



# BROOKHAVEN FC

## 2018-2019 Tryout Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are tryouts?

Tryouts are the formal process of forming teams for the coming seasonal year. Players are selected for teams based on their performance at tryouts and previous seasons as well as additional evaluations made by coaches throughout a player's soccer career.

### 2. Who is eligible to tryout?

Any player from within Brookhaven football clubs' academy and recreational programs, along with any player from outside the club, is welcome to attend tryouts. All players are encouraged to attend all tryout sessions and there is no cost for a tryout.

### 3. What age do tryouts begin and what age group is my player in?

Tryouts begin for players born in the year 2010, who are categorized as the 9 and under age group, and continue up until our oldest players, born in 2000, who are categorized as the 19 and under age group. Anyone who is a 8U will need permission from the Director of Coaching.

When determining the age group for a season, the year the season ends should be used for determining the birth year. Also note that the format "U followed by age" means that age and younger. For example, 8U should be read a 8 and younger. Please see the chart below to determine your player's appropriate age group.

## Birthyear registration and season matrix

Season	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Birth Year</b>							
2020							
2019							6U
2018						6U	7U
2017					6U	7U	8U
2016				6U	7U	8U	9U
2015			6U	7U	8U	9U	10U
2014		6U	7U	8U	9U	10U	11U
2013	6U	7U	8U	9U	10U	11U	12U
2012	7U	8U	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U
2011	8U	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U
2010	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U
2009	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U	16U
2008	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U	16U	17U
2007	12U	13U	14U	15U	16U	17U	18U
2006	13U	14U	15U	16U	17U	18U	19U
2005	14U	15U	16U	17U	18U	19U	
2004	15U	16U	17U	18U	19U		
2003	16U	17U	18U	19U			
2002	17U	18U	19U				
2001	18U	19U					
2000	19U						
1999							
1998							

#### 4. When do tryouts occur?

<b>ACADEMY</b> <b>Tryout Dates 2018-2019</b> <b>Age Group 9U-13U</b>	<b>SELECT</b> <b>Tryout Dates 2018-2019</b> <b>Age Group 14U-19U</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Tuesday, May 29	Tuesday, June 6
Wednesday, May 30	Wednesday, June 7
Thursday, May 31	Thursday, June 8

All players should always arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled start time of the session and plan to check in each day at the registration table.

Tryout dates are mandated by the GA Soccer Association. We will post a tryout schedule on [www.brookhavefc.soccer](http://www.brookhavefc.soccer), once a final schedule has been set. Please check the website for updates about the upcoming tryout schedule and also for changes in the tryout schedule.

In case of inclement weather, check the front page of the website or Text BROOKHAVEN to 84483 to receive alerts from Brookhaven FC for field conditions/field updates and any changes to the posted tryout schedule.

#### 5. My son or daughter wants to play up an age group. Is this possible?

Any player wishing to play up an age group must seek permission from their age group coach and appropriate Directors of Coaching. All players playing up are evaluated individually as each situation is unique and therefore evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Any player deemed fit to play up an age group by the Directors of Coaching is someone considered in the staff's professional opinion to be a significantly impactful player on the team. If you are considering this, the player should start in the appropriate age group designated in question 4 and advise the registration desk and the age group coach (from the matrix in question 4) that they would like to be considered to play up an age group.

#### 6. Should I attend all tryout sessions?

In order for coaches to get the best look at placing players on the appropriate teams, players should attend all tryout sessions. Each age group usually has 3 tryout sessions and one rain make-up date. If for some reason you cannot attend a tryout, please contact the age group coach and/or the Director of Coaching.

#### 7. What happens if I am out of town or unable to attend tryouts?

All players who are unable to attend should adhere to the following protocol:

- a) Pre-Register for Tryouts and note you will absent on the form.
- b) Email the Director of Coaching at [doc@brookhavenfc.org](mailto:doc@brookhavenfc.org) with your date of birth and current team and/or playing level.

Missing tryouts is not ideal, but our staff does try our best to accommodate those players who miss tryouts. Missing tryouts does make it difficult to assure the best placement for a competitive team, so please do your best to try and attend as many tryout sessions as possible.

## **8. What should I bring and wear to tryouts?**

All players need to bring a soccer ball, cleats, shin guards and water to each tryout session. All players will be given a tryout number at registration. The player's tryout number must wear to all BFC tryout sessions, and therefore should kept between each session.

Returning BFC players should wear their training gear if possible to each session.

## **9. Who is evaluating the tryouts?**

Directors of Coaching oversee the entire tryout process while allowing individual age group coaches to evaluate their own tryout sessions. In most age groups, the top team coach will be the lead coach of the age group. He or she will facilitate the evaluation of the age group to ensure players are properly placed. We also have extra BFC Staff on hand to help each age group coach with the evaluation and selection of each team.

## **10. What occurs at each tryout?**

We recommend all players wanting to tryout pre-register via the BFC website for tryouts as it will save you time the day of the tryout. Players/parents will check in their son/daughter at each tryout, and each player receives a number to wear at each tryout. Players are then sent with their age group to an assigned field. From there, players are randomly grouped together to begin the tryout session. (Note: players may be grouped together for strategic reasons by coaches to evaluate specific aspects of players' ability.) All players get a fair chance and the coaches will gauge their performance as players in determining BFC team placement and selections. Our vision with the tryout process is to allow our players, after a brief warm-up activity, the chance to play in a game-like environment as much as possible. This allows the BFC staff to evaluate the player in the best environment to properly place them with the appropriate team.

## **11. When are selections made for each team?**

Coaches may begin selecting players on the first tryout day and continue until the final stages of the tryout period. All players will receive communication from the age group coach regarding which team he or she has been offered/placed. All players will receive communication from the age group coach regardless of whether your player makes a BFC team or not. Offers for team placement may be done in person on the field and or on the phone after a session.

## **12. Is there a parent's meeting after tryouts for new teams/players?**

All teams will have a meeting with their coach and team manager to discuss the Fall season. These meetings typically take place soon after the end of the tryout period.

## **13. What does it cost to play?**

Brookhaven FC club fees can be found on our Player Progression Chart under the Programs tab.

<https://brookhavenfc.soccer/player-progression-chart/>

## **14. Does Brookhaven FC offer financial aid?**

BFC is pleased to offer a Financial Aid Program for soccer athletes who are in need of financial assistance in order to play soccer.

## **15. What fees does BFC financial aid program cover?**

Financial aid will cover only volunteer, field usage and registration fees. Financial aid DOES NOT COVER uniforms, tournament fees, coaching fees, travel expenses, camps, clinics, any extra training, etc.

**16. Who do I contact about requesting a form to apply for BFC financial aid program?**

Please contact Melissa Camp at [melissa.a.camp@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.a.camp@gmail.com).

**17. Who should I contact I have additional questions about tryouts?**

Please contact the Director of Coaching at [doc@brookhavenfc.org](mailto:doc@brookhavenfc.org).