



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 U9 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 for the state championship.



Open to Soccer Players, Ages 9-14

PAYSA Travel Soccer participates in Maine's Fall Classic League which offers teams divided by gender from ages 8 to 13 (U9-U14). Age groups for the 2022 fall season:

U9:	8/1/2013 – 7/31/2014	U12:	8/1/2010 – 7/31/2011
U10:	8/1/2012 – 7/31/2013	U13:	8/1/2009 – 7/31/2010
U11:	8/1/2011 – 7/31/2012	U14:	8/1/2008 – 7/31/2009

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.

U9-U11 teams complete their season with the Soccer Maine Fall Festival 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.



2022 Tryouts

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

At the U9, 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 level, teams are created to be competitive and PAYSA may create Div1 and Div2 teams.

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 at www.paysasoccer.com in April, 2022.

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More Details

Roster size is determined by age group. U9 and U10 teams play 7v7 and field teams 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 2021 season, U9 and U10 teams practiced and played at East End Community School, U11 and U12 teams at Riverton, and U13 and U14 teams at Deering High School fields and Memorial Stadium. This is subject to change for the 2022 season.

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 division, number of teams, and league requirements.



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.