



**ANDOVER SOCCER ASSOCIATION invites you to the
TRAVEL TEAM PLAYER ASSESSMENTS
for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Seasons**

MAY 2-5, 2011 5:00pm to 7:30pm

In case of questionable weather/field conditions, please check the www.andoversoccer.org website for postponement announcements and other important updates. If assessments need to be rescheduled, we will reschedule to the next week day that we have access to a field, and this will be published on the ASA website as well as by email. Spring thunderstorms are a common cause of Assessment reschedules. **THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND DELIVERED TO THE CHECK-IN TABLE AT ASSESSMENTS.**

Times for All Age Groups: Arrive at 5:00pm for check-in and warm-up. Assessments begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm.

Boys Dates: Mon 5/2 and Wed 5/4

Girls Dates: Tue 5/3 and Thur 5/5

Boys Locations:

Girls Locations:

U11: South School

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U12: Deyermund

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U13: Upper Shawsheen

U13: Upper Shawsheen

U14: Lower Shawsheen

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South School is located at 55 Woburn St; Deyermund is located at 110 Chandler Rd; Upper Shawsheen is located at 76 Burnham Rd; Lower Shawsheen is located at 14 York St.

NOTE: Please look for the registration table for your age group when you arrive. The age group to look for is the age group you will be playing in next fall 2011.

Who is Eligible to Tryout: The Mass Youth Soccer Association age guidelines will be followed, with NO exceptions. If you are eligible for more than one age group, then you can choose the age group. The age group criteria are as follows:

U11 - Born between 8/1/00 – 7/31/01 regardless of grade OR if you were born after 7/31/01 and will be in the 5th grade in fall of 2011.

U12 - Born between 8/1/99 – 7/31/00 regardless of grade OR if you were born after 7/31/00 and will be in the 6th grade in fall of 2011.

U13 - Born between 8/1/98 – 7/31/99 regardless of grade OR if you were born after 7/31/99 and will be in the 7th grade in fall of 2011.

U14 - Born between 8/1/97 – 7/31/98 regardless of grade OR if you were born after 7/31/98 and will be in the 8th grade in fall of 2011.

What Do You Need to do on the Day of Assessments: Players should wear cleats and must wear shin guards. Players may not wear a youth club soccer jersey or any other jersey that indicates what team they currently play for. Mouth guards are **STRONGLY** recommended. All players should bring a properly inflated ball with their name on it and **plenty** of water (2+ bottles). Be ready to play a lot of soccer and have FUN!

Important Issues:

1. Players who are eligible to play in more than one age group must determine the age group in which they choose to play before assessments begin. They may not change groups after assessments start or after teams are formed. However, those players can change age groups in subsequent years.
2. All players must register for the fall 2011 season before assessments begin on May 2, 2011. All players who want to play travel soccer must be registered to be placed on a travel team (even if you cannot attend assessments due to extenuating circumstances). Please register online at www.andoversoccer.org (forms can be downloaded, printed and mailed if preferred). **All players must email a digital photo (JPG please) to asaregistrar@comcast.net with the name of the player in the body of the email (ASA preferred method) or mail a 1 ¼" X 1 ¼" photo with name on the back to the ASA Registrar at P.O. Box 1014, Andover. If you forget, we may take a digital picture of you at Try Outs.** Photos are mandatory. **Do not bring the registration form, picture or fee to assessments.**
3. All players and parents must read and sign the statement below and bring it with them when they check in at assessments. Only players (and their parents/guardians) who agree to these principles will be permitted to participate in the assessment process.

Do You Need to Attend Assessments: You must attend at least one session of assessments to be considered for a Division I or Division II team, unless special arrangements are made PRIOR to the assessments. Attendance at both sessions is highly recommended. For players who wish to be on a Division III team, it is not necessary to attend assessments, but is still highly recommended. U11 players can choose to play in-town instead of travel soccer, if preferred. In all cases, placement on a travel team is dependent on having a volunteer coach for the team. Occasionally, ASA may not be able to place all players on a team due to a lack of volunteer coaches, or the number of players allowed per roster by Essex County rules. However, under usual circumstances, every player who registers to play travel soccer will be placed on a travel team.

How are Teams Selected: Your placement on a team is based on a combination of:

1. Your performance at the assessment
2. Coaches' evaluations from the most recently available seasons
3. Observation during games in the spring 2011 season, as needed

Please note that the final player roster and coach selections for all ASA teams, regardless of division, are proposed by an unbiased, independent committee that is responsible for compiling all selection criteria and providing proposed team rosters to the ASA Board of Directors for approval. No coach or parent with a child in an age group will be involved in the formation of teams in that age group. ASA has a strict no conflict of interest policy in this regard. Team rosters are finalized before selection of team coaches; no person with a conflict of interest in a given age group participates as an assessor, committee member, or in the ASA board approval of team rosters or appointment of travel team coaches.

Your Commitment: If you want to play on either a Division I or a Division II team, then you are required:

1. To commit to playing both the fall and spring seasons
2. To attend a minimum of one and, usually, two practice sessions per week
3. To attend weekly games during both the fall and spring seasons of 2011-2012

Questions? Please contact Bill Souza at BILL.SOUZA.15@gmail.com.

I understand the ASA player placement process is designed to be fair to ALL children interested in playing travel team soccer. All teams are re-formed each year based on the travel player assessment process outlined above. I realize that no one is guaranteed a spot on the "same" team from one year to the next. I also understand that I may not choose the team on which I will play or the coach for whom I will play. I accept my commitment to stay in my chosen age group for the 2011-2012 seasons and I accept my commitment to attend scheduled games and practices. I agree to familiarize myself with and abide by the rules of ASA, ECYSA, and MYSA including parent and player "Code of Conduct" adopted by those organizations.

Player: _____
(signature) (print)

Parent: _____
(signature) (print) email address

Please circle your assessment age group: U11 U12 U13 U14 Girls Boys

You and your parent/guardian must complete the form above and bring it with you to assessments!