitment shall be assured a **minimum of 50%** playing time in all league games, tournaments, friendlies, festivals and playoffs.

Key dates for 2018 season:

Event	Date	Location
Registration open for 2018 Fall season	Mar. 23	SSC web
Parent Information Night	Mar. 27 @ 7 PM	Wentworth
'Early bird' registration ends	Apr. 13	
Regular registration period (+\$50.00)	Apr. 14 - Apr. 27	
Refund Deadline	May 31	
Player tryouts - U12-U14 Girls	May 11, May 19	Gorham Sports Center
Player tryouts - U12-U14 Boys	May 12, May 18	Gorham Sports Center
Player Evaluations (U9-U11)	May 20	Scarborough Middle School
Fall Practice Begins	Early Aug.	
Regular Season Starts	Late Aug.	

Thank you for participating in the Scarborough Soccer Club travel program. We are looking forward to an exciting 2018 Fall season. Please feel free to contact a member of the Board of Directors with any additional questions or concerns. Check our website (<http://www.scarboroughsoccerclub.org>) for important updates.

Please use these links to register:

Family Registrations [click here](#)

Returning players [click here](#)

New players [click here](#)