



## 2011-2012 Eastside Kickers Soccer Tryouts for Cleveland Hts. / University Hts. Travel Players

**Who:** Girls and boys who were born between **August 1, 1997** and **July 31, 2004** (see chart below for your age group)

**When:** **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** (Boys) and **Wednesday May, 18<sup>th</sup>** (Girls)

<b>U8</b>	<b>5:00 - 5:20 PM</b>
<b>U9</b>	<b>5:30 - 5:50 PM</b>
<b>U10</b>	<b>6:00 - 6:20 PM</b>

<b>U11</b>	<b>6:30 - 6:50 PM</b>
<b>U12</b>	<b>7:00 - 7:20 PM</b>
<b>U13</b>	<b>7:30 - 7:50 PM</b>
<b>U14</b>	<b>8:00 - 8:20 PM</b>

Note: Optional goalie tryout assessment immediately following each age group tryout

**Where:** Forest Hill Park Soccer Fields – Cleveland Heights  
In the event of a rainout, a make up session will be scheduled

Please sign up at <http://eastsidekickers.org/tryouts>

NOTE: All players must try out. If a player fails to try out, there can be no guarantee that a spot will be available on the team. Any player that cannot attend the tryouts must notify the League reps prior to the tryouts.

League rep –Justin Alcorn ([jalcorn@eastsidekickers.org](mailto:jalcorn@eastsidekickers.org))

Please bring a ball, sneakers or soccer shoes, and water.

### Important Dates:

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tryout results posted and all players notified

June 15<sup>th</sup>: Acceptance deadline. Any players who have not accepted will be put on wait list

June 30<sup>th</sup>: Registration deadline. \$250 fee for Fall and Spring soccer due to avoid late fees.

August 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosters complete and submitted to league

August 8<sup>th</sup>: Fall practices begin

Age Group: If you were born.....	You are a....
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1997-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1998	U14
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1998-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1999	U13
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1999-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2000	U12
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2000-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2001	U11
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2001-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2002	U10
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2002-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2003	U09
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2003-July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2004	U08

# EASTSIDE KICKERS



## **What is Travel Soccer?**

Eastside Kickers Soccer Club, Inc. is affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Ohio Youth Soccer Association - North (OYSAN) and exists for the purpose of promoting the game of soccer at a competitive level commonly referred to as "Travel Soccer." Eastside Kickers is a community-based club drawing from the talent here in the Cleveland Heights - University Heights School district.

Eastside Kickers Soccer teams are registered to play in the OASL (boys) and the NOGSL (girls), which are leagues consisting of Travel Soccer Clubs located in the Cleveland area. Some community Travel Soccer teams that we play are Aurora, Bedford, Chagrin Falls, Eastlake, Mentor, Orange, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and many others.

## **How much does East Side Kickers cost?**

The cost is \$250 for both Fall and Spring sessions. Each player also needs to purchase a uniform for \$50. The uniform consists of one pair of shorts, socks and 2 jerseys. ESK strives to provide a soccer opportunity for all interested families. Please complete a financial aid request form (available at tryouts) if the session and uniform costs are a barrier to a player's participation.

## **When do Travel Teams Play?**

Eastside Kickers Travel teams participate in the outdoor travel leagues - the Fall season runs from late August through October, and the Spring season runs mid-April until early-June. The outdoor seasons consist of 8-games each season, with 4-home and 4-away games. The outdoor games are usually scheduled for Sunday afternoons, although an occasional week night game may be scheduled. Outdoor games are played at Forest Hill Park (boys) and Monticello Middle School (girls) and other fields through out the city.

Eastside Kickers travel teams also participate during the winter at local indoor soccer facilities such as Multiplex in Warrensville Heights. Some teams will play one and others will play two or three indoor sessions during the winter. Indoor matches typically take place on Saturdays and Sundays. The teams and coaches decide how many indoor sessions each team will play.

## **Who are the coaches and when do teams practice?**

Each team has one head coach and may have one or two assistants. Although some teams have non-parent-coaches, most teams are coached by a parent with soccer experience. These coaches volunteer their time. Team Managers assist the coaches with logistical and administrative tasks. Each coach sets up their own practice sessions which will vary from season to season. Teams typically practice two weeknights each week during the fall & spring. Winter practices have typically been held on Friday nights.



## **Who runs the tryouts?**

The try outs are organized by the club, and facilitated by current Eastside Kicker Staff:

- ESK Technical Director - Sean Sullivan, head coach, Cleveland Heights High School (boys)
- ESK Director of Coaching - Robbie Helfgott, head coach, Cleveland Heights High School (Girls)

## **Does my son/daughter have to play all year?**

Serious youth soccer players who have aspirations of playing at the school will participate on their local travel team and possibly play for a premier club throughout the year. Eastside Kickers asks that you consider the level of commitment required, and the detriment to the team should your son/daughter leave the team in the middle of the year.

## **Is it reasonable that we can do other things during the year?**

Absolutely. Most travel soccer players are multi-sport athletes, and also play Recreational-level basketball in the winter, and play baseball/softball in the spring. While conflicts do occur, they are typically minimal and can be resolved by coordinating with the coaches.

Questions? Call (216) 223-8ESK (8375) or [info@eastsidekickers.org](mailto:info@eastsidekickers.org)