

NBSC 06/11/16 Travel Parents Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Travel VP-Erskine Glover; Secretary-Rona Hales; Treasurer-Coleen Keefe.

Travel VP – Erskine welcomed everyone that was in attendance. This is a follow-up meeting to our previous Travel Parents Meeting on 05/11/16. Congratulations to all the players on making the teams. The teams will be playing 7V7, 9V9, and 11V11. This year, Try-Outs were successful. We had 200 players that tried out for the U8-U14 teams, and 100 players that tried out for the U15+ teams. Our Try-Outs were done earlier this year mostly due to the change in the USA age guidelines. For the first time in our Club, this year we had to make some serious cuts. We are not putting together players just to form a team. We are looking to have team play competitively. If the players are not playing competitively, then they are not enjoying themselves and having fun. There are four league tiers; MidNJ (most of our teams are in this division), MAPS (we have 4 teams in this division, they play in NJ, the Poconos, and PA), EDP (we have 2 teams in this division and it is the highest level played in the NBSC, playing in the same areas as MAPS, but also plays in Long Island, and can be seen by colleges), and NPL (travel along the East Coast). We have three girls' teams and six boys' teams. For the boys, there are U8, 2 U10, U11, U12, and U13. For the girls, there are U9, U11, and U12. For U13-U14, 20 players can be on a team, but only 18 can be rostered for a game. U8 will soon be 4V4. Right now U8, U9, and U10 are 7V7, U11 and U12 are 9V9. Rosters for U8 through U10 will be between 11-12 players. Rosters for U11-U12 will be between 14-15 players. Coaches and Assistant Coaches are chosen by the Board.

Deadlines are coming up. Coaches will receive their hard copied rosters at their Coaches meeting today. The Coaches will contact all players and then have a meeting next week with the parents to collect paperwork, talk about the \$100.00 deposit that is due by June 17, 2016, and the new uniform information. The paperwork process is to start right away. All travel teams in our program need to change their uniforms. We are under a new contract with Adidas. New contract = new uniforms, approximately \$200.00 (which includes the warm-up items in this cost). Those who already have the warm-up tops and bottoms, will not have to purchase those items again. Bags are not necessary. There are blue knit hats that the Board is looking into. More information on that will come in the near future. The mandatory items to be purchased in the uniform package are 2 shirts (1 blue and 1 yellow), 1 shorts (blue), 1 pair of socks (blue), 1 long sleeved practice jersey (gray-which can be worn during cold weather games). Any items worn under the uniform, but parts of it can be seen, must match the dominant color of the uniform. If not, a Referee can make the player take it off in order to play. The leagues in which a NBSC team should play in, and which flight they should be in, will be determined after the end of next week.

Fees – most of the pricing includes training. There will be a per team price, which is then broken down by the number of players per team. U8→U11 do not have Trainer/Coaches due to keeping the club cost effective. U12 is the gateway to large sided. The fees are different per age group. The tentative fees are as follows: U8, U9 \$700.00 per year; U10, U11 \$800.00 per year; U12, U13, U14 \$1,050.00. The older teams cost structure per team is different. The goal is to look to lower the fees for the older teams. Fees covers training, league costs, Ref fees, insurance, registration, and winter training. Uniforms are a separate costs, and not included in the yearly fee. We have a payment plan to help parents pay easier. The initial deposit is due by 06/17/16, and the second payment is due by 08/01/16. The Board has done a cost analysis looking at other towns fees. Tournaments now run about \$700.00 where they used to be \$400.00. There is no government affiliation for our club where we receive money from the government. We have fundraisers, the Youth Sports Festival, Spook-a-Rama, and Sponsors if possible. It costs around \$15,000.00 per team per year.

Try-outs are done, and will be done every year in fairness. The competitive level may change, and the top players are the ones who will be chosen for the teams, even if another player has already made a team. This happens at the Middle School, High School, and College levels as well. Trainers will evaluate which level each team is and which division and flight they should play. The goal of NBSC is to develop younger teams, and try to have the older teams in MAPS.

In regard to the Trainers, the Coaches will meet with Erskine about the trainings. There was discussions about U12 and up having Trainer/Coaches. We still have Parent/Coaches for teams as well. All of our trainers, are professionals. They are under yearly contracts. There are two levels of evaluations. Feedback will be supplied by the coaches, players and NBSC Board Members. There are guidelines set for the trainers that must be followed. Other leagues have 4 year

contracts with their trainers who are on salary. We evaluate yearly so we can decide whether or not to keep the trainers in our program. We are a strong club for what we offer. Soccer is played in the fall, winter, and spring. Depending on the level of your team, a teams' season can run from July 1st through June 30th. Trainings begin in August for some teams, with them having tournaments in August as well. We will have winter trainings in January and February, usually indoors, but depending on the weather.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.