



## *FAQs about the Freeland Force Travel Soccer Team*



## **WELCOME TO THE FREELAND FORCE**

The Freeland Soccer Club is dedicated to educating youth of the area in the rules and regulations of soccer. We strive to teach players about fair sportsmanship, as well as teaching skills essential to be successful in the game of soccer.

By providing experienced coaches, strength and conditioning services, and specialized position training, the Freeland Force is a competitive soccer program, at a great value, in your own local community.

The Freeland Soccer Association Complex is located at the Freeland Middle School at 8250 Webster, Freeland MI 48623.

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### **What age group does my child fall into?**

Teams are determined by birth year. Please reference the chart below that also includes this years tryout schedule.

### **Freeland Force 2021/2022 Travel Tryout Schedule**

<b>Birth Year</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Saturday 6/12</b>	<b>Sunday 6/13</b>
2013	U9	8:30AM - 10:00AM	8:30AM - 10:00AM
2012	U10	8:30AM - 10:00AM	8:30AM - 10:00AM
2011	U11	8:30AM - 10:00AM	8:30AM - 10:00AM
2010	U12	10:30AM - 12:00PM	10:30AM - 12:00PM
2009	U13	4:00PM - 5:30PM	4:00PM - 5:30PM
2008	U14	4:00PM - 5:30PM	4:00PM - 5:30PM
2007	U15	4:00PM - 5:30PM	4:00PM - 5:30PM
2006	U16	12:30PM - 2:00PM	12:30PM - 2:00PM
2005	U17	2:00PM - 3:30PM	2:00PM - 3:30PM
2004	U18	2:00PM - 3:30PM	2:00PM - 3:30PM
2003	U19	2:00PM - 3:30PM	2:00PM - 3:30PM

### **Do I have to tryout both Saturday and Sunday?**

It is not required, but highly recommended. However, it is required that ALL players go through a tryout process.

### **I am not available for tryouts, is there a make-up time?**

If you are not available for tryouts, coaches may hold alternate tryout times. Please complete the travel interest poll and contact the Director of Travel, Gary Puvalowski, at [gpuvalowski@gmail.com](mailto:gpuvalowski@gmail.com). The make up dates and times will be listed on the Freeland Soccer Club Facebook Page.

### **Can I just sign up before tryouts?**

No, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) requires that placements on teams cannot be offered prior to the first day of tryouts, June 12, 2021.

### **What is the difference between MMYSL Team and Premier Team?**

MMYSL is a local league, travel will be closer to home and competition may vary. Premier plays in a statewide organization that has many levels. These team are more competitive and travel may be further.

### **How do I know if my child will be on a MMYSL or Premier team?**

Currently the Freeland Force only has one Premier team and it is at the U15 level, however we are currently seeking players for the 2021/2022 season at the U15 level.

### **What is the cost and when is it due?**

There are a few different costs associated with the travel program. First, the cost for MMYSL Team is \$350 and Premier Team is \$400. This covers the fall 2021 and spring 2022 season and is due at the team registration meeting. Second, the cost of the jersey which is \$100 - \$120 for a full kit and can be used year after year. The final costs are for tournaments and winter training which is divided between those participating. The team registration meeting time will be communicated by coaches and is typically held 2-3 weeks after tryouts. There is no cost to tryout.

### **How far do I "travel"?**

For MMYSL teams, most games will be within the greater tri-city area, with Alma/Mt. Pleasant/Davison being the furthest reaching points. For Premier, it will depend on the division, but typically within a two hour drive for the furthest game. For both teams, half of your games will be home and half away.

### **What does a typical season look like?**

A typical schedule includes:

**Fall** - Practice, twice per week, begins in early August with games starting the end of August. There will be 8 to 10 league games with the possibility of 1 to 2 tournaments. The season goes through October.

**Winter** - Training will take place in February or March with Futsal leagues in the winter. Futsal is optional.

**Spring** - Practice, twice per week, begins in early April with games starting at the end of April. There will be 8 to 10 league games with the possibility of 1 to 2 tournaments. The season goes through the beginning of June.

### **Can I play for just fall or spring season?**

Yes, if you are available for just fall/spring, please communicate that prior to tryouts. Half season cost is \$225 for MMSYL and \$275 for Premier.

**Can I play another sport at the same time as Travel?**

Yes, this is more common with middle school athletes that play volleyball and track. If you are in this situation for any age, please communicate this to the coach prior to accepting a spot on the team to ensure schedules can be coordinated.

**My child excels for their age, can they play on an older team?**

Yes, MSYSA allows players to play up 2 years of age, as well as girls may play on boys teams.

**How do I know that a coach is being fair at tryouts and not just picking friends?**

Each tryout group is assigned an independent evaluator. The evaluator will ensure that the coaches decision are fair and make sense.

**What do I do once I arrive at tryouts?**

You will check in at the registration table and receive a number based on birth year. You will then be directed to the field for the age group you are trying out for. Below is the number range for each birth year. Please have your child wear that number both days.

**I have more questions that are not listed, who can I contact?**

Please attend our Informational Night on **Thursday, June 10th at 6:30pm**. If you cannot attend you may contact the Director of Travel, Gary Puvalowski at [gpuvalowski@gmail.com](mailto:gpuvalowski@gmail.com) or the Director of Coaching, Ernie Martinez at [freelandscdoc@gmail.com](mailto:freelandscdoc@gmail.com).