

# Stoughton Area Youth Soccer Association Classic Team Information Statement



## What SAYSA can offer

The mission of Stoughton Area Youth Soccer Association (SAYSA) is to make fun and competitive soccer accessible to girls and boys, ages 6 – 19, at all skill levels. We will provide a safe environment for the development of players, coaches and their families with an emphasis on teamwork and good sportsmanship. We will collaborate with the larger community to promote soccer and create a positive connection with all local sports programs.

## Classic Program Philosophy

The SAYSA Classic program emphasizes the '**Attitude Affects Outcome**' philosophy in training and developing players. If players have a positive attitude towards their own learning and improvement, they will experience a positive outcome and enjoy the best opportunity for success.

When playing in competitions, the '**Performance Over Result**' philosophy is emphasized to all players. We encourage players to perform to the best of their best ability and to focus on the *performance* rather than the *result* as we seek overall improvement. Soccer can be a challenging game, and the result does not always reflect the effort. Moreover, spectators and supporters will be entertained with a die-hard performance – win or lose.

## Classic Program Player Expectations

Players are expected to be committed to their team and coaches. In order for them to develop and reach their individual and team goals, players need to respect their coaches as they provide valuable insight and instruction. Players are expected to commit to improving the team, as well as their individual performance. As such, developing teamwork, spirit and togetherness are very important.

## **Training:**

- In-season:
  - The training and game season will last 12 weeks in fall and 12 weeks in spring
  - Team practices will take place two or three days per week on fields in Stoughton
- Outside of season (participation is encouraged, but not required):
  - Camps are encouraged but not mandatory; SAYSA will host a British Challenger Sport camp, the largest soccer camp company in the US, July 7/18/2011 - 7/22/2011
  - Indoor soccer may be offered during the winter months

## **Team Commitments:**

- Players:
  - Are members for the entire season August 1, 2011- July 31, 2012
  - Attend all required practices and games
  - Have their own ball and water bottle for every practice and game (responsible for their own equipment)
  - Adhere to MAYSA's code of conduct at all times
- Parents:
  - Have the players at practice (at least 5 minutes) and at games (at least 45 minutes) ready to participate prior to the times announced by the coaching staff
  - Be on time to pick the players up after practice; no children will be left alone after any team activity
  - Abide by the decisions of the team parents during the parents' meeting, which may be determined by majority vote; for example, if the majority of parents want the team to go to a tournament, then every parent is expected to support that decision
  - Adhere to MAYSA's code of conduct at all times

## **League Play:**

- The teams will play in the MAYSA Classic league
- Home games and practices will be on fields in Stoughton

## **Try Outs**

SAYSA is holding try-outs for Girls and Mixed Classic teams at U11, U12, U13 and U14 for the Fall 2011 - Spring 2012 season. Players will be invited to play on the team that offers the best opportunity for development. Being invited to play on a team above actual age level is possible.

Interested families should be familiar with the tryout procedure before signing up. These rules can be found on the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA) website at [www.maysa.org](http://www.maysa.org).

### **Dates:**

U11                Tuesday, May 31 @ 5pm-6pm and Wednesday, June 1 @ 5pm-6pm  
U12                Tuesday, May 31 @ 6pm-7pm and Wednesday, June 1 @ 6pm-7pm  
U13 & U14        Tuesday, May 31 @ 7pm-8pm and Wednesday, June 1 @ 7pm-8pm  
Rain dates (as necessary): Thursday, June 2, Monday, June 6 and Tuesday June 07

### **Location:**

All tryouts / evaluations will take place at Virgin Lake Park, Stoughton

### **Fees:**

Tryout Fee: \$20 Non-refundable.

### **Other Fees:**

SAYSA Registration fee \$130.00 per player  
Fall team fee \$250.00 pp due by Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Spring team fee \$250.00 pp due by January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Team fees include:

- British Challenger trainer
- Uniforms
- Referee fees
- 2-3 tournaments

Players do not need to pay the \$130.00 SAYSA registration fee prior to tryouts UNLESS they want to be placed on a SAYSA recreation-level team if not invited to play on a classic-level team.

### **Players should:**

- Attend both tryout sessions for their age group
- Arrive 30 minutes early to allow time to check in and warm-up
- Wear appropriate field shoes, shin guards, socks, shorts and a WHITE shirt
- Players who want to demonstrate their abilities at the goalkeeper position should bring their keeper gear to both sessions; if you don't have your own gear, it will be provided
- Have their own ball and water bottle with their name on both items
- Have the right training and playing attitude: do their best!!!

### **Process:**

Tryouts will be conducted by coach evaluators and the team coaching staff. Evaluators will present their recommendations to the team coaches who will use that input for selecting teams. Players will be invited to play on the team that the coaches deem the best fit for their individual development.

No persons other than the evaluators and coaches conducting the tryouts will be allowed on the practice field during tryouts. Observers should refrain from yelling or making remarks directed at the participants.

Offers/Notification to join a classic team by the coach of that team will be in writing (e-mail) on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Players will have at least 24 hours to respond and accept or reject the invitation. If the \$130.00 SAYSA fee has NOT been paid, it is due to SAYSA upon accepting a position on the team. The player may be removed from the roster if the fee is not paid.