



Portland Area Youth Soccer Association

Travel Soccer Program

For children who are committed to improving their skills and sense of teamwork on the field.

Travel Soccer is a comprehensive and competitive soccer playing experience for children in age groups ranging from U10 to U14. Travel soccer involves competing with, and traveling to, other towns, and puts a higher focus on skills development. The fall season runs from early August through the first week of November with most regular season games being played on Sundays. For the older age groups (U12 and above), teams enter playoffs to compete to become state champions.



Open to Soccer Players, Ages 10-14

PAYSA Travel Soccer participates in Maine's Fall Classic League which offers teams divided by gender from ages 10 to ages 14. Age groups for the 2020 fall season:

U10:	8/1/2010 – 7/31/2011	U12:	8/1/2008 – 7/31/2009
U11:	8/1/2009 – 7/31/2010	U13:	8/1/2007 – 7/31/2008
		U14:	8/1/2006 – 7/31/2007



Exciting Travel Fall Schedule

PAYSA Travel participates in Soccer Maine's Fall Classic League. Teams train twice weekly, beginning in mid-August. 6 weekly games are played on the weekend (mostly Sundays), both home and away. Teams also play in two local tournaments throughout the season.

U10-U11 teams complete their season with a tournament in late October.

U12, U13, and U14 teams enter playoffs for the classic and championship cups mid-October, ending with finals at the beginning of November.

Trained Coaching

Travel coaches are qualified volunteers, licensed through Soccer Maine and leverage a player-centered approach to coaching.



Cost

- **U9 – U10:** \$165 + uniform costs*
- **U11 – U12:** \$180 + uniform costs*
- **U13 – U14:** \$190 + uniform costs*

* Complete uniform (shirt, shorts, socks) is \$40

PAYSA offers a financial assistance program to enable all players to participate.

2020 Tryouts

Each spring, the club holds player evaluations to determine each player's level of skill, as compared to his or her peers. Average individual scores tallied from these evaluations are used to form teams.

At the U10, U11 and U12 age groups, with enough players to form more than one team, every attempt will be made to form balanced teams. At the U13 and U14 age groups, PAYSA reserves the right to form 'A' and 'B' teams to ensure a competitively viable experience.

Players unable to attend tryouts will be placed in a player pool. Coaches may either assign players to a team or hold a later tryout to determine which players will fill out rosters.

Tryout information will be available on the PAYSA website and Facebook pages.

More Details

Roster size is determined by age group. U10 teams play 7v7, squads are comprised of 12-14 players. U11 and U12s play 9v9 and field teams of 14-16, and U13 and U14 teams play 11v11 and field teams of 18.

Practices and home games. Practices are held on public fields and school campuses across Portland. For the 2019 season, U10 teams practice and play at East End Community School, U11 and U12 teams at Maine Girls Academy, and U13 and U14 teams at Deering High School fields and Memorial Stadium.

Amount of Travel Involved. PAYSA teams typically play regular season games in the Greater Portland area: South Portland, Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, Saco, Gorham, Westbrook, Windham, Standish/Buxton, Falmouth, Yarmouth and Cumberland. For U13 and U14 teams, the amount of travel could be greater based on number of teams and league requirements.



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PAYSA is a non profit, volunteer-fueled organization. Our mission is to educate and instruct the youth of the greater Portland area on the importance of cooperation, sportsmanship, and physical exercise; to foster and promote an understanding and appreciation of the game of soccer, and to provide educational and training programs for the players, coaches, referees and other participants in the game of soccer.