

## BYSL's Spring Tryout Process

How do tryouts work? BYSL tryouts are league-wide and structured such that the combination of players' preferences and coaches' selections determine where a player is rostered. This may seem backward compared to the way most sports work. Our philosophy is that kids playing on teams where they choose to play instead of on teams where they're told to play keeps the "fun" in the sport, even for the older kids.

Players wishing to join a U-13 or older team must attend tryouts in order to be rostered on a team. Clubs are not allowed to form teams younger than U13. U11/U12 and younger do not attend tryouts, but sign-ups for spring programs begin in January.

### Tryout Process:

1. All players participating in tryouts must fill out a registration form and it must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Players should show up at tryouts with their signed registration form, or come early and fill out a form at the registration table. This form does not assign them to any particular team. It simply allows them to participate in the tryout process. No fees are paid at this time. At the field where their age-group is playing, they will find the registration table where they will turn in their form.
2. Also at the registration table each player will fill out their coach/team preference form. This form allows the player to identify their first, second, third, etc. choice for the team/coach of the age-group in which they wish to play.
3. Finally, the player will be assigned a number to wear on their clothing. The number assigned to them will simply help the coaches identify players while they are being evaluated.

After tryouts are complete, coaches will then choose their preferred 14 to 18 players, depending on how many players they want to roster. The League Registrar and President will compare the player selections against the coach selections. If the player selected the coach as their number one choice and the coach selected the player, that is the team where the player will be rostered. If the coach did not select the player, the player will be placed on their second choice team, etc. until all rosters are full.