

## **Timber Baron Tryouts Guidelines**

The Timber Barons program provides players with an opportunity to play in a more competitive environment. We strive to maintain strong, competitive teams that participate in both competitive leagues and tournaments throughout the Northwest.

These guidelines have been created to make the evaluation process transparent, and to clearly state the expectations of our Timber Barons teams. Please read the document carefully as failure to follow through with requirements could have a significant impact on your player.

NO PLACES ON TEAMS ARE PREDETERMINED; however, the child of the head coach may be placed on that coach's team. That decision is left solely to the head coach. For purposes of this rule each Timber Baron team has one head coach, designated by the Timber Barons Committee (hereinafter Committee) during the application process.

### **Prior to Tryouts:**

#### **REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS**

Players can register in person no later than one half hour prior to any scheduled tryout.

### **The week of tryouts**

Generally, tryouts take place over two days; however, at the coach's discretion, the number of tryouts may be reduced or extended. Players need only attend one tryout; however it is recommended that all tryouts are attended.

Players **shall not wear any portion of a Timber Barons uniform to tryouts**. Players must come to tryouts with cleats, shin pads, an age appropriate sized soccer ball, and water. It is recommended players arrive a half an hour early.

Players will be assigned a number, which they will wear throughout tryouts. Coaches/evaluators will evaluate players by their designated number.

During tryouts only coaches, evaluators, and players, are allowed on the field. Parents may attend tryouts but must remain outside of the fence lines and are to refrain from speaking with coaches and evaluators during the tryout.

### **What will happen?**

The players will go through a warm-up, will participate in drills, and may be separated into groups to play. Throughout the tryout players may be asked to switch fields either based on performance or to mix different players in with each other.

Coaches/Evaluators may take notes on each numbered player. Notes are for evaluator use only and will not be maintained beyond the tryout process.

### **What are evaluator's looking for?**

The players will be evaluated on the four pillars of soccer:

Technical —player's skill on first-touch, dribbling and passing under pressure with the ball; tackling and defensive technique without the ball; shooting and finishing technique.

Tactical ---player's use of space and knowing when to pass and when to dribble.

Physiological – player's ability to deal with the demands of the game at full-pace. This goes beyond just size, strength and speed and includes effort.

Psychological - player's reactions to game-like situations provides insight into their confidence or resilience and/or how the players interact with his/her peers, and coaches (coachability).

### **Selection**

Each coach has discretion to weight the factors referred to as the four pillars of soccer as the coach deems appropriate and may select a player or refrain from selecting a player based on any factor the coach deems appropriate.

Once the coach has formed a roster, the roster shall be submitted to the Committee for final approval.

Once a final roster has been approved by the Committee, the coach will call players who have been selected and offer them a position on the team.

Once the coach has contacted players and received commitments, the coach shall provide the Timber Barons registrar with a list of the committed players. The Timber Barons Registrar will then forward the list to the CYSA webmaster who upon receipt shall post the list of players using a first initial and a last name on the website.

### **Team Formation**

Every effort will be made to form at least one team per age group. In age brackets where more than one teams have not been previously formed, if after selecting the A team roster the A team coach/evaluator believes there are enough qualified players to form an additional team, they may request that the Committee approve formation of a second team. The committee will act on that request immediately and will make efforts to determine if a select level coach is available to coach the second team and may reopen the coach's application process. The Committee will make all efforts to determine whether a second team is appropriate and if so, name a coach within one week of tryouts.

The B team coach then selects players based on suitability for a select team, and shall not select players just to complete a roster. The B team coach may confer with the A team coach and the evaluator and may hold one additional tryout in order to evaluate players who have already tried out and may reopen tryouts to players who have not tried out. The tryout and selection process set out above shall be used.

**If there are more than one team at an age bracket does a player have any say in which team they play for?**

No. If a player is selected to play on the A team, and declines to play for that team, the player will not be eligible to play for the B team either as a rostered player or a guest player.

**Can my child play up?**

Yes, but keep in mind that player development is a process and each player develops differently. A player who does not stand out in their own age group should not play up, even if they have played up in the past. Coaches will make decisions on a case by case basis within the following framework.

A player can play up one age level if the coaches of both involved teams must confer and determine it is appropriate for the child to play with the older age group.

**What is expected if you make a team?**

Players are expected to participate as follows.

Full year commitment- Once a player accepts a position on a Timber Barons team, they are not eligible to play recreational soccer with CYSA for one year.

Teams must play in at least two league sessions during a calendar year. That involves at least one outdoor season and at least one of the following as determined by the coach of each team: outdoor soccer in the winter or spring, or indoor soccer/futsal in the winter or spring. Generally there are two to three practices per week and tournaments during the summer. A similar practice schedule can be expected during league seasons but varies from team to team.

Cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_ annual club registration fee covers State player pass, referee fees, insurance, background checks, training, field rental, registration for two seasons, and the entry fee and league registration for the Fall season.

**The annual club registration fee is due no later than June 30. Player cards will not be issued until the fee is paid in full.**

Other fees collected by each individual team cover uniform fees, training needs, the second session a team plays in, and tournaments entered. Costs associated with each individual team may vary significantly depending on tournament schedules and leagues entered.

Travel time to away league games is usually 45 minutes to 2 hours, but teams may travel as far as Bend, Oregon for league games. Tournaments generally occur in Western Washington and Western Oregon but will vary from team to team.