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## Classic Track / Classic Select Program

**Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer's Division 4 Travel Program** is for all club players deemed able to play and improve through higher level age/grade level training and competition.

1. **FCAYS Travel is a select program with a player development focus** through U11. This program focus changes to competitive for the U12 year. But, training for development will remain a continued emphasis.
2. **Travel Team Player selection is based upon** assessed playing ability, natural athleticism, acumen for the game, and commitment to the FCAYS program as evaluated by club officials and experts.
3. **The Number of Travel Teams** will be determined by the club after completion of the assessments to determine the total number of travel worthy players in each age group. The number of travel teams in each age group may change from season to season as player numbers warrant.
4. **Travel teams are created and placed into leagues** in a manner that best suits the make-up of the age group's player pool as assessed by club officials and experts in order to provide the best opportunity for each player to play, develop and enjoy high level soccer to the best of their ability.
5. **Travel team participation is by invitation from season-to-season.** Interested players, whether they be existing travel players, recreation players. or players who have not participated before, will have the opportunity to express interest for consideration and to tryout. Teams will be formed after consideration of all interested players and any tryouts deemed necessary and fair to assess talent levels. This may result in expanded team rosters, smaller team rosters, or the addition or reduction of teams established for competition in the leagues. Reductions may result in some players being returned to recreation level play until the next try-out.
6. **Travel Team Coaches** will be appointed after player review and selection has been completed.

The following pages define each age group's program and goals.

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### **U10**

Rising U10 players will be given the opportunity to present interest and to try-out for the FCAYS Division 4 Travel Program. The U10 Travel Program is the first stage of the Classic Track program and is designed to provide advanced players deemed capable of playing and competing at the D4 level the opportunity to participate, train and play at this level. Travel players may elect not to participate in the Classic Track training. Travel team participation is by invitation from season-to-season.

The U10 year is a developmental year for players whereas all players in good standing will play a minimum of 50% of each match they attend. Good standing may be jeopardized by attendance and behavior issues. As development program, there will be an effort but not a focus to just win games. Playing and rotating players in games for experience will supersede placements of player and player playing time to win matches.

U10 teams will be balanced for equal competitiveness through the first year to provide equal opportunity for each player to play and be complimented by players of all levels. The purpose for balance is to position every player to be visible under like circumstances as they develop through this first year. Equal teams also afford the league the opportunity to bundle recreation team players on the same travel teams to provide them with the same two game playing opportunity each weekend that those players choosing D4 Travel and cup team play have.

U10 Classic Track Players will participate in a Monday night practice with professional skills instructors. Each will also participate in a weekly club practice and in scheduled games throughout the season.

U10 Classic Track players will train throughout the winter weekly at weekly skills clinics.

Pre-season Plum Tournament the weekend prior to Labor Day will start the U10 D4 season. A possible post season travel or low level regional tournament may be incorporated into the program.

Prior to and at the end of each season to include winter training, a skills assessment and game assessment will be created and shared with each player to document growth and placement into the next season's program.

Priority will be given for advancement to players that have strongest ability and potential to advance in conjunction with their participation levels whereas they do not choose other activities over participation in team training and games whether soccer related or not.

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### Anticipated Costs:

Fall	\$165
Winter	\$200
Spring	\$165
FCAYS Uniform	\$ 60

Pricing incorporates early registration discounts.

### U11

The U11 Travel Program is the second stage of the Classic Track program and is designed to provide advanced players deemed capable of playing and competing at the D4 level the opportunity to participate, train and play at this level. Travel players may elect not to participate in the Classic Track training. Rising U11 players will be given the opportunity to present interest and to try-out for the FCAYS Division 4 Travel Program. Travel team participation is by invitation from season-to-season. U10 Division 4 players are not guaranteed automatic placement on the U11 Division 4 travel teams.

The U11 year is a developmental year for players whereas all players in good standing will play a minimum of 50% of each match they attend. Good standing may be jeopardized by attendance and behavior issues. Like U10, U11 is not a “competitive” play year for teams where playing players to win supersedes player rotations for development.

U11 teams will be balanced for equal competitiveness through the first year to provide equal opportunity for each player to play and be complimented by players of all levels. The purpose for balance is to position every player to be visible under like circumstances as they develop through this first year. Equal teams also afford the league the opportunity to bundle recreation team players on the same travel teams to provide them with the same two game playing opportunity each weekend that those players choosing D4 Travel and cup team play have.

U11 Classic Track Players will participate in a Monday night practice with professional skills instructors. Each will also participate in a weekly club practice and in scheduled games throughout the season.

U11 Classic Track players will train throughout the winter weekly at weekly skills clinics.

Pre-season Plum Tournament the weekend prior to Labor Day will start the U11 D4 season. A possible post season travel or low level regional tournament may be incorporated into the program.

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Prior to and at the end of each season to include winter training, a skills assessment and game assessment will be created and shared with each player to document growth and placement into the next season's program.

Priority will be given for advancement to players that have strongest ability and potential to advance in conjunction with their participation levels whereas they do not choose other activities over participation in team training and games whether soccer related or not. A commitment to stay with FCAYS Classic Track into Classic play if the team is accepted is critical to the selection process for both players and for team advancement in U13.

### Anticipated Costs:

Pricing incorporates early registration discounts.

Fall	\$165	
Winter	\$200	2 Winter Training Sessions
Spring	<u>\$165</u>	
Total	\$530	
FCAYS Uniform	\$ 60	

## U12

Rising U12 players will be given the opportunity to present interest and to try-out for the FCAYS Division 4 Travel Program for spots available. U12 Fall remains developmental. U12 Spring is competitive.

The U12 Travel Program is designed to provide advanced players deemed capable of playing and competing at the D4 level the opportunity to participate, train and play at this level. The U12 Classic Track program will divide into two groups to enable the advanced players to train and play together and the next tier players to train and advance together. Travel team participation is by invitation from season-to-season. U11 Division 4 players are not guaranteed automatic placement on the U12 Division 4 travel teams.

U12 Classic Track Players will participate in a Monday night practice with dedicated professional skills instructors. Each will also participate in a weekly club practices with club coaches and in scheduled games throughout the season coached by club coaches.

U12 Classic Track players will train throughout the winter weekly at weekly skills clinics.

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Prior to and at the end of each season to include winter training, a skills assessment and game assessment will be created and shared with each player to document growth and placement into the next season's program.

Priority will be given for advancement to players that have strongest ability and potential to advance in conjunction with their participation levels whereas they do not choose other activities over participation in team training and games whether soccer related or not. Winning at U12 determines whether a U13 D3 team will be accepted. Players with unreasonable absences to include other soccer programs or activities will likely not be invited to play U13.

Anticipated Costs:

Pricing incorporates early registration discounts.

Fall	\$165
Winter	\$200
Spring	<u>\$165</u>
Total	\$530

FCAYS Uniform \$ 60

### **U13 and Older Classic Select - Division 3 Play**

Classic Select is Division 3 level classic soccer. Players on this team will have to resign from other PA West Classic Soccer teams and are expected to make this team first priority if they expect continued invites to play in later seasons. Classic level players may not roster on different teams in the same age group of competition.

Rising age group players will be given the opportunity to present interest and to try-out for the FCAYS Division 4 Travel Program for spots available. Classic play is developmental in training and competitive in play.

The Classic Select Program is designed to provide advanced players deemed capable of playing and competing at the D3 or higher level the opportunity to participate, train and play at this level. The roster size shall be no more than 18 players and no less than 16 players.

Classic Select Player will participate in a Monday night practice with professional skills instructors. Each will also participate in a weekly club practices with either club or professional coaches and in scheduled games throughout the season coached by club or professional coaches.

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Classic Select players will train throughout the winter weekly at weekly skills clinics.

Prior to and at the end of each season to include winter training, a skills assessment and game assessment will be created and shared with each player to document growth and placement into the next season's program.

Priority for retention will be given for advancement to players that have strongest ability and potential to advance in conjunction with their participation levels whereas they do not choose other activities over participation in team training and games whether soccer related or not. Player spots may be opened to neighboring community club players on a try-out basis.

Anticipated Costs:

Pricing incorporates early registration discounts.

Fall	\$165	includes professional training
Coaching	\$150	Professional – if FCAYS determined
Winter	\$200	
Spring	\$165	includes professional training
Coaching	\$150	if professional
Field	\$100	
Total	\$930	
FCAYS Uniform	\$ 60	

Pricing incorporates early registration discounts. Fall fee professional training is clinics and may be replaced by a second team practices with the team's professional coach.

### **Player Selection and Review**

Player selection will be conducted in a manner that if encompassing and cost-effective.

U10 Team Player Selection

Coach's Player Assessment\*  
Independent Game Observation\*  
Try-Out Professional Assessment  
Coaches' Meeting with AGC, DOC and President\*

U11 Team Player Selection

Coach's Player Assessment\*  
Independent Game Observation\*  
Try-Out Professional Assessment  
Open Night New Player Assessment  
via Team Practice Participation  
Coaches' Meeting with AGC, DOC and President\*

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U12 Team Player Selection      Coach's Player Assessment\*  
Independent Game Observation\*  
Try-Out Professional Assessment  
Open Night New Player Assessment  
via Team Practice Participation  
Coaches' Meeting with AGC, DOC and President\*

U13/Older Team Player Selection      Coach's Player Assessment\*  
Independent Game Observation\*  
Try-Out Professional Assessment  
Open Night New Player Assessment  
via Team Practice Participation  
Coaches' Meeting with AGC, DOC and President\*

\*After Spring and Winter Seasons

Player notification of upcoming season participation will be made in writing using approved club form letters from the Age Group Commissioner within two weeks of the close of the previous season.

### **Coach Selection and Review**

Coaches for D4 travel team programming will be selected by the club through consultation between the Age Group Commissioners, The Director of Coaching and will be confirmed by a Travel Select Committee consisting of Board Members, the AGC's and the Club DOC. Coaching demeanor, teaching ability, experience, demonstrated depth of knowledge, coaching history and licensing will be criteria used in the selection process. Existing coaches are not guaranteed next season team assignments.

The Club will solicit interest from rising U10 coaches interested in the position. An investigation and review of each coach will follow to include consultations with the AGC, player game day assessors, referees and any other resource deemed reputable for this assessment.

For U11 and U12, coaches will be carried forward if deemed successful after review of providing a quality program for their team and each player that compliments the professional training and results in the advancement in skill set and play of the team players.

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For U13 and older, an assessment will be conducted to see if the current club coach is interested and able to coach at the higher level. If not, a suitable professional coach will be hired to carry forward with the team.

All coaches will receive a club approved team program stating team philosophies and goals for skill and game development, for playing time, for time demands for players and for activities related to managing the team. It will be the coach's responsibility to adhere to the defined program and team responsibilities. Coach's accepting a team will be required to read and sign an agreement statement and compliance promise to the program. Non-compliance will result in warnings or potential replacement during or post season.

Correspondences to coaches for appointment, decline and changes will be sent by the Age Group Commissioner using club approved correspondences.

### **Classic Track / Classic Select**

Classic Track and Classic Select programming is designed to provide a lower cost, alternative, higher level training and competition program to regional classic programs. This program is neither a replacement for regional classic programs nor a necessary step in any recreational soccer player's career. For more information on this program, please contact your child's age group commissioner or the FCAYS Director of Coaching.







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Appendix B

Professional Try-Out Assessment Form

#	SKILLS	TACTICAL	PLAY	TOTAL	Comments
<b>TEAM #1</b>					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Professional Assessments are a high level snapshot look at players on the field to determine their natural abilities and command of skills sets necessary to train, compete and continue to develop at the travel level. The column numbers refer to the pinney number assigned to a player.