

Pal-Riv Soccer Evaluations/Tryouts

Mission:

The primary objective of PRSC Team Formation is to evaluate players consistently, fairly, and place them according to their abilities on a team best suited for their player development. Every effort is made to place the player in a position to best succeed, inspiring them to continue on their path of soccer development.

Tryouts will be done on an age group basis. Each age group will have at least one scheduled tryout of approximately 90 minutes each (pending numbers). In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to have a secondary tryout to make final evaluations. This will be decided on a case by case basis by the coaches and the PRSC. All players must attend the tryout, or have communicated directly with the coach or the club prior to the tryout explaining why they can't make it and receive PRSC approval for the "excused absence", as set forth below.

All kids of a certain age group will "try out" during their assigned tryout time. Players who have "played up" in an older age group will be considered in the age group for which they have been playing for purposes of tryouts, unless they announce before-hand that they'd like to move back to the age appropriate team. Other players looking to "play up" an age group will need approval from PRSC. Any player who tries out for an older age group will only be considered for that older age group. If after the tryout process is over there are open spots in the younger age group, that player will be given the opportunity to fill those spots.

All age groups having a tryout will be evaluated by a professional and certified soccer organization/company. While exceptions to this rule may be made based on certain circumstances, as approved by PRSC, it is the Club's intention to have a professional and certified soccer organization/company evaluate all tryouts.

For age groups with higher participation that may have enough players for two teams, players will be divided into an "A" team and a "B" Team. The Club will generally not support teams being evenly split as that inevitably leads to hurt feelings and complaints of an unfair process.

Day of Tryouts:

- Players arrive 15-20 minutes prior to tryout to check in and get warmed up. We want to spend the 90 minutes playing soccer and not lose time stretching.
- Registration must be completed online ahead of time. No walkups will be accepted.
- Players should not wear PRSC apparel.
- Parents and coaches should remain silent observers.
- If a registered player does not attend the tryout, the player is ineligible for that team unless there is room on the roster, or the player receives PRSC approval to miss the Tryout *due to an injury, illness, being away, or other reasonable excuse as determined by PRSC.*

Playing/Trying out up:

- Age appropriate play is recommended especially for the younger age groups (and required for U8 teams), however players wishing to play up may try out with PRSC approval for the year above.
- The ability to "play up" in an age bracket will largely be determined by the individual player's skill set, as well as the needs of both teams impacted. Certain age groups may require more players trying out for older teams, while others may be forced to play age appropriate in order to have enough players to roster a team. Final registration numbers may dictate to what degree players will be allowed to "play up."
- While playing up in a given year gives a player the opportunity to tryout for that same age group the following year, it does not guarantee that player will make that team again. All teams and players change in the fall. No one has any frame of reference in terms of relative skill. It is therefore not guaranteed that a player interested in playing up

will automatically be placed on the older A team. If the player does not make the older “A” team, they will be placed on the “B” team for which the tryout ranking places him/her, not necessarily the player’s birth year A team. Exceptions to this policy will be made based on team needs as appropriate, but not based on player requests.

- If your son or daughter is currently playing age appropriate and would like to tryout a year up, please contact the club at contact@palrivosoccer.com. Please note, if your son or daughter is already playing up a year, there is no need to contact the club as they will be able to register for that team automatically.

Team Formation and Final Placement:

- The Palmyra Riverton Soccer Club follows US Soccer Federation roster Recommendations. See USSF Player Development Initiatives here: <https://www.ussoccer.com/coaching-education/resources/us-soccer-player-development-initiatives>.
- Team formation meetings are run by moderators (members of the PRSC Board who are not directly tied to a team due a family relationship or otherwise). Each moderator is an experienced PRSC Soccer volunteer who has served on the Club’s Board and/or coached PRSC teams. The moderators oversee a decision-making process largely driven by the evaluations and rankings submitted by the team trainers that conducted the Tryouts with input from the team’s coaches. The head coach makes the final determination of the team roster in accordance with the Club bylaws and respective league guidelines.
- PRSC shall select two alternate players per team in the event roster spots open up after new teams are announced. Players will be marked Alt 1, Alt 2 from the list of players NOT selected. Alt 1 would move up first, if a player moves, leaves, etc.
- Although there is no guarantee that a player will be placed on a PRSC team after participating in the tryouts, the Club has a high success rate of doing so, with teams in the fall typically returning intact the following year.
- Any player registered after the registration deadline will be placed on a team on an as needed basis.
- In the event that PSRC determines a tryout is needed because the number of registrants exceed the team roster size, all positions on the team are considered “open” pending the results of the tryout and determination of the roster as set forth herein. The PSRC gives a preference for spots on each team to the children of residents of Palmyra and Riverton and out of town players that previously played on the team in a prior year. Then, available roster spots are available to new out of town players.
- In the event that roster spots on a team are open preceding the Spring season, additional players expressing interest are selected as of January 15 in the following preference: (i) Players of a PRSC fall team of the same age group whose team has disbanded; (ii) children of Palmyra and Riverton Residents; and (iii) new out of town players. In the event that there are more players than team spots, the Club shall schedule a tryout. Any spots available after January 15, are selected on a first come basis.