



**POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Adopted: April, 1998  
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TRAVEL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR U10, U12 & U14  
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**Policies:**

- A. There should be an overall travel team coordinator or committee. There should be an age group selector for U-10,U-12,U-14. The selectors should be chosen on the number of years coaching and previous selection experience.
- B. Dates for tryouts (minimum of two) will be set prior to the end of June.
- C. Teams will be made up of MSC players first, regardless of skill level.
- D. Age group selectors must make sure each child is registered prior to letting them on the field to tryout.
- E. It is the responsibility of the player to notify the age group selector that he/she cannot attend tryouts.
- F. Any late registered or non-evaluated player will be placed on a team at the discretion of the Board of Directors, after approval of rosters for that age group. No non-evaluated player will be placed on a team in the top division for that age group if they were residents of Monroeville at the time open registration was held.
- G. A special meeting of the board will be held within two weeks of the second tryout for the purpose of having the rosters presented to the board.
- H. All non-Monroeville players not previously approved by the MSC board must have prior approval before trying out.
- I. In accordance with Travel Team Selection Committee, '94 recommendation, a player may opt to play on a lower division team for personal reasons. In this case, selectors and coaches may offer to players (registered on time) from a lower division team, the opportunity to try out for a position on a higher division team within the same age group.

**Procedures:**

- A. Prior to the end of the Spring season, all travel coaches and U10 inhouse coaches will be given copies of the MSC Player Evaluation Form to be completed for each rostered player on their team and turned into the tryout coordinator.
- B. The age group selectors should contact the registrar for all players registered and make sure they are aware of when tryouts will be conducted.
- C. Tryout coordinator will distribute the completed Player Evaluation forms to the appropriate age group selector.
- D. For all players U-10 and older, a flyer stating dates, time, and location of tryouts shall be handed out at spring registration, and the information will also be published in the club newsletter.
- E. Selectors will place players by skill level in Division I, II, III Boys or Division A, B, C Girls. The teams will then be picked based on skill level.
- F. Age group coordinator will distribute spreadsheet of player rankings (coaches evaluation and tryout scores) to MSC Board so that the board can evaluate the makeup of talent and give direction as to how teams should be formed. NOTE: No player names are to be included in the spreadsheet.
- G. MSC Board will provide direction such as
  - U11 then mix the rest
  - U12 then mix the rest
  - U11 and U12 then mix the rest
  - U11, U12, U12 then mix the rest
  - Similar options for U13/U14.
- H. Coaches will be selected.
- I. For top teams, first 11 players (for U12 and above) or 9 players (for U11), or 7 players (U10) will be selected based upon their combined ranking from Coaches Evaluation and Tryout scores.
- J. Coach and travel coordinator will meet to select the remaining players of roster. No player below ranking 25 (U12 and above), or 23 (U11) or 21 (U10) may be selected.
- K. When mixing, the coaches of the mixed teams should, if possible, be present with the age group coordinator. The players should then be distributed in an alternating fashion with the ultimate goal of forming equally talented teams.
- L. A standard format report card for U-10 and above travel players will be completed by each coach and submitted with corresponding numbers (no names) to the tryout

coordinators for inclusion in the evaluation process. These should be turned in the first week of June.

M. After rosters are completed, coaches will notify their individual team players.

N. The age group coordinator will maintain tryout records for a minimum of two years.

*All policies and procedures are subject to change in order to maintain the Monroeville Soccer Club's compliance with PA West rules and regulations.*

**Coaches Evaluation Scoring:**

Using the MSC Player Evaluation Form, the following data will be scored as follows:

Excellent = 4

Verg Good = 3

Good = 2

Undeveloped = 0

Yes = 1

No = 0

**Tryout Scoring:**

Serpentine, Shooting Accuracy and Small Sided Game scores will be totaled.

**Assembling the data:**

A spreadsheet will be provided from the club to the age group selector that allows for the recording of this information and automatically total the results. The coach's evaluation form will constitute 60% of the overall ranking score. The tryout score will provide the remaining 40%. In the case of players where coach's evaluation data is not provided, the tryout score will be factored for 100 % of the score.

# MSC Player Evaluation Form

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy  Girl

## Technical Skills

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Undeveloped
First touch/receiving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Running with the ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1v1 Defending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1v1 Attacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dribbling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shooting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Soccer Intelligence

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Undeveloped
Understands game	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reads game situations and reacts appropriately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understands all the positions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grasps where/when to move off the ball to give support/options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defensively smart – adjusts, positions well, reads defensive cues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Psychological

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Committed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Combative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coachable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communicates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Focused	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Composed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disciplined	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Player	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Motivated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beats adversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leader on field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# MSC Player Evaluation Form

Coach,

A Player Evaluation Form must be completed for all U9 and above players. This document is to provide you with an understanding of the evaluation levels as well as the meaning of the terms used.

## **Rating**

- Excellent: Player executes the skill and rarely makes mistakes doing so.  
Very Good: Player executes the skill but not on a consistent basis  
Good: Player has shown the ability to execute the skill.  
Undeveloped: Player has not proven the ability to execute the skill

## **Technical Skills**

- First touch/receiving: Ability to get the ball under their control with their first touch of the ball. This touch includes, foot, thigh, chest and head.  
Turning: Using the inside of foot turn, outside of foot turn and chops.  
Running with the ball: This differs from dribbling. This skill refers to the ability to change speeds and keep control of the ball.  
1v1 Defending: When face to face with the attacking player, does the player achieve a position to properly defend the “goal side” and cut the angles on the attacker. Does the player understand to slow the attack and “buy” time for teams to gain defensive support position.  
1v1 Attacking: Can the player beat a defender when confronted in a 1v1 situation. Does the player show the ability to use different maneuvers to beat the defender. Keep in mind, even the best players will not win all 1v1 attacking opportunities.  
Passing: Instep pass, outside of foot pass, accuracy as well as vision/decision as to who to pass to. Also, is the pace of the pass typically appropriate for the situation.  
Dribbling: Can the player move in all directions and keep the ball at their feet. Does the player have their head up while dribbling?  
Shooting: Can the player shoot with both feet. Does not “dance” around the ball, but takes the shoot when the opportunity presents itself.

## **Soccer Intelligence**

- Understands game Does this player understand soccer.  
Reads game situations... Does the player recognize when to give support to a teammate, when to challenge the opponent. Anticipates passes (both offensively and defensively)  
Understand positions Knows the roles of strikers, midfielders, defenders and keepers.  
Grasps when to move... Does the player move away from the teammate with the ball into a supporting passing position (or even overlapping runs..)?  
Defensively smart... Player knows when to slow the attack, when to try to win the ball, sees passing lanes and defends them.

## **Psychological**

These are fairly simple yes/no questions. No explanation is needed.

# MSC Tryout Evaluation Form

Player Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy [ ] Girl [ ]

## Serpentine

**First Time:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Second Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Shooting Accuracy:

3 shots with each foot on a rapidly moving ball served from the side of the net. Player charges from 18-20 yards out.

Scoring:            3 Points for a goal or hits keeper with force  
                          2 points for post or crossbar strike  
                          1 point for weak shot on goal

Evaluator may award 2 extra points (per player) for good shots that were not on goal.

	Left	Right
First	[ ]	[ ]
Second	[ ]	[ ]
Third	[ ]	[ ]
Total	[ ]	[ ]

### Small Sided Game:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sense of field										
Aggressiveness										
Ball Handling (5 max)										
Attitude (5 max)										
Endurance										
One on One										