

San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, Inc.



Founded 1923

2521 Judah Street

San Francisco, CA 94122-1437

Tel: (415) 753-3111 / Fax: (415) 753-2555

www.sfvikingsoccer.org

VIKING CLUB TRYOUT POLICY

The tryout will be posted on the Club webpage at least 3 weeks prior to the first date of tryouts.

The tryout will consist of at least 2 opportunities for prospective players to demonstrate playing ability.

Parents will be given a draft budget and commitment expectations at the first tryout.

The following principles apply to the tryouts:

- Equal opportunity/no discrimination
- Availability of financial aid
- Tryout process
 - Evaluated by independent and/or Club coaches
 - Kids challenged in multiple situations (1v1, small sided games, etc)
- Evaluation criteria
 - Individual skills (technique)
 - Team awareness (tactics)
 - Fit within team
- Returning players
 - Do they have priority? Equal ability should go to the player who has already been on the team.

Coaches and team managers are also encouraged to provide any additional information to parents that may bear on a player's selection and/or interest in joining the team, such as:

- minimum practice and game attendance expectations
- how the team expects to deal with conflicts created by other sports or activities
- likely practice frequency, times and locations
- leagues in which the team will likely play
- likely tournaments

- number of players the team expects to carry on roster, subject to player interest and the coach's evaluation

2) The tryout will consist of at least 2 dates. While attendance at both tryouts will not be mandatory unless stated clearly in the posted information before tryouts begin, coaches may consider attendance at both tryouts as a factor in the ultimate selection decisions. **Players MUST attend one of the tryout dates to be considered for the team.**

3) At the first tryout, the parents in attendance will be given a draft team budget and, if not already provided in the posted information, the commitment expectations. The budget and commitment information should thereafter be posted on the Club website along with the tryout information.

4) The decision to accept or reject the player is at the discretion and judgment of the head coach. A variety of factors may be considered by the coach, including:

- a player's ability, based on the tryout and information about past performances
- a player's availability to attend practices, league play, and tournaments
- a player's attitude
- the team's need for players with specific competencies

5) The selection decision will be made within two weeks of the last tryout date, and the roster must be posted to the Club website within that time. The coach and team managers may also choose to notify the parents in writing or by phone.

6) The selection decisions are final, and parents are not allowed to contact the coaches or team managers to contest the decision if his or her child is not selected. If the parent believes that the selection decision was not made in conformity with this policy, they may submit a written protest to the attention of the Club president within one week of receiving the decision.