



ACADEMY & PRE-ACADEMY TRYOUTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why Is Express Having Tryouts for Academy & Pre-Academy?

- Indiana Soccer requires clubs to register players and teams before the season start. Each year, we predict how many teams we offer. Each year, we are wrong with our predictions. We want to plan accordingly for the exact number of teams we will offer and efficiently schedule the year.
- We want to eliminate having to chase registrations throughout the summer. Many of our families take the summers to relax and go on vacation. We want you to take care of your registrations early so that we can focus on our planning for a great Fall season.

Will Every Player Make a Team?

- Columbus Express is a competitive soccer club. We are honest in our feedback and evaluations. While we do not want to turn away players, we do want to be sure that players fit our program from an attitude and behavior standpoint.
- Some players may not be ready for our program. We want to offer those players a suitable soccer option.

Are There Any Costs Involved in Tryouts?

- No. Tryouts are free.

If I Make a Team, Will There Be Any Additional Costs?

- Players that are accepted into the Academy program will have a yearly fee of \$800.
- Players that are accepted into the Pre-Academy program will have a yearly fee of \$500.
- All Express players must purchase the training uniform and the game uniforms.

Where Are Tryouts Located?

- Tryouts will be held at the Richard Wigh Soccer Complex at 1647 Whitney Court, Columbus, IN.

What If I Can't Attend or Miss Tryouts?

- Please register for the tryout and indicate that you will not be able to attend.
- We will work with you to find a time to get an evaluation date.

I Already Play for Express, Do I Need to Tryout?

- Yes. All of our current players are expected to register and attend tryouts.

What Do I Need to Bring to Tryouts?

- You'll need to wear a black shirt, black shorts, and white or black socks.
- You'll need a water bottle, shinguards, and soccer footwear.
- Players will need to wear a mask to and from tryouts.

Will Parents Be Able to Watch Tryouts?

- Parents can watch tryouts from the parking lot. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed at the field

Are There Any Covid-19 Specific Guidelines?

- All Staff will have on masks and will practice appropriate social distancing.
- Players will need to wear masks to and from tryouts and must be socially distance while not competing.

My Child Was Born in 2016. Can They Tryout?

- Unfortunately, no. Our youngest birth year is 2015.

Is there a deadline to register for the Pre-Academy or Academy?

- Yes. All registrations must be completed by July 11.

What if I miss the registration deadline?

- We will work to accommodate players that may have missed the tryout/registration period, but players may be wait-listed or added to the program as a Practice-Only player.