

# **BARTLETT TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB**

**PARENT/PLAYER HANDBOOK**

**2009-2010**





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## WELCOME TO THE BARTLETT TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

### COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Congratulations on your selection to Bartlett Travel Soccer Club. You are joining one of the largest community-based travel programs in the state of Illinois. The club board, director of coaching, trainers, and team coaches in our program promise to commit a great deal of time and effort in the development of your child, not only on the soccer field, but as a young person as well. We constantly strive to teach honesty, loyalty, sportsmanship, and excellence on and off the field. This is our commitment to you, the BTSC player and parent.

### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010

For the 2009-2010 season the BTSC players fee structure will be increased (on average about 7%) to accommodate, amongst other items, full time professional Head Coach/Trainer to be present at all games. This means that the BTSC membership will now benefit from the presence of the BTSC training staff at all home, away and indoor games. The primary reasoning behind this additional service is consistency throughout the playing season at all age groups and levels of play. This evolution does not negate the importance of qualified parent volunteer coaches. BTSC is still in need of the encouragement support and experience that our parent volunteer coaching staff brings to the soccer experience.

Importantly, the fee increased passed on to the membership is only a portion of the actual cost increase of this service to the club. Because of the success of the newly formed BTSC fundraising team, the full burden of this additional services added to the 2009-2010 season have been offset.

### OVERVIEW

Bartlett Travel Soccer Club is one of the largest community based clubs in Illinois. BTSC is a 501(c)(3) non-for profit organization that was established in the mid 90's to offer local players the highest level of training and have them compete against top competition based on their individual ability. Our program emphasizes total player development; technical, tactical, physical, and psychological. Perhaps even more importantly, the club strives to teach personal habits that our players will keep for years to come: teamwork, commitment, responsibility, and loyalty.

### MISSION

BTSC's mission is to support youth travel soccer, to develop skills for U8-U19 players and to instill appropriate behavior and good sportsmanship. We also hope to inspire a passion for the game, not only in the players, but also the parents, coaches and the general community.

### STRUCTURE

BTSC is community based therefore many volunteers are involved with running the club. The BTSC Board of Directors is responsible for ongoing operations and policy making. In June 2006 the club hired a Director of Coaching and Player Development (DOC). The Director of Coaching, while accountable to the Board of Directors, has control over all on-field issues and oversight of player development. All coaches and trainers, whether they be professional or volunteer are appropriately licensed and held to a high standard of ability and behavior.

## TEAMS

In 2008-2009, Bartlett Travel Soccer Club fielded 22 competitive boys and girls teams ranging in age from U8-U19. Our girls teams compete in the Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL) and our boys/coed teams compete in either the Northern Illinois Soccer League (NISL) or the Young Sportsmen' Soccer League (YSSL).

## CLUB MANAGED

Club managed means that members pay a fixed yearly fee to the club and the club arranges and pays for the entire soccer program (as defined in the CLUB FEES section). In general the club provides for a year-long program of league play, tournaments, and training. A professional trainer is assigned to each team each season. The curriculum that each trainer uses is developed and guided by our DOC. This structure will insure a more consistent program across all age levels. Many travel soccer clubs successfully use this approach in managing their teams.

One of the most important assets in the club managed structure is our volunteer coaches. The coach of a club managed team assists the assigned trainer during practices, games, and helps guide the team. Many teams in the club optionally assign a team manager who provides administration for the team and facilitates communications between the team and its parents.

**FOR 2009-2010 ALL BTSC TEAMS ARE CLUB MANAGED**

## BTSC STRUCTURE

Below are the various job descriptions in the BTSC structure. Please review these carefully, as many problems arise out of a misunderstanding of these various roles and responsibilities.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Provide direction and policy for the club.
- Are governed by the club's bylaws.
- Are volunteers.
- Are elected by the members. Half of the board is up for re-election each year. Elections are governed by the bylaws.
- Meet once per month in a meeting open to all members (may meet more often as needed).

### DIRECTOR OF COACHING

- Oversee all teams, players, trainers, and coaches.
- Evaluate and help with the development of coaches and players, and develop team goals and strategy for each season.
- Assist with practice coverage and game coaching if needed.
- Assist in resolving team/parent/player issues.
- Place teams in appropriate tournaments (1 per outdoor season).
- Place teams in appropriate indoor league play.
- Create a club-wide coaching philosophy.
- Develop a club-wide consistent curriculum.
- Assign trainers for each team each season (Fall, Winter, Spring) based on USSF guidelines and the needs of individual teams and age levels. USSF guidelines recommend that a trainer stay with a team no more than 4 seasons (2 years). The DOC will rotate trainers to meet this recommendation.
- Approves all volunteer coaches for a single year (August 1 – July 31).

## TEAM COACH/TRAINER

- Develops lesson plans, provides game analysis and follows curriculum developed by the DOC.
- Conducts team training sessions each week during the season.
- Has a league mandated background check.
- Attends and coaches ALL games, unless prior arrangement has been made with the DOC.
- Attends coaching meetings and clinics as set by the DOC, and gains more experience attending licensing courses.
- Is available to parents and players to provide feedback and answer team related questions.
- Works closely with the team coach.
- Provides a written evaluation of each player in the Fall and Spring seasons.
- Will work with a team no more than 4 seasons (2 years) per USSF guidelines.

## TEAM COACH

- Are critical to the club managed structure. It is their input and guidance that ensures the needs of players and parents are met.
- Are all volunteers.
- Holds the appropriate coaching license for their age level.
- Has a league mandated background check.
- Attends all games and scrimmages and attends at least one practice per week to assist the trainer.
- Attends Coaching meetings and clinics as set by the DOC, and gains more experience attending licensing courses.
- Is available to parents and players to provide feedback and answer team related questions.
- Communicates on a regular basis with players and parents with regards to performance, playing time, and any changes to the training/game schedule.
- Relays any issues that arise to the appropriate league representative or DOC.
- Carries pass cards, medical release forms, permission to travel forms, etc.

## TEAM MANAGER

- Is optional and in some cases the team coach will perform this role.
- Is assigned by the team.
- Has a league mandated background check.
- Is generally the contact between the club and the team.
- Is responsible for game changes and administrative duties of the team including collecting additional fees and posting the schedule/results to the BTSC website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)).

## TEAMS

BTSC has three levels of teams.

**Green** – these are the highest level players in terms of talent and physical abilities. Green teams are expected to compete at the highest levels in their respective leagues. These players have generally chosen soccer as their primary sport; therefore a higher level of commitment is often required.

**White** – these are generally experienced players who are developing toward higher levels of play. White teams compete at the upper-middle levels in their respective leagues. Soccer for these players is one of their primary sports.

**Blue** – these are generally the more inexperienced players. By playing at the lower levels in their respective leagues they are allowed to develop naturally without a high amount of pressure. Soccer may or may not be a primary sport for these players.

**REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF PLAY, BTSC EXPECTS ALL TEAMS TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF BTSC AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES APPROPRIATELY AS A TRAVEL SOCCER TEAM.**

## SOCCER LEAGUES

**Girls Teams** – Compete in the Illinois Women’s Soccer League (IWSL).

**Boys/Coed Teams** – Compete in either the Northern Illinois Soccer League (NISL) or the Young Sportsmen’s Soccer League (YSSL). League placement is decided by the clubs Director of Coaching.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

BTSC uses all professional trainers in its soccer program. These trainers are selected and placed by the DOC.

### **BTSC FOLLOWS USSF GUIDELINES THAT RECOMMEND A TRAINER STAY WITH A TEAM NO MORE THAN 4 SEASONS (2 YEARS).**

The DOC will rotate trainers to meet this recommendation whenever possible based on the availability of qualified persons.

## TOURNAMENT PHILOSOPHY

The BTSC has a sound tournament philosophy when it comes to sending our teams to non-league competitions. We feel strongly that for our U8-U14 team tournaments should be used to prepare teams for league play and we strive to find our teams tournaments early in the Fall and Spring seasons which will prepare them for league play. For our U15-U19 teams, tournaments serve as a means to both prepare for league play and be seen by college coaches who are recruiting student athletes. We look to find our U15-U19 teams tournaments that will provide an environment to showcase their skills and abilities for college recruiters from around the nation. It is anticipated that many of our teams will go to the same tournaments to create a club identity.

Your club fees include one tournament per outdoor season (for the boys the fall tournament is the NISL seeding tournament). Teams are not limited to a single tournament and are free to arrange and pay for additional tournaments. The DOC will recommend appropriate tournaments for teams on request.

## COMMUNICATION

The Bartlett Travel Soccer Club communicates with its members in many ways:

- Communication regarding a team is handled by the team coach or team manager.
- Communication about club-wide events will be posted on the BTSC website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)) and will often be sent to all members via email.
- The BTSC website is an important resource for club information. We will be continually updating the site's content to keep you informed of the latest happenings. We recommend that parents who wish to keep informed about the club check the website often.
- Approved board meeting minutes, bylaws, and the club budget are posted on the website.
- The annual General Meeting of the club membership is held once per year per the bylaws.

## PLAYER EXPECTATIONS AND COMMITMENT

BTSC strives to provide the best soccer experience possible. In order to fulfill this objective, we need a similar commitment from players and parents.

## COMMITMENT

Each BTSC player is expected to attend every training session and game. We realize that on occasion it may be necessary to miss practice or a game. In that case please inform your coach as far in advance as possible.

## PLAYING TIME

The BTSC playing time policy follows the guidelines of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA). It is a simple policy and is one that most travel clubs use.

### **BTSC DOES NOT GUARANTEE ANY AMOUNT OF PLAYING TIME**

We do, however, realize that in order to learn the game you must play the game. Our coaching guidelines recognize that U7 through U12 is the foundation (romance) stage of player development and our coaches and trainers attempt to evenly distribute playing time. Playing time may not always be balanced in every game but the coach and trainer should strive for balance across the season. At this stage players who are in good standing with the team should have an opportunity to play in every game. It is our aim for our younger player to build a love for the game and this can only be done by playing.

At U13 and above the game becomes more competitive. U13 and U14 is the commitment stage where players generally commit to the sport. U15 and above is the dedication stage where players choose soccer as their primary sport. In both of these stages playing time will not be evenly distributed and in general the player who attends practice, works harder, and exhibits a higher level of skill and fitness will play more. Parents must realize that in these stages there may be games where players do not play at all.

At BTSC playing time is at the discretion of the coaches and trainers and players "earn" it through their work ethic and skill in practice and games. Just as playing time can be earned it can also be lost. The following are examples of situations that will result in a loss of playing time.

- not being in good standing with the club (fees not paid, etc)
- being late to or absent from practices and games
- being disruptive during the coaching process
- being disrespectful to coaches or other players

## PRACTICES

The BTSC Practice Policy is one of the most basic ingredients of our program. We demand from our coaches a significant time commitment and it comes as no surprise that we should expect our players to be willing to make the very same commitment. While we realize that our players may have other activities or interests, we also strongly believe it is crucial that players attend every training session unless they simply cannot for a valid reason. As such, the older the player, the stricter the team coach will be with absences from mandatory training sessions and/or other team activities. This is why we communicate to families as early as possible about the upcoming training sessions, games, tournaments, and other team related activities. Simply put, you cannot miss a training session or train poorly and still expect to improve. We believe that you as a player will find success if you attend each training session keeping in mind that to properly train you should always:

- Pay attention to the coaches in training.
- Make an effort to improve your skills and abilities at training.
- Strive to train at match speed.
- Do not distract others at training or disrupt the training with poor behavior.
- Keep a positive attitude at all times.
- Respect other players.

**BTSC HAS AN OPEN TRAINING POLICY. IF YOU MISS YOUR TEAM'S TRAINING SESSION, YOU MAY ATTEND ONE FROM ANOTHER TEAM WITH DOC APPROVAL.**

## TARDINESS

All players are expected to arrive early or on time for practice and games (the coach will set the expected time to meet prior to these events). This means that a player must be dressed and ready to go at the appropriate time.

## INJURED PLAYERS

All injured players are encouraged to attend every training session and game. Every team activity is an opportunity to learn and thus injured players are encouraged to attend. Since every child and injury is different, the coach and parents should discuss if the injury is such that the player should be excused for team activity.

## VIOLATIONS

The following violations will result in loss of playing time or other disciplinary actions.

- Arriving late to practice or games may result in loss of playing time.
- Failure to appear at practices or games may result in loss of playing time.
- Repeated violations may result in suspension.
- Fighting shall be grounds for suspension.
- Failure to pay fees. A player and his parents shall pay the fees established by BTSC for the program by the date specified in the program description. Failure to pay fees as established by BTSC shall result in the immediate suspension of the player until fees are paid or a fee arrangement is established and agreed to by the BTSC Board of Directors.

A suspended Player must be present at team games unless excused by the team coach. If player suspension occurs while traveling with the team the player may be sent home immediately at the Player's parent's expense by whatever means is most convenient and reasonable for the team coach. In the event of any suspension there shall be no reimbursement of fees made to the suspended player's parents.

## SUSPENSIONS

Any player found to be engaging in substance abuse including but not limited to drugs, alcohol and tobacco is subject to immediate suspension from BTSC for a term as established by the Board of Directors. It is the player's responsibility to act in a manner that avoids situations that involve substance abuse. Such situations if they occur must be immediately reported to the team coach or appropriate team chaperone. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior by a player is cause for suspension from BTSC for a term as established by the Board of Directors. Destruction of property and/or violation of State and/or Federal laws are cause for suspension from the club for a term as established by the Board of Directors. Failure to comply with any rules and regulations as established by the BTSC Board of Directors, Director of Coaching or Team Coach including but not limited to payment of fees, practice attendance, and schedules may result in the loss of playing time. Persistent failure to comply as set forth above may result in suspension from BTSC as established by the Board of Directors.

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Parents who have disputes or issues with the operation of the club or teams should first contact the team coach or team manager for resolution. If a satisfactory resolution cannot be reached the issue may be escalated to the league (IWSL, NISL or YSSL) representative. The league representative will work with the DOC and the club board to resolve issues. All club members are welcome to address issues pertaining to club policy and operation with the club board at monthly board meetings.

## PARENTS/PLAYERS

Parents and players must read and sign the club Code of Conduct that is provided at registration.

## CLUB FEES

All BTSC teams are club managed for 2009-2010. The BTSC club managed fees include the following:

- Club registration fee. This covers administrative costs of running the club including: insurance, tryouts, DOC, club picnic, legal and accounting fees.
- Background checks for all who work with children.
- Licensing and first aid training for volunteer coaches.
- One paid tournament each outdoor season (NISL seeding tournament is the fall tournament for boys).
- Field fees (Park District).
- IWSL (girls), NISL and YSSL (boys/coed) league fees.
- Referee fees.
- Indoor practice facility rental.
- Indoor league fees (second session, generally starting in January).

The BTSC club managed program for U8 through U14 provides professional training that follows an age-based curriculum created by our Director of Coaching. It includes:

- All professional training during the fall season (two 90 minute sessions per week, U8 is one 90 minute session and one 90 minute combined foot skills & 3v3 session).
- A professional trainer led team camp at the start of the fall season.
- All professional training during the winter season (10 hours of training).
- All professional training during the spring season (two 90 minute sessions per week, U8 is one 90 minute session and one 3v3 session).
- All games attended by a professional coach for outdoor seasons, the indoor season and one tournament per outdoor season.
- Goalie training camps during the outdoor seasons.
- Open training – if you miss your team’s training session, you may attend one from another team (with DOC approval).

The BTSC club managed program for High School aged players (U15 and up) is designed to meet the specific needs of the advanced player and provides professional training that follows the curriculum created by our Director of Coaching. It includes:

- All professional training during the outdoor season (two 90 minute sessions per week for 10 weeks).
- All games attended by a professional coach for outdoor season, the indoor season and one tournament per outdoor season.
- All professional training during the winter (10 hours of training).
- Goalie training camps during the outdoor seasons.
- Open training – if you miss your team’s training session, you may attend one from another team (with DOC approval).

## OPTIONAL SERVICES

The following optional services are provided periodically by the club. These services are generally offered for an additional fee.

- Summer camps
- Foot skills training
- Futsal (Winter)
- Fitness and Conditioning training
- Jr. Hawks Academy (U6-U12)

## AGE LEVEL COMPARISON AND FEES

Age Level	U8/U9	U10 –U14	U15-U19
<b>2009/2010 Fee</b>	<b>\$1075</b>	<b>\$1275</b>	<b>\$775</b>
Club Fee (Player Registration)	X	X	X
Fall Outdoor League Play	X	X	girls
Spring Outdoor League Play	X	X	boys
Club Wide Training Curriculum by age group	X	X	X
Qualified Coaching Staff	X	X	X
Professional Coach/Trainer	X	X	X
Two Training sessions per week – Outdoor Seasons	U9	X	X
One Training session plus one combined foot skills & 3v3 session per week	U8		
Team Pre-Season Training Camp – Fall season only	X	X	
Professional Game Coaching – All games and one tournament per season	X	X	X
Fall Tournament (includes NISL Seeding tourney for boys)	X	X	girls
Spring Tournament	X	X	boys
Indoor Season (2nd session, generally starting in January)	X	X	X
Indoor Training - 10 session per season	X	X	X
Indoor games – professional coached	X	X	X
Indoor facility – gym	X		
Indoor facility – turf *		X	X

\* The club will make every effort to have as much indoor turf time as possible depending on availability

\*\* Team placed in the Premier divisions in their leagues may incur additional fees.

## PAYMENTS

The following is the club's payment policy

- The registration fee is due at sign up.
- A \$25.00 reduction in club fees IF all fees are paid in full at the May/June registration.
- Payments can be broken up into 3 installment or 7 installment plans (an additional \$25.00 fee is added to the 7 installment plan) the club may offer additional payment options. Please contact the clubs treasurer with inquiries about payment options.
- Payments due the 15th of each month pursuant to the payment plan. Payment installments paid by check will be charged a late fee of \$25 if received more than 5 days past the due If new information, whether expiration date or new credit card number, is not received by the 5th business day from point of e-mailed notification, the \$25 late fee will be assessed in place of the \$10 fee.
- If payment is not rectified after 10 business days from point of e-mail to guardian, the director of coaching will be notified along with the head coach and the player's pass will be pulled until full payment has been received.
- Any check payment that is returned for non sufficient funds shall incur a \$25 fee. Also, a \$25 late fee will apply to late payments in addition to player passes being pulled.

## REFUNDS

The following is the club's refund policy.

- If a refund is requested within 48 hours after registering, all fees paid will be refunded.
- If a refund is requested after 48 hours, but before August 1st, all registration fees excluding fees paid to NISL, IWSL or YSSL will be refunded on or about May 1, if the player decides not to play soccer at any club during the upcoming season.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE CONSIDERED after August 1st (medical situations and family relocation may be exempt from this rule.)
- Uniform fees are generally not refundable and are no longer handled by BTSC. Please see the Uniform section below for more information.

**NO REFUND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ANY TIME DURING THE PRE-SEASON OR CURRENT SEASON BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, TEAM PARENTS, OR TRAVEL CONFLICTS.**

## UNIFORMS

Every BTSC player must have a team uniform that is approved by the BTSC board. A uniform order form will be provided prior to registration. Our uniform provider will have uniforms to try-on at registration. The required uniform consists of,

- One home jersey (green)
- One away jersey (white)
- One pair shorts (green)
- One pair socks (green)

Optionally the player can elect to purchase the following

- Warm-ups (pants and top)
- Gear Bag
- Spirit wear (t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc)
- Extra socks, shorts, or jerseys

Uniforms are ordered through our uniform supplier, Soccer 2000 and all fees, ordering, delivery, and refunds are handled through them.

Soccer 2000	(630) 241-9500
136 Ogden Ave	www.soccer2k.com
Downers Grove, IL	

## TRYOUTS

BTSC adheres to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) open tryout rule.

Tryouts are conducted by the DOC and the BTSC professional training staff. No parents will be involved in the tryout process. BTSC feels that using impartial/professional evaluators is the best (and fairest) way to place players from year to year.

## TRYOUT DATES

For dates and information about BTSC Soccer Club try outs, check the clubs web site at [WWW.BTSC.NET](http://WWW.BTSC.NET)

**FOR INFORMATION ON TRYOUTS CHECK OUR WEBSITE ([WWW.BTSC.NET](http://WWW.BTSC.NET)) OR CONTACT [TRYOUTS@BTSC.NET](mailto:TRYOUTS@BTSC.NET)**

## TRYOUT PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for all Bartlett Travel Soccer Club programs begin on our website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)). Our registration system is family based. A user creates a family account, and then to this family account adds participants (players). It is highly recommended that you complete the pre-registration online before tryouts.

## SOCCER AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART

Soccer clubs in Illinois operate a season that begin August 1st and runs through July 31st. Age levels are designated with a U (meaning “under”) so for example an 11 year old player would generally play U12. See the chart below to determine the age level for a given birth date.

Born	2009-2010 Age Level
8/1/90 & Later	U19
8/1/91 & Later	U18
8/1/92 & Later	U17
8/1/93 & Later	U16
8/1/94 & Later	U15
8/1/95 & Later	U14
8/1/96 & Later	U13
8/1/97 & Later	U12
8/1/98 & Later	U11
8/1/99 & Later	U10
8/1/00 & Later	U9
8/1/01 & Later	U8
8/1/02 & Later	U7
8/1/03 & Later	U6

## TRYOUT PROCESS

Before tryouts players should pre-register on our website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)). This will speed up the tryout check-in process. Players MUST bring the required paperwork (signed) to check-in at tryouts. Each player will be assigned a tryout number and will be given a T-shirt with that number to wear during the sessions.

Tryouts are conducted by our professional training staff. BTSC holds open tryouts which mean that all players have an equal opportunity to be placed on a team regardless of their current club standing. All decisions on team placement are done by the DOC with input from the training staff. DOC decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Within 72 hours of the conclusion of tryouts the results will be posted on the BTSC website. Tryout results will be posted by player tryout number. Players have 48 hours from the posting of tryout results to accept or decline online using our website.

If a player is ‘wait listed’ for a team they will be notified by the DOC 72 hours after registration is complete if there is a position available with the club.

After tryouts and registration the club does reserve the right to move players from team to team to balance age groups.

## REGISTRATION

Registration will occur shortly after tryout results are posted. Check the BTSC web site at WWW.BTSC.NET for date and location of registration.

Players must complete the required paperwork as outlined by the online registration system. These forms must be turned in at the registration session. Uniform and spirit wear orders may be placed at that time. **PLAYERS MUST ATTEND REGISTRATION as the club will take a photo for the player's league pass.**

**ONLY PLAYERS THAT ARE REGISTERED FOR BTSC CAN PLAY FOR A BTSC TEAM. THIS INCLUDES ALL OUTDOOR LEAGUE PLAY, TRAINING SESSIONS, TOURNAMENTS, AND ALL WINTER INDOOR SESSIONS.**

## PLAYERS MISSING TRYOUTS

Each year, some current and prospective players are unavailable on the tryout dates for their respective age group. Players are at a considerable disadvantage by not attending tryouts. If a player will be missing all or part of tryouts, he or she must:

- Pre-register on the BTSC website (www.BTSC.net).
- Notify the DOC and express interest in playing for BTSC for the upcoming year (contact tryouts@btsc.net).
- Organize a tryouts time with the DOC (contact tryouts@btsc.net).
- Within one week of the tryout date and if selected for a team, pick up, fill out, and return the necessary paperwork by the required date in order to secure a place on the team.

## PLAYERS INTERESTED IN PLAYING UP A YEAR

The DOC is responsible for placing players at the appropriate level. As a general rule we do not let players U7 thru U14 play up a year – this is a USSF recommendation. At BTSC there are circumstances where a player will be allowed to play up, these include but are not limited to:

- They will be an impact player on the higher age level team.
- A team does not have enough players at that age group and players are needed to fill the roster.
- They have the permission from the DOC.

Other reasons may be considered at the discretion of the DOC. BTSC does allow U15 thru U18 to “play up” as this is common on their High School sponsored teams.

## GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING ON A BOYS TEAM

As a rule we do not allow girls to play on a boy's team. That said, there are circumstances where this will be allowed, these include but are not limited to:

- They will be an impact player on the boy's team.
- A team does not have enough players at that age group and players are needed to fill the roster.
- They have the permission from the DOC.

BTSC's main objective is “total player development” and BTSC is committed to placing a player where they have the best possible chance to develop in the next 12 months with the club.

## PLAYERS WHO WISH TO JOIN MID-SEASON

If a player wishes to join the club mid-season and has not gone through the regular tryout process they may follow the steps below

- Check the website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)) for team openings or inquire at [tryouts@btsc.net](mailto:tryouts@btsc.net).
- Notify the DOC and express interest in playing for BTSC (contact [tryouts@btsc.net](mailto:tryouts@btsc.net)).
- Organize a tryouts time with the DOC (contact [tryouts@btsc.net](mailto:tryouts@btsc.net)).
- Within one week of the tryout date and if selected for a team, pick up, fill out, and return the necessary paperwork by the required date in order to secure a place on the team.

## SAFETY

### BTSC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Your child's safety is BTSC's highest priority. The club has several initiatives to ensure safety.

- All trainers have first aid and CPR training.
- At least one coach for each team will have first aid/CPR training every two years.
- All coaches and trainers have league mandated background checks,
- In 2004, the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) issued a ruling requiring each member club to establish a comprehensive Goal Safety Program and certify annually that teams have complied with the requirements of the IYSA Goal Safety Policy (IYSA Rule 021-A). BTSC complies with this policy.
- BTSC follows the lightning and weather policy of the Bartlett Park District. The Bartlett Park District has a lightning prediction system (Thor Guard). The following procedures are to be followed when potentially dangerous weather exists:
  - A Warning Signal (one long 15 second horn blast) will sound and strobe lights will activate when a potentially dangerous weather situation is approaching. The strobe lights are mounted on the top of the Aquatic Center and Golf Course Clubhouse.
  - All activities in the park will end immediately and patrons must leave the park. It is recommended that park patrons seek shelter in their cars or a building. All park patrons must wait until the Lightning Prediction System performs an All Clear Signal before returning to the park.
  - The All Clear Signal (three short horn blasts, two seconds apart) will sound, and the strobe lights will deactivate. Park patrons may resume their activities.
  - The Thor Guard System helps assess the conditions. Neither the signal nor the system is intended to guarantee that conditions are safe. If the weather is threatening and no warning signal is heard or seen, use good judgment and clear the field.
  - For more information on the Thor Guard system see the Bartlett Park District website ([www.bartlettparkdistrict.com](http://www.bartlettparkdistrict.com)).

### WEATHER UPDATES

Since the Bartlett Park District (BPD) provides the outdoor practice and game fields, they have the final decision on field availability. When the BPD closes fields we will post a notice on the BTSC website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)) and in most cases send an email to all club members. You should be notified by your coach or team manager of practice or game cancellations and changes. For home games and practices you may call the Bartlett Park District field hotline at 630-540-4892.

## CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

The following are important web addresses and phone numbers

**BTSC Website:** [www.btsc.net](http://www.btsc.net)

**BTSC Phone:** 630-659-6188

**Bartlett Park District:** [www.bartlettparkdistrict.com](http://www.bartlettparkdistrict.com)

**Bartlett Park District field hotline:** (630) 540-4892

**Illinois State Youth Soccer Association:** [www.iysa.org](http://www.iysa.org)

**US Club Soccer:** [www.usclubsoccer.org](http://www.usclubsoccer.org)

**Illinois Women's Soccer League:** [www.iwsl.com](http://www.iwsl.com)

**Northern Illinois Soccer League:** [www.northernillinoisoccerleague.com](http://www.northernillinoisoccerleague.com)

**Young Sportsmen's Soccer League:** [www.yssl.org](http://www.yssl.org)

**Soccer 2000 (uniforms):** [www.soccer2k.com](http://www.soccer2k.com)

**Soccer Success:** [www.soccersuccess.com](http://www.soccersuccess.com)

Mail may be sent to coaches, trainers, DOC and board members through the BTSC website ([www.BTSC.net](http://www.BTSC.net)) or at [hawks@BTSC.net](mailto:hawks@BTSC.net)

**BTSC 2009-2010 PARENT/PLAYER HANDBOOK ACCEPTANCE FORM**

All BTSC players and a parents or guardians must sign fill out and sign the form below. The form will be collected at registration.

**PARENT SIGNATURE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent or legal guardian of a BTSC player, have read and fully understand the information, rules, and guidelines contained within the 2009-2010 handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**PLAYER SIGNATURE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a BTSC player, have read and fully understand the information, rules, and guidelines contained within the 2009-2010 handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

PLEASE DETACH, SIGN, AND RETURN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS ON THE DATE INDICATED