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To All Hingham Youth Soccer U12 and U14 Players and Coaches:

**Spring Player Tryouts – June 2010**

This year Hingham Youth Soccer (HYS) is conducting player evaluations during the spring season rather than in September, as we have done in years past. Hingham Youth Soccer uses PlaySoccer, an independent, professional soccer organization, to conduct evaluations of the current 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> (U12) and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> (U14) grade soccer players who have registered to participate in Hingham Youth Soccer for the fall 2010/spring 2011 season. The benefits of moving to a spring evaluation include:

1. Players have just played a 10-week soccer season, so players are in “soccer shape,” enabling each player to better demonstrate his/her range of abilities.
2. The coaches from PlaySoccer are afforded more time to evaluate each player’s fundamental soccer skills. The additional time allotted in the spring for player evaluations will enable HYS to accurately place each child on a team for the fall 2010/spring 2011 soccer season.
3. An increase in the number of team practices and games in the fall season, as we will have the players and coaches assigned to their teams before school starts.
4. Teams wanting to attend a summer camp as a team (often resulting in reduced per camper costs) and/or practice before the start of the school year will be able to do so.

**TRYOUTS - BASIC INFORMATION:**

- HYS will hold **three** evaluation sessions per each age group.
- Players will be **assigned a number at the first session, which should be worn at each subsequent session.** The number should be pinned onto the player’s shirt with 3-4 pins.
- All evaluation sessions are at **Union Street Fields N, P, Q, R and S.**
- The boys and girls will be playing with players from their **own age and gender group.**
- Every player must be **registered either on-line or via paper registration prior to participating in an evaluation session.**
- Every registered player will be placed on a team in his/her age group.
- **Each player must bring a water bottle to all sessions.**
- **Parents and coaches are able to stay for the sessions, but cannot be on the fields where the players are being evaluated.**
- Due to the large number of players in each division, **the groups will be split alphabetically by last name for the two 4v4/skills sessions.** Players should try to attend the designated session for their last name, but can request permission to switch sessions if necessary.

### **TRYOUT FORMAT:**

The **first and second sessions** will consist of fundamental soccer skills evaluations and 4 vs. 4 scrimmages. The **third session** will involve fundamental soccer skills evaluations and 8 vs. 8 scrimmages. The fundamental soccer skills that will be evaluated include: ball control, ball handling, passing, shooting, offensive and defensive abilities, and game understanding. Every player should attend all sessions that are allocated to his/her age group so that s/he can be most fairly and accurately evaluated.

There will be a **separate goalkeeper evaluation** for those interested in playing goalie for 50% of the game each week. Players who have any interest in playing goalie should attend the goalkeeper session. In this way, each child will be able to fully demonstrate his/her range of abilities in multiple settings.

### **TRYOUT SCHEDULE, AGE GROUPINGS AND TEAM FORMATION:**

On the attached sheet are the scheduled dates that PlaySoccer, an independent, professional soccer organization, will conduct evaluations of the current 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> (U12) and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> (U14) grade soccer players who have registered to participate in Hingham Youth Soccer for the fall 2010/spring 2011 season. **Please note that players must register either on-line or via paper registration prior to participating in the tryout sessions. Players who are not registered on-line prior to the start of the tryout session will need to arrive at the field 30 minutes early in order to fill out a paper registration form and submit a check for payment.**

The **schedule of the tryout sessions** is outlined below and is also posted on the HYS website ([www.hinghamyouthsoccer.org](http://www.hinghamyouthsoccer.org)). The **age groups** are determined as follows:  
U12 age group = born between 8/1/98 – 7/31/00 (current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)  
U14 age group = born between 8/1/96 – 7/31/98 (current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders)

All players who have registered for the 2010-2011 season, who are not on the waiting list, and who have gone through the tryout process will be assigned to a team based on their tryouts. Players on the waiting list will be assigned to a team as openings permit as well as based on their tryout. Players who do not attend the tryouts will not be able to be placed on a #1 or #2 team in their respective division, but may be placed on a team # 3 or higher *if* there is an available spot. Typically teams #1 and #2 represent the players with the highest tryout scores, and teams #3 and higher are evenly balanced among the remaining players.

Rosters will be available via email and via hard copy mail by mid-July. Schedules will be available during the first week of September. Please expect the **first practice during the week of August 29<sup>th</sup> or the week of September 6<sup>th</sup> and expect to play the first game on September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions, or you cannot attend one or more of the evaluation sessions, please get in touch with us.

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***[Continue reading below to see the tryout schedule for your age group.]***



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## SCHEDULE OF PLAYER TRYOUTS Spring 2010

***\*\*Please note: Your age group is printed on the envelope, above your name, and is determined according to guidelines published by the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA).***

**U12 Born on or after August 1, 1998 (born between 8/1/98 – 7/31/00)**

**U14 Born on or after August 1, 1996 (born between 8/1/96 – 7/31/98)**

### **U12 BOYS (players currently in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade):**

#### **Sunday, June 6**

4v4 and skills

11:00 am-12:30 pm (last names A-K)

12:45 pm-2:15 pm (last names L-Z)

#### **Saturday, June 12**

4v4/skills

11:30 am-1:00 pm ((last names A-K)

#### **Sunday, June 13**

4v4/skills

11:30 am-1:00 pm (last names L-Z)

#### **Monday, June 14**

8v8/skills

4:00-6:00 pm (All players)

### **U12 GIRLS (players currently in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade):**

#### **Sunday, June 6**

4v4/skills

2:30 pm-4:00 pm (last names A-J)

4:15 pm-5:45 pm (last names K-Z)

#### **Saturday, June 12**

4v4/skills

8:00 am-9:30 am (last names A-J)

9:45 am-11:15 am (last names K-Z)

#### **Tuesday, June 15**

8v8/skills

4:00-6:00 pm (All players)

***Please note: If we are rained out for any of the above dates, we will use **Saturday, June 19** and **Sunday, June 20** as the make-up dates for tryouts.***



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## **SCHEDULE OF PLAYER TRYOUTS Spring 2010 (continued)**

### **U14 GIRLS (players currently in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade):**

#### **Monday, June 7**

4v4/skills

3:45 pm-5:15 pm (last names A-H)

5:15 pm-6:45 pm (last names I-Z)

#### **Wednesday, June 9**

4v4/skills

3:45 pm-5:15 pm (last names A-H)

5:15pm-6:45 pm (last names I-Z)

#### **Sunday, June 13**

8v8/skills

3:30 pm-5:30 pm (All players)

### **U14 BOYS (players currently in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade):**

#### **Tuesday, June 8**

4v4/skills

3:45 pm-5:15 pm (last names A-H)

5:15 pm-6:45 pm (last names I-Z)

#### **Thursday, June 10**

4v4/skills

3:45 pm-5:15 pm (last names A-H)

5:15 pm-6:45 pm (last names I-Z)

#### **Sunday, June 13**

8v8/skills

1:15 pm-3:15 pm (All players)

### **GOALKEEPER EVALUATIONS:**

#### **Sunday, June 6**

11:30 am-12:30 pm -- **U12 and U14 Boys**

1:30 pm-2:30 pm – **U12 and U14 Girls**

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