

San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, Inc.



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Philosophy & Mission of Program:

The foundation of our Travel Team Program is individual player development. We believe that having fun and developing as a player are inseparable and we promote a spirit of cooperation and competition. Our Travel Teams foster the physical and mental development that is necessary to excel at soccer in a healthy, character-building environment that encourages each child to achieve his or her highest potential. Winning games is not the mission of the travel program. Our mission is development in a competitive arena. The teams must be formed from San Francisco residents, although a maximum of 2 non-residents can be allowed

How does Travel Team or competitive soccer differ from recreational soccer? Being part of a Travel Team requires a significantly greater commitment of time and dedication on the part of the players, family members, coaches and volunteers. The commitment is for one year. Travel Teams practice several times a week, compete eight to ten months a year, and are referred to as "traveling teams" as they play games and tournaments outside of San Francisco. The league games can be as far away as San Jose or Santa Cruz, and tournaments range from Fresno to Sacramento to Ukiah. Players who attend all practices and are on time to the game, will play at least 50% of the game. The exception to this policy is the Association or State Cup tournaments where the coach can play whomever is most competitive in the coach's opinion.

Coaching Objective:

To develop and instill the important life values of individual and group effort, group trust and loyalty, sportsmanship and soccer playing skills of the San Francisco Viking Travel Team player in the most learning efficient and positive playing environments possible.

Yearly Calendar:

The player will register in April for the Fall Season with the new team. A deposit of \$100 is paid with registration.

GAMES

August is the month when teams begin practice. The teams may play one or two August tournament weekends. The Fall League play begins the weekend after Labor Day. The games can be either Saturday or Sunday, and occasionally both Saturday and Sunday in one weekend. There are 10 games for the season, 5 home and 5 away. The away games are on the Peninsula between San Bruno and San Jose or Santa Cruz. You are required to play this Fall season.

Winter season consists of an indoor futsal league in San Francisco. These games are played Sunday afternoons. This league runs Jan-March, and is not required participation. Some teams may play an outdoor tournament in January.

Spring season will be similar to Fall season, traveling 5 away games and home for 5 games. These games are on either Saturdays or Sundays from April to mid-June. You are required to play this season.

PRACTICES

Practice days are twice a week, during the week. The days and times are dependent on field availability from the SF Rec & Park department. Practices are typically one and one-half hours to two hours.

Cost:

The fees for Travel Team players are \$90 to \$110 per month, depending on the number of tournaments or activities the team participates in. These fees include CYSA registration, Club membership, League fees, referee fees, tuition and tournaments. Financial assistance is available to those families who cannot afford to pay the full amount. A team's fees will be kept to a maximum of \$1100 per year. Fundraising will be done if teams have additional expenses. Families are also responsible for uniform and hotel costs.

Selection of Coaches:

The SF Viking Club Travel team Coaches meet these criteria:

- CYSA "D" level license
- A Positive Coaching Alliance "Double Goal" certificate
- Follow the philosophy and coaching methodology of the Viking Club
- Ability and willingness to communicate weekly with parents via email

Selection Process for Players:

The under 10 age group is the first year that teams are formed in the Viking Club. The maximum roster size is set by CYSA and is 14 players for U10 and 18 players for U11 and older, however the average roster size is 16 for U11 and older. Some teams carry 18 players because there are 18 committed players who wish to participate. Existing teams fill out any roster spots with new players at the tryout process. A player is not asked to leave a team based on his or her playing ability. If a player or parent is not committed and exhibits inappropriate or disruptive behavior, then the child will be asked to leave the team.