

## **U12 Boys Travel Team Tryouts**

First let me just say that the players did a great job at tryouts and it was very clear that all the players have been working hard on their soccer skills all year and I encourage them to keep working on their soccer skills and having fun playing soccer.

There are soccer camps this summer in August at Mylod Field - please check the website [www.walpolesoccer.org](http://www.walpolesoccer.org) for all the details. Check the website [www.walpolesoccer.org](http://www.walpolesoccer.org) for all the details.

As of now we have girls u10, u11, u12, u13/u14 from Aug 10th-14th 2009 at Mylod 11:30am to 2pm. Younger ages and Boys ages are possible - but we do not yet have enough players to run those at this

### **Tryout Process:**

Tryouts were held in June for one night for each group, and all players were encouraged to come and tryout. Coaches were evaluating players and looking at Footskills, Speed, Agressiveness, Teamwork Field Sense and General Play.

**Process:** We used a field rotation methodology during tryouts. We used coaches evaluations over 20 weeks to place players on up to 6 different fields at the start of tryouts. Then we had several sessions of about a 15 minutes of primarily 4v4 soccer and the coaches collectively identified the strongest and weakest players on their field for that session. So for example - if there were 16 players on a field - after the cycle then the 3 or 4 strongest players were moved up, the 3 or 4 weakest players were moved down and strongest players were moved up, the 3 or 4 weakest players were moved down and strongest players were moved up, the 3 or 4 weakest players were moved down and strongest players were moved up, the 3 or 4 weakest players were moved down and strongest players were moved up, the 3 or 4 weakest players were moved down and strongest players were moved up, the 3 or 4 weakest players were moved down and the 8-10 players in the middle stayed on that field - because for that cycle they were in the right place. We were able to do several sessions/cycles - so

### **Select vs Blended Travel Teams**

Our general plan is to have one or two Select teams at each age-group, and then Blend all the remaining teams - more info about this is posted on the Tryout page at <http://www.walpolesoccer.org/wp/tryouts/> Where possible players for select teams were evaluated by senior-level coaches and, in some cases, by professional evaluators. More Tryout Information - please check the website for Basic Tryout Information at <http://www.walpolesoccer.org/wp/tryouts/>

### **Team Selection**

Teams were put together by using the tryout evaluations in combination with their current coaches evaluation over 20 weeks this past spring and fall.

**Teams have been put together for the Fall season only. While it is possible that many of the teams will remain the same for spring, we fully expect to hold tryouts after the Fall season for some age-groups and for some select teams. This information will be posted late in the Fall season and tryouts will be scheduled. Placement on a specific team this Fall does not guarantee placement on the same team for Spring. As player performance, attendance at practices & games, attitude, skill improvement, and work ethic will determine placement for**

**Select Teams** - have been put together to based heavily on tryout results, as well as coaches evaluations over 20 weeks in the fall and spring. Every player was watched by a group of coaches, generally 3-6 during the tryout. Many of the players were also reviewed by professional coaches who were at our tryouts, as well as a number of WYSA board members. Where players were "on the bubble" the individual try-out evaluations and coaches evaluations were compared to assign players.

**Blended Teams** - have been put together using a coaches selection process to form teams that will be competitive in the Bays travel league and also allow the players to have fun.

All our teams - will then be placed in an appropriate Division and Section in the BAYS soccer league, so that they will be playing equally skilled teams.

\*So as you look at your players placement, is it possible that we made a mistake in placement - sure it is. But as an all volunteer organization, we did the best we could using evaluations from tryouts and all our volunteer coaches evaluations from 20 weeks of playing soccer in the Fall & Spring.

### **1st Team Commitment - Player and Parents**

"+ this info has been copied from the website - tryout webpage - but is important for everyone who made a 1st team to understand and commit to playing on a First Travel Team for Walpole in the BAYS travel league is generally a BIG commitment for the player and parents. Our 1st teams are generally very competitive, challenging, provide a great learning environment for the player, and allot of fun. Having said that - you should generally expect two practices each week starting about 3 weeks before the season begins thru the end of the season, which every player really needs to make 95%. Games are on Saturdays which players always need to make, periodic tournaments usually over 3 day weekend, winter skills training in the winter, and indoor soccer for at least one session. If your child is playing multiple sports, and soccer is not a priority - it may be hard for you to make the commitment necessary for the 1st team, and may be impossible for your child to stay on the 1st team from season

### **Bays - Travel League**

We play in the BAYS [Boston Area Youth Soccer] League, with 50+ other towns that are generally considered to be in Metro West. Some towns will be as close as Dedham, Medfield, Norwood, Norfolk, Millis and some as far away as Winchester, Acton-Boxboro and Lexington. The league determines who we will play, based on the placement of each team. So until the schedules come out later in the summer - we will not know who we play. BAYS games are played on Saturdays, generally with boys games starting at Noon or earlier, and Boys games starting at 1pm or later.

### **When will my player be contacted**

First of all - have a great summer. You will be contacted by your coach no later than August 15th. Games will start in Early September, and most teams will start a limited practice schedule sometime in mid to late August to get ready for the games. Your coaches will give you all the details when they

## **TRAVEL TEAM Listing - Alphabetical by Coaches Last Name**

### **Head Coach - Brownsword, Drew**

Ackles, Ryan  
Andreassi, Michael  
Armstrong, Colm  
Bounas, Thomas  
Brownsword, Benjamin  
Cagnon, Nathan  
Ciechanowski, Andrew  
Daitsman, Sam  
Hunter, Owen  
Nelson, Andrew  
Ricci, Nicholas  
Ross, Owen  
Single, Christopher

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### **Head Coach - Corcoran, Mike**

Corcoran, Griffin  
El Husayni, Belal  
Fair, Ian  
Fontana, Tucker  
Groves, Charlie  
Kickham, Ryan  
Knight, Dillon  
Lucas, Benjamin  
Nelson, Adam  
Noyes, Andrew  
Perkins, Sean  
Randall, Nicholas

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### **Head Coach - D'Ovidio, Jim**

Dimartino, Alex  
Cullinane, Liam  
Mealy, Patrick  
Bradley, Shawn  
Maunsell, Owen  
McDonough, Ryan  
Sullivan, Michael  
Wheeler, Andrew

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**D'Ovidio, Andrew**  
**Moore, Ruairi**  
**Petrillo, Anthony**  
**Goodrich, Cornelius**