

TRY-OUT PROCESS AND FAQ



The Port Moody Soccer Club's philosophy is to ensure the enjoyment and participation in the game of soccer for all members, at their appropriate level of play.

The Club will be holding try-out sessions at the Under 11 and Under 12 ages for a **Select** team and one or more **Development** teams; and at the Under 13 thru Under 18 ages for **Metro/Select, Gold and Silver** for both boys and girls.

It is our responsibility to ensure that players for all ages and competitive levels are selected in a fair and unbiased fashion.

Below are some of the commonly asked questions about our try-out process. If you have other questions, please speak with the Coaches either before or after the first Try-out session.

What is a select team (Metro/Select, Gold, and Silver) try-out?

A select team try-out is a player evaluation conducted over 2 to 4 sessions for the purpose of selecting the most skilled and suitable players in an age group, to form one or more teams at the Metro/Select, Gold, Silver and/or Development level.

Am I required to be registered with Port Moody Soccer before my try-out begins?

We do not require try-out participants to register to play with PMSC before their try-out session. **Players chosen for select teams will be required to register within 7 days of being selected.** You will not be placed on a team until Registration and payment are received. Online registration will be available before the first try-out session is completed. For details visit www.portmoodysoccer.com. If registration is not received, the position offered may be revoked.

Please note that proof of birth date is required for all players **who have not played on a select team in Port Moody before.** A photocopy of a birth certificate, passport, citizenship card or signed affidavit from a doctor must be provided at the tryout.

Who should attend the try-out?

Any player who is serious about playing on a select team and is prepared to make the commitment required, is encouraged to try-out. Those players who are not prepared to make the commitment should not try-out.

What commitment is required for a select team?

Players can expect to have two training sessions each week and play once every weekend. In addition, we encourage our select players to participate in our PMSC/Coerver High Performance or Academy Player Development Programs. Select teams normally enter two or more tournaments per year. Players should be prepared to give select team activities priority over their other recreational activities. **The**

individual Coaches will clearly outline their commitment criteria to the parents and players prior to selection. Parents should expect and be prepared to commit to additional time and travel associated with games and tournaments.

If I only want to play Silver, do I need to attend the Metro or Gold try-outs?

If you are not interested in playing on the higher level team you are not required to attend these sessions, only the sessions of the team you are interested in playing for.

Do players need to attend every session of the try-out?

Missing any of the sessions may definitely affect your chances of being selected.

Would I be able to try-out for a team a year older than my age?

The PMSC policy is that all players will play within their respective age group in order to create equal opportunity for all members. Periodically a player may be identified as being significantly ahead of their peers from a skill development and maturity perspective and would benefit from advanced opportunities available only in an older age group. Please visit our website at www.portmoodysoccer.com under Try-outs to view our Under-Age Player U11-18 Policy. The issue of “playing-up” is focused on the benefits to the player (not the team). All Head Coaches are aware of our Policy and process for applying for an “Exception”.

If I do not make a select team, can I still play soccer?

PMSC will do its best to provide teams for players of all levels, and will field House level teams in age groups where our registration numbers allow.

What do the try-out evaluations look like?

Evaluations and team selections for the coming season will be done by the Head Coaches in conjunction with coaches from our PMSC/Coerver High Performance Centre and Academy as well as other senior club coaches. At the end of the second session (third if deemed necessary) the evaluators will determine the final pool of players to be considered for selection at the final session(s). All players and parents will be notified of their next options (continue in the try-out process at the current level, asked to attend the next level of try-outs or assigned to a House team).

What skills are evaluated?

Players are evaluated on individual ball skills as well as team and game skills. In addition the evaluators will be looking at other factors such as attitude, desire and enthusiasm.

In closing, we ask that you recognize the challenges the evaluators and Head Coaches have in selecting the players for their teams for the next season, and the pressure your children may be experiencing as a result of the try-out process. It is a very difficult and subjective task. With your support we hope we can make it a positive experience for all players, whether they are selected for the highest level team or not. Our program is focused on “the development of players” and everything we do is done in the player’s best interest. We will strive to provide a team for everyone and make the coming season the best possible experience.