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## The EGSA Fall 2018 Tryouts

Welcome to the second edition of the EGSA newsletter. This bi-monthly publication will be your source of important information about the East Greenwich SA. This issue we will discuss the tryout process.

First, let's call the tryouts an evaluation. We do not 'cut' any one, we try to place everyone on a team (have never turned to a player yet), and try in a

fair and equitable process to form teams that will promote healthy play and comraderies, and yet remain competitive within our leagues.

As you should know by now, we have had our first Fall 2018 tryout. We encourage all kids born between 2006-2011 to attend both tryouts. If you missed the first one, no fear, you can attend our

second one without any repercussions. If you child does not attend any, he/she risks not being placed appropriately on a team for the Fall, no matter what team they played on before.

Here is the link to all the information you may need to be sure you make it to our second tryout:

[EGSA Fall 2018 Tryouts Flyer](#)

## HOW DO THE EGSA TRYOUTS WORK?

### **2018 Spring season by the numbers:**

- 419 Travel players  
183 girls  
236 boys
- 26 Travel teams  
11 girl teams  
15 boy teams
- 144 Micro players  
22 Micro teams
- Over 135 coaches

We hold free tryouts only once a year, always in the Spring. We conduct 4 days of tryouts, 2 for girls and 2 for boys. We highly encourage players to come to both, as we know many variables can influence someone's performance day to day.

On the field, we generally have one paid trainer, 2 EGSA board members and head coaches on the field to evaluate. The

trainer handles the actual training session, based on our inputs. Through many iterations, we think we have finally mastered the process and have a great system in place. We grade each individual on skill, athleticism, teamwork, 'coachibility' and enthusiasm.

Once the tryouts are over, board members analyze the data and try to form teams that will be compatible for all players.

Once a team becomes a certain age (U-13), we no longer conduct tryouts for that birth year (this year it was 2005 and older). We feel that by that age, the coaches, players and parents have been together long enough here at EGSA that coaches can hold their own tryouts based on the team's needs. The EGSA Board no longer interferes with the teams chemistry or roster.



#### Upcoming Key Dates:

- May 7<sup>th</sup>, last Girl Fall 2018 tryout
- May 9<sup>th</sup>, last Boy Fall 2018 tryout
- May 14<sup>th</sup> (at latest), Fall 2018 EGSA online registration opens
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Spring season ends
- June 17<sup>th</sup>, Fall 2018 EGSA online official registration closes (late fees begin)

See website for all details [EGSoccer.org](http://EGSoccer.org)

*"We didn't underestimate them. They were a lot better than we thought."*  
 —Heard by parent on sideline

EGSA is one of the biggest clubs in the South Jersey Leagues. With our size, comes a tremendous amount of responsibility. This all comes from volunteers, parents much like yourself, donating much more than just their time to make this organization such a great success.

So what can I do to help? With the new season starting in late August, we

## WHAT CAN I DO TO VOLUNTEER?

will need new Micro coaches, Travel coaches and assistants.

In addition, we could use a social media person. This person would be on the EGSA staff, in charge of maintaining all aspects of our social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn to mention a few). Someone who is willing to learn or has

current experience in Social media, please contact our President, Martin Webb, at [Martin.Webb@egsoccer.org](mailto:Martin.Webb@egsoccer.org)

Also, we may need someone in a temporary position to help input data for the new carding system the Leagues may be requiring. It will require basic computer skills and a home computer.

## Rules of the Game: The Build Out Line (7v7 games)

The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting on a 7v7 field for 9U and 10U. Build out lines (usually painted a different color) should be equidistant between the penalty area line and the halfway line. When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing (now defending) team must move behind the build out line until the ball is

put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed on 7v7 fields). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.

The opposing team must also move behind the build out line prior to a goal kick

and may only cross the build out line once the ball has left the penalty area.

The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Attacking players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.

## Board Member Profile



Each issue we will discuss a board member's position so you have a better understanding of what your board can offer you. Our Vice President is second in command. We rely on the VP to settle all disputes, any grievances and all legal matters. The

VP is also currently our main Sponsor organizer, trying to help promote local businesses and provide additional features to the club that normally would not be feasible, and help defray costs to our members. The VP also attends league meetings when our

boy or girl reps are unable to attend, having experience as a former representative. And most importantly is our voice of reason in EGSA Board related issues. Currently our Vice President is Mike Yekenchik.

## The Coach's Bench

So you think you are a coach? Here are some things to ponder:

The art of coaching youth soccer requires one thing in abundance... enthusiasm. It's your most important quality. Kids will respond to you if you're an eager, hardworking leader. Some kids find learning boring, some don't care about winning, and some can't remember which goal they're kicking towards. But what unites them is the desire to have fun and play a game.

### THINK FIRST

Think about why you want to be a soccer coach and what you want to achieve from your soccer coaching drills and training sessions. Gain trust and respect. You are a role

model with responsibility to your team. If you set high standards for the drills, the children will follow. Be enthusiastic and make your soccer drills fun.

### PRAISE NOT CRITICISM

Be patient with your kids, you get more out of them if you praise their efforts and hard work rather than criticize. Body language is important. Smiles and positive gestures will reap rewards. Shouting will not help you keep control and many parents watching may not like it. Be consistent, set achievable goals and give lots of feedback.

### GET THE KNOWLEDGE

If you understand the skills and techniques involved in what you are trying to teach, you will be better

equipped to pass this on. Try out the soccer drills yourself, are they too hard, too easy? Demonstrating how skills and drills work is better than using words. If you can't do a particular skill, use one of your helpers who can.

### YOU'RE TRAINING INDIVIDUALS

Some kids take longer than others but it doesn't mean they are not as good, you have to adapt to their speed rather than the other way around. Make sure you have equipment and kit for the whole group. Children react badly to being left out. Avoid soccer drills where some kids have to sit out. Don't make all the games competitive.

-- Dave Clarke



## Tell us what you think

As only our second newsletter, we wanted to get our feet wet and introduce you to what we will try to continue through the seasons. You may ask, why start in February? Well, as a bi-monthly publication, we felt that starting in February aligned with the important months of soccer and when information really needed to be disseminated. We

are all pulled in many directions and we did not want to needlessly bombard you with mind-numbing literature.

We hope to have a coaching corner, a player profile and some team accomplishments. With the season half way complete, we need you to submit any important news to publish and hopefully pictures. If you

have any aspiring kids that want to dabble in journalism or photography, please let us know and we will get them involved.

Please email anyone of us. You can find our email addresses at: <http://www.egsoccer.org/home.php?layout=4793285>

See you out on the fields!

*"The trouble with referees is that they know the rules, but they do not know the game."*

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