



Burlington United Soccer Club

An affiliate of Croatian Eagles SC

We're excited you're considering playing on a Competitive (Select) team!

Here are a few things you should know:

TRYOUTS AND OFFERS

1. **Competitive teams require a tryout.** Impartial evaluators will put players through several exercises and watch some scrimmage play. Each player is rated on specific skills and then given an overall score. Players receiving offers are chosen based on those scores and the needs of the team.
2. **Tryouts are held in early June as dictated by WYSA.** This year, BUSC will hold tryouts on the following dates:
 - a. U10--TBD (The U10 Academy Program is different than SECL but the same expectations apply.)
 - b. U11-U13 June 13 and June 14
 - c. U14-U19 June 20 and June 21
3. **Offers are made via email at 6 pm on Friday following try outs.** Players receiving an offer will have 24 hours to accept their roster spot in writing (via email). After 24 hours, the spot can be offered to the next player in line.
4. **Competitive teams are formed based on the strength of the players who try out.** BUSC currently participates in the Academy program (for U10) in the Metro league and the Southeast Classic League of WYSA (for U11-U19). Teams will be formed for the age groups coaching staff feels have the player depth to do so. For example, we may target a U11 team but have a mix of U11 and U12 players try out. The decision may be made to field the team as U12. The "U" age of the team will be clear in the written offer and parents/players will be able to choose whether or not they wish to play on the team as created.
5. Any player who tries out but does not get selected for a team or for whom we do not field an age-appropriate team is invited to join one of our Stateline recreational teams.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

1. **Players will attend all team practices reasonably possible.** Competitive teams practice 2-3 times a week, often beginning earlier in the season than a recreational team. Some exceptions can be made at coach discretion, but please understand that playing another sport at the same time is NOT an acceptable reason to consistently miss practice.
2. **Players will participate in summer Speed & Agility trainings and winter Indoor Trainings facilitated by the Croatian Eagles.** These trainings are held in Burlington when possible but some sessions will be in Franklin or Milwaukee.
3. **Players will participate in tournaments.** Each team should expect 1-2 tournaments per year. At least 1 tournament is included in your team fee, but there may be additional fees depending on which tournaments the team chooses to play in. When applicable, travel/lodging expenses are not part of the team's tournament budget.
4. **Players will be required to have the appropriate uniform kit.** Competitive teams (u11+) need 2 jerseys and a warm up jacket as opposed to just the standard uniform. (Returning players can buy additional pieces as needed. New players can buy the entire kit.) If a player loses or outgrows pieces during the season, replacements must be purchased from the club. Substituting your own items is not allowed per league rules.
5. **Player fees will be paid in full at registration, a payment plan (with credit card) will be chosen, or an approved scholarship application will be in place prior to beginning play.** Due to the higher cost of competitive leagues, we cannot allow players to be rostered to a team without proper payment or scholarship arrangements in place. (Please do not let finances keep you off the team! We have payments plans and scholarships available!)

We know there are exceptions to every rule, but please be sure your child and family can commit to the expectations above before accepting a spot on a competitive team. Teams are only truly successful when all the players are working toward the same goal with the same dedication! If you have concerns or questions, please discuss with the team coach, Director of Coaching or the Board of Directors.