



LaGrange Soccer Club - Travel Program Overview

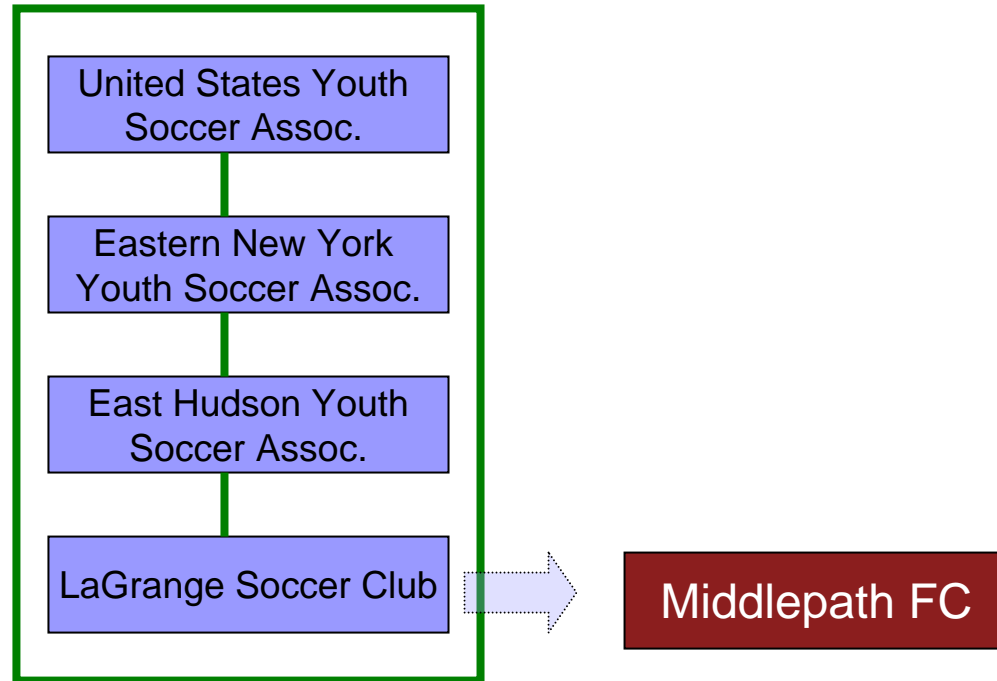
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Agenda

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- Why does the Travel Program Exist?
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- Commitment
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Why does the Travel Program Exist ?

- The Travel Soccer Program is intended to provide a more competitive environment for those players who wish to advance their soccer skills.
 - Younger age groups (<U12) are developmental programs
 - No Win/Loss records maintained by league
 - All players should receive “equal” playing time
 - Older age groups (U12 and up) compete at different skill levels
 - Division 1 > Division 2 > Division 3, etc..
 - Premier leagues available for the ultimate in competition
 - Teams must apply and be accepted based on previous experience

Age Groups

- The Travel Soccer Program is available to eligible boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 18. Age groups are determined based on the player's birthdate (see chart for ref. 2007-8 season)
 - Players required to play "on age"
 - "Playing Up" requests by exception only
 - Per LSC Constitution

U19	8/1/88	to	7/31/89	U19
U18	8/1/89	to	7/31/90	U18
U17	8/1/90	to	7/31/91	U17
U16	8/1/91	to	7/31/92	U16
U15	8/1/92	to	7/31/93	U15
U14	8/1/93	to	7/31/94	U14
U13	8/1/94	to	7/31/95	U13
U12	8/1/95	to	7/31/96	U12
U11	8/1/96	to	7/31/97	U11
U10	8/1/97	to	7/31/98	U10
U09	8/1/98	to	7/31/99	U09
U08	8/1/99	to	7/31/00	U08

How Does A Player Join a Team?

- Tryouts are held in the spring for the following fall season*
 - Coaches/Trainers run tryouts
 - Players selected based on skill/team need
 - Players need not be from the Town of LaGrange
 - Registration occurs in June
 - Players may be added to the roster provided slots exist
 - Players may only register with 1 team in a season (ie cannot change teams)

Age	Game Length	Goal Size	Field Size	# of Players	Roster Size
U11	2 – 30 Min Halves	7 x 21	L –80 Max 70 Min W – 50 Max 40 Min	8 + K	14
U9 & U10	2 – 25 Min Halves	7 x 21	L –80 Max 70 Min W – 50 Max 40 Min	7 + K	12
U8	4 – 12 Min Quarters	6 x 12	50 x 30	4 W/ No K	10

Teams are allowed but not encouraged to exceed the roster size by one or two players.

* *High school players have tryouts in the fall as they only play a spring travel season*

Commitment

■ Travel

- Most games within 1hr drive from LaGrange (EHYSL)
- Schedules usually split 50/50 home vs away games

■ Time

- Teams generally practice 1-2 times/week
- All games are played on Sunday afternoons, generally between 1 & 4pm
- Outdoor season runs Sept-Nov & April-June
- Many teams “train” during the winter and participate in indoor tournaments

■ Cost

- Travel registration is \$135.00
- Uniforms are not provided and can run \$50-\$100
- Some teams use a paid coach/trainer – cost can run ~\$50/mo
- Tournament fee’s are generally ~\$10-\$20/per player/per tournament
- Many teams fundraise to offset costs

Beyond EHYSL Travel....

