



COMPETITIVE TRYOUT FAQs

COMMON QUESTIONS & INFO ABOUT CFC

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ABOUT CYSA & CFC



Covington Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) was established in 1982 as a non-profit organization. CYSA does not receive any monetary support from the city of Covington or St Tammany Parish. All of the club's operational funding comes from the fees collected from its members and donations and sponsorships. CYSA is a volunteer run organization led by a volunteer board of directors.

Our primary mission is "To teach, promote and govern the game of soccer for the benefit of the players, parents and the community." While promoting and growing the game of soccer is CYSA's primary focus, we understand the role and responsibility we have to the greater Covington areas and the northshore community as a whole. Over the past 40+ years, CYSA has gained a reputation as the best developmental soccer program on the northshore. Supporting CYSA through sponsorships allows us to continue to fulfill our mission.

OUR VISION

The success of Covington FC starts with the recreational program, and the foundation is built with the academy program. We have built our club on the foundation of technical soccer, and we pride ourselves on offering the best developmental program on the Northshore. We have a philosophy that drives the development of young players because the foundation of our competitive teams are home-grown players. Covington FC is proven in its success at turning young potential into excellence, with the pathway producing a significant amount of talent throughout the years. Covington FC players should immediately be recognizable by their technical abilities.

COACHES

The coaches at Covington FC are passionate about developing the best soccer players in the state of Louisiana. Coach Curt Aertker, Director of Coaching, has experience leading boys and girls teams to state and regional championships, national league appearances, and developing individual players for numerous accolades. Our coaches are heavily involved in the local community, many of which coach at local high schools and hold advanced coaching licenses (D license or higher). Continuing education is a foundation of our programs, as our coaches are improving their education every season with US Soccer, United Soccer Coaches, Coerver and many other platforms. We currently offer goal keeping training with our in house Goal Keeper coach, Coach Warren Guillot. We are always looking to grow our coaching pool. If you have the desire to learn and develop the youth of St. Tammany in a positive, creative culture, please reach out to us at info@covingtonsoccer.com

AFFILIATIONS

CYSA is affiliated with and is guided by the Louisiana Soccer Association (LSA), the US Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the US Soccer Federation (USSF), US Club Soccer (USCS), and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

Tryouts – Frequently Asked Questions

1. When & Where are tryouts?

Where:

Covington Youth Soccer Association (CYSA)
74020 Penn Mill Rd, Covington, LA 70435

When:

Please view the updated dates and times for each age group here:

<https://covingtonsoccer.com/index/covington-fc/tryouts/>

2. How do I register?

You can register online here: <https://covingtonsoccer.com/index/covington-fc/tryouts/>

Walk-up registrations may be accepted, but pre-registration is highly encouraged to ensure a smooth check-in process.

3. What should players bring to tryouts?

- Cleats
- Shin guards (mandatory)
- Water bottle

4. What happens during tryouts?

Players will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Technical skills (dribbling, passing, shooting)
- Tactical understanding
- Fitness and agility
- Attitude, effort, and coachability

5. Can parents watch tryouts?

Yes, parents are welcome to watch from the sidelines. We kindly ask that you do not coach or communicate with the players during the sessions to allow coaches to evaluate fairly.

6. What if my child can't attend the scheduled tryout?

Please contact us at info@covingtonsoccer.com to arrange an alternate evaluation or to discuss options.

7. How many tryout sessions does my child need to attend?

Players are encouraged to attend all scheduled tryout sessions for their age group to ensure a thorough and fair evaluation.

8. When will players be notified?

- 11U–13U invitations begin Saturday, May 3
- 14U–19U invitations begin Saturday, June 7
- Invitations will continue through the weekend following each opening date

9. What if my child does not make the top-level team?

Many age groups have multiple teams, and players are placed based on current ability and developmental needs.

- All teams receive quality coaching and opportunities for growth
- Players are re-evaluated each year and may be promoted to higher-level teams as they improve
- We believe in rewarding effort, attitude, and commitment

10. How many teams will there be in each age group?

The number of teams depends on tryout participation.

- Some age groups may have multiple teams
- Players are re-evaluated each season and may be promoted to higher-level teams through effort and performance

11. What is the training schedule?

Training schedules vary depending on the age group and team.

- Most teams train 2 to 3 times per week
- Final schedules are determined after team formation and coordinated by each coach

12. What is the time commitment for competitive soccer?

- 2 to 3 training sessions per week (1 to 1.5 hours each)
- The number of games varies by age group
- Most teams participate in 2 tournaments per season (1 local, 1 out of town)

13. Where are games typically played?

- Most games are within a 60-mile radius of Covington
- About 50% of games are away matches

14. What is the cost of competitive soccer at Covington FC?

- The 2025/26 fees are TBD
 - 2024/25 fees were \$900/year (includes training, some referee fees, and equipment)
- Fees do not include uniforms or tournament fees
- Two uniform kits are required per player
- Flexible payment plans and scholarship opportunities are available

15. How is CFC competitive soccer different from Juniors Academy?

In the Competitive program, playing time is earned based on performance in training and games, as determined by the coaching staff.

- Coaches consider skill, effort, attitude, and game impact when determining playing time.
- Unlike the Academy program, there is no guaranteed 50% playing time.
- Players who consistently work hard and perform well will earn more minutes.