

FALL 2010 COMPETITIVE TEAM TRY-OUTS FOR SPINDLETOP YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Spindletop Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) would like to welcome you to the Competitive Soccer Program. In case you are unaware, there are several levels of soccer for your child to consider. Recreational and Competitive are the general levels. A competitive program is offered in ages U11 and up. This program is for those players who are more serious about playing soccer and are looking for stronger competition. There are three levels in the Competitive Program: **Division I, Super II** and, **Division II**. For a more in depth explanation of the different play level see the enclosed explanation of D1, S2 and D2.

This year we are having an association wide tryout. All tryouts will be held at a central location to make it easier on players and their parents and it will offer coaches a better opportunity to evaluate potential players. The tryout dates and times are listed below. We encourage all players to attend as many tryouts as they can. You will find attached a copy of the personal information form to be filled out when attending a tryout. Please fill one out for each tryout you attend. Copies are available on our website and will also be available at the tryouts. Our website is: ww2.spindletopsoccer.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Players may attend as many try-outs as they like.
- **Coaches cannot solicit a commitment from any player until seven (7) days after the last try-out in that age group.**
- Coaches can inform players that there is a spot available on their team anytime after their try-out, however, they cannot impose any pressure on the player(s) or parent(s) to commit to their team until seven (7) days after the last try-out in that age group.
- Players who do not make a competitive team are encouraged to continue to play soccer with their local Clubs.
- Coaches must have **ALL paperwork** for at least **11** players (**8** for **U11/12**) turned into their Club registrar by **July 15th**; or they will relinquish their team and the players will be permitted to play on another competitive team or sign up for recreational soccer.
- Play-ups will be permitted and must be accompanied by a play-up waiver (available on the website). The play-up request will not be considered without this waiver. **NOTE: STATE RULE will allow only THREE (3) NINE YEAR OLDS (U10), OR YOUNGER TO PLAY ON ANY U11 OR ABOVE TEAM.**
- Most competitive teams attend several out-of-town tournaments before and after the playing season. Spindletop Association does not permit any teams, recreational or competitive, to attend tournaments during the fall season if the team is scheduled to play. **Rescheduling of regularly scheduled season games will not be permitted for a team to attend a tournament.**

**COACHES VIOLATING THE RULES LISTED
ABOVE WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE D&P COMMITTEE
AND COACHING PRIVILEGES MAY BE REVOKED.**

Arrive early to register

Be sure to bring: water, a ball, shin-guards, and wear a white t-shirt

Explanation of Competitive Levels

Division II - "D2"

D2 play is the first competitive level offered. Teams are formed through a try-out process and some players may not be offered a spot on a D2 team, in which case they will be able to play in a D3 recreational program for that year. D2 teams generally play at local club venues in the Golden Triangle area. D2 coaches are required to make every effort to ensure that all players get at least 50% of playing time in each game.

D2 coaches must apply and obtain the approval of their local club's Board of Directors and the Spindletop Association Board. The application/approval process takes place in March and tryouts are held in May for U11 and in June for U12 and older teams. D2 Coaches are required to attend a coaching clinic to obtain an "E" license (a weekend course). Any coach, assistant coach and/or trainer must pass a background check. Additional coaching education and training is encouraged and generally offered locally.

Expenses (above the registration fee charged by the club) may include custom uniforms and training fees. In some clubs, the training fees are required (to hire someone to train the players). In other clubs, training is provided by either the volunteer coach or a paid trainer (if the coach and parents make arrangements for this). According to each club's rules, D2 teams may have uniforms provided by the club, may be required to purchase specific uniforms unique to the club, or may purchase customized team uniforms and/or equipment bags or other items on a team-by-team basis.

D2 teams compete for association championships and also for advancement to the Eastern District Tournament. Additionally, the top D2 teams from the Eastern District Tournament advance to the South Texas Championship Tournament, or "State", against other D2 teams from the Western District of South Texas (STYSA). The State Tournament is usually held during the second weekend in December.

D2 players may register to play in the Spring Season if they choose. There is no requirement to play in the spring. However, D2 teams can participate in spring Cups (a tournament in which games are played over a series of weekends) and in any of the STYSA sponsored tournaments during the fall, spring and summer.

Super 2 – "S2" and Division I - "D1"

Super 2 and Division I teams register with one of the six local clubs but play under the direction of another association, the Eastern District Division One Association "EDDOA". EDDOA is the most competitive league within the Eastern District of STYSA. It is more demanding in terms of time (travel) and financial commitment (usually paid trainers and additional tournament participation). However, it provides the most competitive play opportunities for dedicated and skilled players.

➤ **Super 2 (S2)** Super 2 is a division of EDDOA and is the next level of play above D2.

➤ **Division I (D1)** D1 is a division of EDDOA and is highest level of play available in this area.

There is frequent promotion and relegation (i.e., teams transferring from one level to another based on results) within each league (D1 or S2) and also between the two leagues (D1 and S2). D1/S2 provides the most competitive and consistent play opportunities for highly dedicated and skilled players because of the number and quality of teams that are drawn every year from the Greater Houston area that comprises EDDOA.

EDDOA coaches must apply and obtain the approval of their local club's Board of Directors and the Spindletop Association Board to hold tryouts. The application/approval process takes place in March and tryouts are held in May for U11 and in June for U12 and older teams. EDDOA coaches are required to attend a clinic and obtain an "E" license (a weekend course). The coach, assistant coach and/or trainer must pass a background check. Additional coaching education and training is encouraged and generally offered locally.

➤ Any club is allowed to field an EDDOA team, although not all clubs offer EDDOA level teams.

➤ At U13 and above, there is no guarantee that a team will qualify for D1 or S2. Based on their performance and standings, sometimes, the teams are relegated to play D2 until improvement qualifies them to move up.

➤ EDDOA teams practice locally but play out of town, usually in the Houston area (Humble).

➤ In each season, fall and spring, there are generally ten weeks of play with one game per Saturday. However, the number of games can vary depending on the number of teams participating.

➤ EDDOA teams often use paid trainers instead of coach-directed practice sessions, resulting in training fees being charged to the parents and players. However, some teams/clubs utilize fundraising and scholarship opportunities to assist parents and players with these fees.

- S2 coaches are required to make every effort to ensure that all players get at least 50% of playing time in each game; The 50% rule is encouraged but not required in D1.

EDDOA has District (post season) advancement - but only for teams U13 and older. At U11 and U12, the focus is developmental so there is typically no district or state advancement at these younger age groups in EDDOA. EDDOA requires teams to participate in the developmental league at U11 and U12 to qualify for D1 or S2 during the U13 season. If a team does not qualify by playing in EDDOA during the U11 and U12 years, it is much more difficult to play in the EDDOA at U13 and older, however, it is possible to qualify by advancing through D2 competition or in other ways.

Tryout Schedule

<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
U11	Boys	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	5/17/10 and 5/19/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U11	Girls	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	5/18/10 and 5/20/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U12	Boys	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	6/7/10 and 6/9/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U12	Girls	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	6/8/10 and 6/10/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U13-U15	Boys	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	6/7/10 and 6/9/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U13-U15	Girls	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	6/8/10 and 6/10/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U16-U19	Boys	8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	6/7/10 and 6/9/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex
U16-U19	Girls	8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	6/8/10 and 6/10/10	Lamar University – Soccer Complex

Rainout dates: U11 boys/girls – June 5th; U12 and up – June 12th

Field Directions

Lamar Soccer Fields: Located off Hwy. 69 next to the baseball stadium.

From Mid-county: take the MLK Exit and stay on the feeder road. Take a right on Rolfe Christopher Drive.

From Beaumont: Coming south on 69 take the Highland Ave Exit and take a left under the underpass at Rolfe Christopher Drive.

See the website for a map: ww2.spindletopsoccer.com

Play Level Summary:

	<u>Division I/Super 2</u>	<u>Division II Competitive</u>
Age:	U11-U19	U11-U19
Level of Play:	Highest/Very High	High
Tryouts:	Yes	Yes
Practices:	Local	Local
Games:	Houston Area (Humble)	Golden Triangle
Training:	Usually Professional Trainers	Sometimes Professional Trainers, sometimes Volunteer-coach

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