



GLASTONBURY HARTWELL SOCCER CLUB 2020-2021 TRAVEL TRYOUT INFORMATION



Our goal is to offer an excellent program while keeping costs reasonable so all town youth can participate. We continue to offer a family discount and financial assistance.

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- IMPORTANT NOTES ON TRAVEL PLAY -

PREMIER PLAY: Based on assessment from Hartwell’s Director of Coaching (“DOC”), teams may be identified as candidates to play at the entry level of Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (“CJSA”) Premier Competition in the Fall of 2020.

DOUBLE ROSTERING:

- **CJSA rules require** that players on Hartwell *premier* teams are not allowed to “double roster” with any other CJSA premier teams.
Accepting a position on a Hartwell premier team is a commitment to play exclusively for Hartwell Soccer Club for the entire 2020-2021 season.
- Players on all other teams (non-premier or club-level Hartwell teams) are permitted to roster with more than one soccer club (2004 CJSA ruling), however Hartwell requests that you ensure you can fulfill the commitments to our program before accepting a position on one of our teams.
- While permitted, **Hartwell does not encourage double-rostering for many reasons**, including team social impact, volume and frequency of practices/games, and conflicts in instruction style or style of play.

PLAYING TIME: Player development is the primary goal of our travel program. For that reason, and because we typically observe players developing at different rates, we strictly enforce a policy that all players play at least 50% of all friendly, league, cup and tournament games. 50% does not mean equal playing time – but rather ensures that all players be given the opportunity to develop and gain valuable game experience.



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- TRYOUT AGE REQUIREMENTS -

Per CJSA and U.S. Soccer mandates, we register our teams by birth year.

Division	Age Range Requirements (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)
U09	Born in 2012 and 2013
U10	2011
U11	2010
U12	2009
U13	2008
U14/U15	2007 and 2006 (up to 8 th graders only)

NOTE for players born in 2013: Players born in 2013 may try out for the U09 travel division. If selected for a U09 team in 2020-2021, those players born in 2013, must repeat in U09 for the following 2021-2022 season, and will thereafter play with their appropriate birth year class.

PLAYER SELECTION/PLACEMENT/ACCEPTANCE: During tryouts, we use professional soccer evaluators from inside and outside our club who have no conflict of interest with players. The evaluators supply impartial player skill assessments and recommend placement of players on teams. The assessments collect data on the player’s soccer abilities, potential, commitment, and behavior/conduct.

Players are notified of tryout results via email, so ensure that you verify the email address provided to Hartwell during tryout registration. Email is the only means of communicating the team selections, offers, and acceptance. Players and parents are asked to formally accept the spot on a team within 48 hours of the offer notification.

Once players accept team placements, the rosters will be posted on our website. Team rosters must comply with various rules of competition, established by Connecticut Junior Soccer Association “CJSA”). U9 and U10 teams play 7v7 with maximum team rosters of 12 players; U11 and U12 teams play 9v9 with maximum rosters of 16 players; U13 and U14/U15 teams play 11v11 and we typically cap rosters at 18 players.

Other than maximum roster limits set by CJSA, the roster sizes are only guidelines. Circumstances unique to an age/gender group could modify the team roster sizes and ultimately, placements from year to year.



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- FINANCIAL COMMITMENT -

TRAVEL FEE: The travel fee covers professional support from Hartwell trainers under the oversight of our Director of Coaching and our Program Director. The support program includes technical and tactical instruction, game day support, post-game reports, and specialized goalkeeper training. Hartwell also hosts and provides many coaching education opportunities through partnerships with other organizations. The travel fees also cover updates and maintenance to equipment and fields (nets, balls, etc.), referee fees, town fees, state fees, and registration for the 2021 Glastonbury Spring Warm-Up Tournament. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Age Group 2020-2021	Travel Fee Paid within 48 hours of acceptance of a team placement	Uniform Costs Paid AFTER acceptance to a team	TOTAL Travel fee + Uniform costs for 2020-2021
U9 – U15 All <i>new</i> players	\$475 (unless sibling discount applies)	Around \$150 for the base kit	\$625 (approximately)
U9 – U15 <i>Returning</i> players from 2019-2020 season	\$475 (unless sibling discount applies)	Only pay to replace lost or damaged pieces of the kit.	\$475 (approximately)
NOTE: if your child is selected for a premier team, there is a \$100 winter program surcharge (see below)			

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNTS: We offer multiple child discounts for 3 or more children in our travel program. The discount applies to the Travel Fees only. Note that Uniform fees are not discounted.

Children in GHSC Travel	Travel Fees
2 nd Child	\$475 (no discount) + Uniform Fees
3 rd Child	\$250 + Uniform Fees
4 th Child	\$150 + Uniform Fees
5 th Child	\$0 + Uniform Fees

UNIFORM KIT: The base package of the new Adidas uniform includes a blue game jersey, gray game jersey, blue game shorts, gray training shirt, and red socks. **PLEASE NOTE: This is the same uniform kit as 2019-2020, so returning players will only need to order replacement items as needed.** Also available from the vendor are *optional* embroidered backpacks, warm-up jackets, and warm-up pants. There will additional uniform sizing information prior to try-outs so that parents can view a sample uniform for proper sizing.



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TEAMS DUES: Individual team dues cover the team's operating expenses (patches for seasonal tournaments, out-of-town tournament fees, team parties, etc.). Team dues will be assessed by the coach/manager at the start of each season and are paid directly to the team manager. Team dues should not exceed \$150 for the entire 2020-2021 season. Some teams choose to play in winter leagues (i.e. Oakwood, Tolland Indoor, etc.) or other out-of-town winter tournaments. Those activities can have additional costs, but participation is not required and is at the parent's discretion.

PREMIER WINTER TRAINING PROGRAM: If chosen for a premier team, there will be a mandatory winter *training* session commitment. Training will be once a week with a professional trainer for about 12 sessions between December and March. The premier winter program fee is an *additional* \$100 per player fee. This additional fee does NOT include any games or registered play in an indoor league.

REFUND POLICY: Once a player has accepted a position and paid the applicable travel and uniform fees, there are no refunds.

- TIME COMMITMENT -

PLAYER TIME COMMITMENT: Players commit to a full year, which consists of two seasons: a **Fall** (late August-early November) and a **Spring** (early-April to mid-June) season.

Our club transitioned to the U.S. Soccer's recommended practice-to-game ratio of 3 practices to every 1 game. Not all weeks will strictly follow that model, but teams typically have 2 weeknight practices per week of 90 minutes each. On weekends, teams will typically have 1 game (usually Sundays) and 1 practice, or an additional game on Saturday.

LOCATIONS: Practices are all on Glastonbury fields. Games are held in Glastonbury or in neighboring towns, like West Hartford, Enfield, Middletown, Avon, Granby, Portland, Burlington, and Farmington. In addition to our own Spring Warm-up Tournament, many teams may choose to compete in out-of-town or out-of-state tournaments.

Lastly, many of our travel teams will also play indoor soccer over the winter months at places like Oakwood in Glastonbury or FSA in Farmington. This play is *optional* and **not** part of the Glastonbury Hartwell Soccer Travel program.

TRAVEL PARENT TOURNAMENT COMMITMENT: Each spring in April, Hartwell hosts an annual soccer tournament called the *GHSC Spring Warm-up Tournament*, which can have over 200 teams submitted, mostly from out-of-town. Our families are **required** to fulfill a mandatory **3-hour work obligation** at the tournament for each child in the travel program. The parent work obligation is mandatory. The tournament is our biggest fundraiser and requires the support of all participants to succeed.

If you are interested in being part of the tournament planning committee, please email: pres@glastonburysoccer.org.



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- TRYOUTS INFORMATION -

TRYOUTS REGISTRATION: Please register for tryouts at www.glastonburysoccer.org.

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TRYOUT SCHEDULE: Due to the uncertainty created by COVID-19, the schedule for tryouts will be published once the club can confirm availability of fields and maximum gathering sizes.

- **LOCATION:**
 - As we await guidance and restrictions required due to COVID-19, all tryout locations are TBD. Locations and times will be announced on our website (www.glastonburysoccer.org) and through an email sent to the email address used to register your player.
- **ARRIVAL:** Arrival times and procedures will be announced once locations and times are determined.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Players are expected to attend the tryout sessions for the age group. There will be two sessions of 90 minutes. Attendance of both sessions is expected.
- **RAIN DATES:** If it rains, please check the website at www.glastonburysoccer.org for cancellations and rescheduled dates.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Bring appropriately sized soccer ball and water. Shin guards are required, soccer cleats are highly recommended.
- **ATTIRE:** Wear a WHITE T-shirt and appropriate athletic clothing to play and practice soccer.

Do NOT wear any pieces of travel uniforms to tryouts.

QUESTIONS: Any further questions regarding the Glastonbury Hartwell Travel Soccer travel program can be emails to traveldir@glastonburysoccer.org.

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