

# TRYOUT FAQ'S

## How do I register for tryouts?

**ALL** soccer-athletes **MUST COMPLETE** the tryout registration online before participating in the tryout process.

\*Please make sure that you register online **at least 24 hours in advance** to ensure that the soccer athlete is in the system, and we have your information to notify you after the tryout process. There is a Registration Steps document on the Tryouts page that will walk you through the process. Each soccer athlete should attend both tryout days if possible. If you are unable to attend both days, please reach out to the Program Director listed below.

## Birth Years for the 2022/2023 Season

For the 2022/2023 season Paragon will follow U.S Youth Soccer's guidelines and will organize its teams by birth year:

\*Interested players must register to try out for their birth year.

## Can my child play up an age group?

Any player playing up will be at the discretion of their respective director. All players need to register and attend the tryout for their correct age group.

## What should I wear/bring to tryouts?

Please come prepared with a fully inflated soccer ball, proper footwear, shin guards, and water.

## We will not be able to attend tryouts or are new to the area and missed tryouts. Is there a process in place to allow for an alternate tryout?

Yes! If you are not able to attend tryouts or missed the tryout dates, please register, and then contact [info@paragonfutbol.com](mailto:info@paragonfutbol.com) & state you wish to tryout for so that arrangements can be made. We also hold supplemental tryouts throughout the year. Roster openings may be limited after the initial tryout period.

## What are the differences between Academy and Premier?

Our Academy provides a highly competitive environment for higher-level soccer athletes. This program provides those athletes with the best local training offered by our qualified and professional staff. Our Academy teams play at the highest possible level providing showcase opportunities to College, Professional, and National level programs.

The Premier Program provides the opportunity for players to play other sports or have other interests outside of soccer. This program is designed to be flexible, convenient, and affordable.

## Can I try out for multiple programs?

We encourage anyone who wants to tryout for all levels to do so. Current PFA players can ask their coach/director for guidance if they are unsure about which program to tryout for. **You will need to register for each tryout separately.**

## If I tryout for a program and don't make it, can I try out for another program?

Yes. If you don't make an Academy team, we strongly encourage you to tryout for a Premier team, attending tryouts for at least one day.

## Will there be more than one team in each age group?

Yes, when possible, there will be more than one team per age group, per program. It all depends on the number of players at tryouts and their skill level.

**If my child doesn't make the top team, can they move up during the year?**

Yes, there may be opportunities to move up throughout the year as long as the coach/director feels it is in the best interest of the player's development. There may also be opportunities to guest play across all levels.

**What can I expect after tryouts?**

After tryouts you can expect communication from the club in the form of an email. This will either be an acceptance email, offering your child a position on a team, or an email letting you know that they should tryout for a different program. Players who are offered positions on a team may also receive a phone call from their coach. All communication will come within 24-48 hours of the end of the last tryout. You will then have 24 hours to either accept or decline your email before your spot is offered to another child.

**What are the next steps if my child makes a team?**

1. If you are new to the club, you will receive more information regarding your uniform ordering in your confirmation email.
2. If you are part of the Academy or Premier Programs, you will receive the link to Demosphere to register your child in the state system in your confirmation email as well.

**How long is the season?**

- **Academy**
  - U11-U14: August-November, January-May (possible post-season in June)
  - U15-U19: November-May
- **Premier**
  - U7-U14: August-October, March-May
  - U15-U19: November-December, March-May

**My child is in middle school but plays on a U15 team. Will there be a fall U15 program for trapped players?**

Yes, we will offer a program for trapped 8th graders for the fall season depending on interest. The program will run from August to October and is open to players that are currently in the 8th grade that will be playing on a U15 team starting in November 2022. Questions please contact: