

Petoskey Youth Soccer Association



"Winning isn't everything, development is."

U-10 Academy Parents and Players,

I hope everyone had a great winter and is ready to get back outside. The turnout for the indoor sessions at NCMC was outstanding and the coaches continue to see consistent improvement. The rec season begins next week and Academy training sessions will begin the first week of May. For players moving on to the u11 team in the fall the PYSA registration deadline is June 1st. The Academy Administrator will guide you through the registration process in May. The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association's roster limit for u11 teams is 14 players. Since the PYSA Board of Directors revised their policies and procedures this past winter, effective for the fall season, I thought it would be important to highlight issues that may impact the u11 team.

Firstly, the PYSA has always had a residency requirement, but it was very vague and never enforced. The new policy states:

Priority will be given to players whose primary residence is within the geographic boundaries of the Public Schools of Petoskey, or who attend a school situated within the geographic boundaries of the Public Schools of Petoskey; including St. Francis, Concord, Petoskey SDA, etc.

Also, the following scenarios could transpire depending on how many players register by June 1st:

- If a team's roster is not full by June 1st late additions will be allowed up to the roster limit for a \$30 late fee.
- If a team's roster is at the limit on June 1st registration will be considered closed for the team.
- If a team's roster is over the limit on June 1st then tryouts will occur on a date determined by the MSYSA for all age groups as described below:
- If there are enough players registered two developmentally appropriate teams will be selected at the tryout. These teams will be required to train together at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the time.

Players who are considered u9 will only be eligible to participate in the Academy again in the fall. Registration forms will be available in May. Please see the attached calendar for a complete list of dates for the spring season and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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