



2010 Tryout Announcement

When: **Thursday, May 20th, 2010, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Where: **Knowlton Elementary (801 W. Shepard Lane, Farmington)**
Look for a group of boys wearing white Hydras shirts

Who: **U12 Boys (born between August 1st, 1998 and July 31st, 2000)**

We are looking for **3 to 4 new players**, possibly including a goalkeeper.

Per UYSA rules, we cannot take more than that; therefore, some will not make the team.

Players should have good basic soccer skills such as ball control, dribbling, passing and running speed. They should also be interested and as passionate about playing soccer as a boy their age can be.

Each boy should come to the tryout wearing athletic clothing (shorts, shirt, etc.), soccer cleats, shin guards and have a size 4 soccer ball to use during the tryout.

Team History

Hydras was created in June 2009 with 12 boys, most of whom had known and played with each other in recreational leagues in their earlier years. We began officially playing in the State Divisional Leagues of UYSA soccer in August of 2009. We started in Division 3 of the Boys U11 age group and were promoted after our first season to Division 2, which is where we currently compete.

Competition Soccer

We play in "state level competition" leagues and competitive summer tournaments. State league is a higher level than "regional competition" leagues within UYSA and has unique challenges and realities of which you should be aware. First, the costs to sign-up and play in these leagues is higher. The real difference, though, is in the potential travel requirements depending on which teams are in your current divisional group. We could be required to travel as far as Vernal, and almost always play a game or two as far away as Heber, Logan or Spanish Fork each season.

At the end of each season (usually lasting about 2 months, with about 10 games), the two top teams in each division are "promoted" to the next highest division (our next promotion would be to Division 1). The two bottom teams are "relegated" to the next lowest division (assuming they are not already in the lowest division). Our hope and team goal is to play in the Premier Division by the time the boys are in the U14 age group (2 years – or 4 seasons – from now). The current divisions in our age group are: Premier, Div. 1, Div. 2 & Div. 3. Since we are currently in Division 2, it would take two seasons of promotion to reach this goal.

Expectations

Due to the nature of "state level" play, the expectations are fairly high for the players and their families. First, each boy is expected to attend all practice sessions and games. Of course, family realities make this impossible sometimes ... but the expectation is that every effort will be made to be there if possible.

Also, each boy is expected to work hard and have a good attitude. If the boy is there simply because mom and dad want them to be ... they will likely not succeed or be happy playing on this team. This level of play is entirely different from recreational leagues (which are great and often sufficient for many boys' skill and interest level) and the practice and training demands are also much higher. It simply isn't fun for a boy who has little interest in improving and competing at a higher level.

Financial Considerations

The costs of playing in a "club" environment are much higher than recreational play. Some of the various fees include: uniform, registration fees, tournament fees, field and training equipment cost, game referee payments and others. The estimated total cost for the 2010-2011 season is \$450, which is much lower than most other clubs. This includes all known costs including entry fees for two tournaments and the State Cup competition. Also, not all fees are due at one time. Most (around \$300) of the fees will be required in June, but the others occur as tournament dates arrive and seasons start.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to email us at tryouts@hydrasfc.com or call Tom Weeks at 801.898.4277.
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