



# LAKWOOD SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. (LSA) TRAVEL SOCCER PROGRAM

## All about Travel Soccer

LSA is a non-profit, volunteer soccer organization dedicated to providing quality soccer programs and activities for Lakewood area youth players since 1982. LSA offers Travel Soccer programs for youth players between the ages of 7 and 14. Our purpose is to provide the youth of our community the benefits of a team sport through quality instruction that promotes sportsmanship, enjoyment and the development of individual soccer players to their highest level. LSA is nearly 100% dependent upon volunteers. LSA is NOT affiliated in any way with the city of Lakewood nor the Lakewood Recreation Department.

We participate in the American Amateur Soccer League (AASL for boys) and the Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League (NOGSL for girls) along with 40+ communities. These leagues determine roster sizes, rules of play (which vary by age groups), field sizes, registration parameters and other items of administration. While LSA has its own policies and guidelines, league rules and procedures are the definitive authority. All deadlines we publish are final and cannot be changed due to AASL and NOGSL deadlines.

This next season, LSA will NOT be raising fees.

### FEES and GENERAL INFORMATION

LSA charges \$220 per year per player with registration in May. Player uniforms, cleats and shin guards are not included in player registration. Our fee covers the following:

1. Fall and Spring League play 8 games (4 home and 4 away) each season. 16 games total.
2. One Team practice each week with coach (usually 10 per season).
3. One Footskills/Foundations practice each week with Professional Instructor (10 per season).
4. DISCOUNTED week long Travel only Summer Camp the first full week of August.
5. Goal Keeper Clinics and Super Skills/Moves Clinics.
6. \$50 contribution per season per team for pre-approved tournaments.
7. Lots of fun and lots of Great Soccer.

The Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach are usually parents of team members. All U10 and up teams will have paid coaches. All coaches **MUST** be licensed by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN). Coaches are required to submit an OYSAN Risk Management application. The Team Manager takes responsibility for team communications, organization and administration.

LSA supports children who are in multiple sports. We realize that practice and game times may conflict. Each practice contains lessons on team play and individual skills that our players take to the next game. Players who do not regularly attend practices cannot fully function as part of the team unit and, therefore, may see reduced playing time.

### BIRTH DATE CHART – FALL 2009 / SPRING 2010

Age groups are determined on the chart provided by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN). All players are required to play on teams within their age division. Players may be asked to “play up”, depending on their skill level or team rostering needs, but require the approval of the Travel Committee. Players are not allowed to “play down” in a younger age division. Use this chart to find your player’s NEW Age Group.

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>January</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>February</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>March</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>April</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>May</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>June</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>July</b>		U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8
<b>August</b>	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	
<b>September</b>	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	
<b>October</b>	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	
<b>November</b>	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	
<b>December</b>	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	

## PROOF OF BIRTH (New players only)

A copy of the child's birth certificate or passport must be attached to every **NEW** player registration.

## REGISTRATION and TRYOUTS

Every child wanting to play on a Travel team must participate in a tryout. The 2009-2010 tryouts are at pre-assigned times. Existing players can return all forms and checks with to their managers or anyone can drop off at: **1355 Manor Park Ave on the front porch (not responsible for cash left on porch).**

Each parent must fill out all registration forms and make payment **BEFORE tryouts**:

1. \$100 check or cash (Tryout payment is not refundable, unless not placed on team.)
2. a **copy** of Birth Certificate or Passport (**New Players ONLY**)
3. A color picture of the player (school pictures are perfect, about 1"x2") (**ALL Players!**)
4. LSA Travel Registration Form
5. AASL (boys) or OYSAN (girls) Registration Form

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

Late registrations are not allowed unless approved by the Travel Commissioner. A \$20 late fee is assessed for all registrations received after the deadline date of June 22nd. There is a \$20 surcharge for returned checks.

- May 9th (9:15am – 10:45am) - **In person registration** (Memorial Field Rec. Concession Stand)
- May 16th (9:15am – 10:45am) - **In person registration** (Memorial Field Rec. Concession Stand)
- May 18th – **Registration deadline** (\$100 and forms due by end of day)
- May 19th and May 20th – **Travel tryouts** and rain out dates will be announced if needed.
- June 15th – **Team Formation** letters will be EMAILED no later than this date.
- June 22nd – Full balance payment of \$120 is due.

**If payment has not been received in full, the player pass will be held until payment is received. There will be NO exceptions.**

## REFUND POLICY

It is the policy of LSA to refund registration fees only if the child is unable to participate due to injury or illness as documented by a physician. If LSA is unable to place your child on a team, a full refund will be issued. The \$100 tryout fee is not refundable, unless LSA is unable to place your child on a team.

## TEAM FORMATION

Teams are formed using the results of the player tryouts which are organized by the Director of Coaching and coach evaluations if available. LSA endeavors to match player skill levels to maximize participation and the chances of success and improvement. The U8 and U9 age groups are formed to create evenly balance teams and encourage skill building and team work. At the U10 and higher age groups more emphasis is given to the tryout results in an attempt to create the "A" and "B" teams, if there are enough players. All teams are treated equally and fairly. All teams get challenging play in ALL divisions, regardless of the designation. **Parents may not request specific teams or coaches.** When teams are finalized, the team is an LSA team and NOT "the coach's team". All team assignments are for the Fall and Spring season.

## TRYOUT SCHEDULE

Please have all tryout participants arrive at the field at the designated Arrival Time per Age Group. If you can NOT attend the assigned tryout timeslot, please email the Travel Commissioner at [visual\\_one@ameritech.net](mailto:visual_one@ameritech.net). Parents of current players, please remember to bring your Coach Evaluation form to tryouts.

Date	Arrival Time	Location	NEW Age Group
Tuesday, May 19th	5:30 pm	Tyler Field	U8 + U9 + U10 + U11 BOYS
	7:00 pm	Tyler Field	U12 + U13 + U14 GIRLS
Wednesday, May 20th	5:30 pm	Tyler Field	U8 + U9 + U10 + U11 GIRLS
	7:00 pm	Tyler Field	U12 + U13 + U14 BOYS