



Covington FC 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.

2. What is my child's age group with the change to school age for 2026/2027?

Effective August 1, 2026, Louisiana Soccer Will Change From Using The Player's Birthday To Determine Their Playing Age Group To Now Being Based On The School Year (August 1 – July 31).

The shift away from the current birth year (Jan. – Dec.) format reflects a collaborative decision across national youth soccer organizations to better align players socially and developmentally. We encourage all parents and players to review the updated matrix on the next page.

STARTING AUG. 1, 2026

AGE GROUP	DATES OF BIRTH
U4	AUG 1, 2022 - JUL 31, 2023
U5	AUG 1, 2021 - JUL 31, 2022
U6	AUG 1, 2020 - JUL 31, 2021
U7	AUG 1, 2019 - JUL 31, 2020
U8	AUG 1, 2018 - JUL 31, 2019
U9	AUG 1, 2017 - JUL 31, 2018
U10	AUG 1, 2016 - JUL 31, 2017
U11	AUG 1, 2015 - JUL 31, 2016

AGE GROUP	DATES OF BIRTH
U12	AUG 1, 2014 - JUL 31, 2015
U13	AUG 1, 2013 - JUL 31, 2014
U14	AUG 1, 2012 - JUL 31, 2013
U15	AUG 1, 2011 - JUL 31, 2012
U16	AUG 1, 2010 - JUL 31, 2011
U17	AUG 1, 2009 - JUL 31, 2010
U18	AUG 1, 2008 - JUL 31, 2009
U19	AUG 1, 2007 - JUL 31, 2008

LOUISIANA SOCCER
COLOR-CODED AGE GROUP CHARTS
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U16	AUG 1, 2010 - JUL 31, 2011
U17	AUG 1, 2009 - JUL 31, 2010
U18	AUG 1, 2008 - JUL 31, 2009
U19	AUG 1, 2007 - JUL 31, 2008

YR. MO.	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
JAN	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
FEB	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
MAR	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
APR	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
MAY	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
JUN	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
JUL	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	NA
AUG	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
SEP	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
OCT	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
NOV	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
DEC	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19

3. What if my child is re-classified to a different age group based on this change?

Player Example: My child played for the 2014 Girls age group in 2025/2026 with an August 8, 2014 birthday, but for the new 2026/2027 soccer year, she will re-classify to U12 in 2026/2027. Many of her teammates/friends are now Rising U13 players, can she “play-up”?

Answer: All play-up requests will be evaluated and determined by the coaching staff and Director of Coaching. Please fill in your play-up request during Tryout Registration for your player and additional information on the request.

For additional questions on the change and any player specific questions, please email info@covingtonsoccer.com

4. What should players bring to tryouts?

- Cleats
- Shin guards (mandatory)
- Water bottle

5. 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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. When will players be notified?

11U–12U invitations begin Saturday, April 25th

13U–19U invitations begin Saturday, June 6th

Invitations will continue through the weekend following each opening date

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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)

14. Where are games typically played?

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

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

- The 2026/27 fees are TBD
 - 2025/26 fees were approximately \$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

16. 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.