



Scarborough Soccer Club Frequently Asked Questions

What is travel soccer?

Travel Soccer is a comprehensive and competitive soccer playing experience for children in age groups ranging from U9 to U14. Travel soccer involves competing with, and traveling to, other towns with perhaps even overnight stays on occasion, and puts a higher focus on skills development. The fall season runs from early August through the first week of November with all regular season games being played on Sundays. For the older age groups (U12 and above), the opportunity exists to compete through a playoff system to become state champions.

The Scarborough Soccer Club is a non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide a fun and competitive experience for youth and focus on player development while competing against other clubs in the state of Maine and New England. We are committed to making the experience fun for the players, but the expectations of our players, coaches and parents are higher than other soccer programs. All participants are expected to abide by our code of conduct that supports good sportsmanship.

Fall 2018 season eligibility

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

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

2018 Season 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

****Other important eligibility notes***

- U9 and U10 will play 7v7 in the Fall Classic League
- U11 and U12 will play 9v9 in the Fall Classic League
- U13 and U14 will play 11v11 in the Fall Classic League
- Concussion protocol - no heading allowed for any group younger than U12

What does travel soccer cost?

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. 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.

What is your refund policy?

Any parent requesting a refund of registration fees for children they registered shall be granted a refund (minus \$50 administrative fee) if he / she notifies the Club in writing by May 31. No refunds will be given after 5/31/18.

When are games played?

All regular season games are on Sundays. Teams may play a "friendly" game that is arranged by their coach (day TBD). In addition, as part of your registration fee, your team will play in two tournaments; the first is a Labor Day Tournament. The other is held over Columbus Day weekend in October. One or both of these tournaments may require an overnight stay at a hotel.

How are teams selected?

All interested players will be required to attend an evaluation for their age group/gender (see key dates on next page). For non-competitive age groups (U9 to U11), evaluations will be used to create balanced teams. Scarborough Soccer Club holds competitive tryouts for all U12 to U14 age groups. The competitive age teams are assigned based on the results from the tryouts. We are bound by Soccer Maine bylaws and must abide by their rules for minimum and maximum roster size.

Do all players make a team or are there cuts?

Generally, all players who try out at U9 through U11 are placed on a team. At U12 and above, there can be cuts if the number of players trying out is too many for one team and not enough for two. Scarborough Soccer Club goes to great lengths to place all players.

How are coaches selected?

Coaches are at the forefront of player development, which is our core mission. It's therefore very important to the Scarborough Soccer Club to attract and train the best soccer coaches we can find in support of our objectives. People interested in coaching should apply directly with the Coaching Director to learn more about this opportunity and the training and license requirements. Coaches are appointed to teams at the recommendation of the Coaching Director, with final approval by the Board of Directors if necessary. All coaches must pass Risk Management as directed by Soccer Maine.

How often do teams practice? How many games do teams play?

Fall practice begins the first week of August. Teams typically practice 1-2 times per week. Games begin the last week of August. There are six regular season games. However, teams can play up to 10 games, depending on the number of "friendly" games that are scheduled. In addition, teams typically play 2-3 games during a tournament.

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.	

Contact information:

Club Website:

Please bookmark our Club website at <http://www.scarboroughsoccerclub.org> for the most current information about tryouts, teams, schedules, etc.

Registration Questions:

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Core Principles

Sportsmanship: Competition without conflict through the demonstration of respect for teammates, coaches, support staff, opponents, referees and spectators.

Player Development: The teaching of skills, strategies, relationships, leadership and responsibility that support preparation for life and a passion for the game.

Quality Coaching: Keeping in mind that the coach is the key to making the student-athlete experience appropriate, positive and educational, we will support our coaches with training. Such training will emphasize the understanding of the holistic needs of young people and balance individual needs with the promotion of continuous improvement and competitive spirit.

Community: Mutual respect, commitment and support offered in a positive spirit by parents, coaches, players and others.