

# SOCCER

## **Program Outline**

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#### **ORYA Soccer Mission Statement**

The ORYA Soccer Program is a very progressive, inclusionary model designed to enhance skill acquisition and help children develop a LOVE of the game, while promoting long-term, healthy life-style habits in an enjoyable and age appropriate environment. We place tremendous emphasis on basic skill acquisition and individual comfort with the ball. These technical skills are the building blocks every player needs for long term success and enjoyment in soccer.

#### **Approach To Soccer**

ORYA's soccer program is broken into two programs. Our Academy program offers a focus on developing an important skill base and passion for the game while practicing and playing in-house. Players are grouped by birth year and introduced to exercises, fun games, and scrimmage related play with & without restrictions to encourage skill & IQ development.

Our Travel program officially begins U10 level and continues to the U15 age group based on <u>US Soccer's</u> <u>Birth Year Age Matrix.</u> Teams are created and assigned to specific coaches for the season and if multiple teams are selected they'll be created based on best developmental approach for the group of players we have. Teams will compete in the New Hampshire Youth Soccer League (NHYSL) and/or Northern New England Soccer League (NNESL) will participate in at least one tournament in the fall and spring.

Both programs are required to promote quality of play over results, provide even playing time for all players and nurture a passion for the game.

#### Academy Soccer General Information |

#### Uniform Ordering |

ORYA's Academy program requires a uniform which is NOT part of your program tuition. This will be an additional cost of \$15. Your uniform can be used from season to season, so you only need to purchase a uniform if you are new to the program or otherwise need a new uniform. If your uniform fits from last season you don't need a new one!

When uniform ordering information is available it can be found on the ORYA Soccer webpage.

#### Team Snap |

Your volunteer coordinators will utilize Team Snap to communicate with you this spring. This easy & user-friendly app helps keep your schedule straight and allows to and from communications with your coach. Great for last minute schedule updates and player availability, we hope this app makes your season that much easier to keep track of! Be on the lookout for a Team Snap invitation a week or two before practices begin.

#### Program Outline Disclaimer |

ORYA Soccer has created the program outlines below to accommodate the program numbers historically seen at these age groups. As numbers dictate, ORYA may change the program approach to offer players a developmentally appropriate program based on number of players, age groups, ability levels, etc. of those that participate in the program.

#### Program Details |

#### 2014 & \*2015 Academy Soccer (U6)

#### \*Note any 2015 player must have turned 4 by the start date of the program.

#### Program Description | Coed

ORYA's youngest soccer program meets once per week and utilizes stations during each session to introduce players to fun games which focus on a specific skill being introduced. Players move from station to station, use their imaginations, build coordination and, hopefully, begin to develop a life-long passion for the sport. We're always in need of a few extra volunteers to support the program and will provide a full curriculum for the program.

#### 2012 & 2013 Academy Soccer (U8)

#### **Program Description | Coed or Girls Options**

This program steps up to twice per week sessions with a mid-week practice day and a Saturday morning 'game' day. Players continue to develop skills through fun games and exercises that incorporate their imaginations to get them excited about specific exercises they're being introduced to. Saturdays turn into fun, non-result based 'games' where small sided play is the focus. Game day offers players an introduction to soccer competition in an in-house environment where quality of play and building on what was learned at practice is the judgement of success.

#### 2010 & 2011 Academy Soccer (U10)

#### **Program Description | Coed or Girls Options**

ORYA's last completely in-house program offers twice per week practices and in-house games on Saturdays. Players begin to experience more structured practice sessions where building technical skills & small sided play are more overtly apparent. Fun games and exercises are still utilized to peak interest and build skills, but coaches begin to increase expectations and build towards individual skill & small sided play milestones. Saturday games are still non-result based with success still being judged on the quality of play within the game rather than the end result.

#### Academy Soccer Tuition Information |

#### Player Tuition |

The tuition for this program accounts for insurance (medical & liability), equipment budget, program balls, ORYA Admin & Capital Fund allocations, online payment processing & merchant account fees, Porto-potties at each location used for soccer, field maintenance which may include mowing, irrigation-related costs, fertilization schedule, spot treatments, aeration, etc., a small stipend for coach education or skills coaches, background checks, safe sport certifications annual Team Snap fees and field lining paint.

Your player tuition was developed with input from, and approved by, your volunteer Soccer Advisory Group members.

#### ORYA Admin |

This encompasses all expenses of which most are non-sport specific and allow the organization to operate. The admin portion of player fees go toward ORYA employee salaries, workers compensation & Board liability insurance, bookkeeping & accounting services, temporary/intern staff stipends, office equipment & supplies, employer paid taxes, payroll service fees, employee benefits, postage, printing & reproduction, advertising, IT support & computer services, service subscriptions & annual dues, telephone, internet, web hosting, web support, bank charges, business travel & meals, charitable contributions, mileage/toll/parking reimbursements and other items from year to year.

#### ORYA Board Designated Savings |

ORYA's Board Designated Savings (BDS) supports new initiatives, large scale programs, and/or facility improvements. The BDS is sustained by donations, grants, and program registration fees. BDS ensure ORYA's steady growth and, over time, investment in larger projects. All of ORYA's programs benefit from the BDS. Expenditures from ORYA's BDS must support the organization's mission and be approved by the Board of Directors. ORYA admin fees will only count towards those that are a part of a full ORYA team.

#### Why are player fees presented differently this season? |

ORYA has re-evaluated its player fee budgeting process, to include total town funding contributions in the equation. Taking into account each town's expected number of participants, current funding and in-kind donations, such as field and office space, ORYA has created a new budgeting approach. This new approach reflects a rate that correlates directly to the individual town's total contribution per participant.

ORYA continues to evaluate ways to reduce expenses as well as explore opportunities to increase organizational fundraising. If you or your business would like to donate to or otherwise support ORYA with volunteer hours, in-kind services, materials, or supplies and equipment please reach out to the ORYA Director, Matthew Glode, at director@oryarec.org.

#### Travel Soccer General Information |

#### Age Groups |2009-2006 Birth Years (U10-U14)

Our travel program offers players the opportunity to compete in the NHSL or NNESL town travel-based and local club-level leagues. Our no-cut approach creates birth year-based teams and utilizes dedicated, volunteer coaches in a fun learning environment. Recognizing that we have many multi-sport kids in the spring, players are welcome to attend as many training sessions as they can. Some teams may participate in a Memorial Day tournament depending on player and coach availability and some birth years may be combined based upon final registration numbers.

After our registration deadline volunteer coordinators will communicate with all registered players to introduce their volunteer coach(es), the make-up of their team and what league they will be participating in.

#### Practices & Games |

Your practice schedule will ultimately depend on your volunteer coach(es) availability, but we do our best to try and avoid program conflicts when possible. Travel teams typically practice twice per week at Tibbetts Field or local turf option. Multi-sportism is important so players are asked to make what sessions they can around other in-season sports.

Games are held over the course of 6-8 weeks, weather dependent, and roughly half are home and half are away. Games are scheduled for Saturdays later in the afternoon to avoid baseball and lacrosse conflicts where possible.

#### Uniform Ordering |

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