



Jr. Irish Soccer Club  
TRYOUT INFORMATION  
For U9-U14 Teams  
FALL 2007 AND SPRING 2008

**\*\* PLEASE USE EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION via [www.jrirsoccer.org](http://www.jrirsoccer.org) \*\***

**U15-U18 AGE GROUPS:** TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22nd 2008. MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

**U9 AGE GROUP:** Please see information regarding U9 Academy (specific to this age group) at bottom of page.

**U10-U14 AGE GROUPS:**

Tryouts for these age groups are scheduled for the dates and times below. Please note that it is imperative that the player arrives on time as there are changes regarding the registration process. *The first hour on Monday will be for registration and uniform fittings. All players must allow time for registration and a complete uniform fitting. This is mandatory.*

Monday, June 18	5:30-8:00	U10-U14 Girls
Monday, June 18	6:30-9:00	U10-U14 Boys
Tuesday, June 19	5:30-7:00	U10-U14 Girls
Tuesday, June 19	7:00-8:30	U10-U14 Boys

**LOCATION:** All tryouts will be held at the Jr. Irish Airport Fields.

**TRYOUT POLICY:** All players are expected to tryout at their respective age group times. Players will be allowed to play up based on the Jr. Irish Playing Up policy. All questions regarding this policy should be directed to one of the Coaching Directors.

**AGE GROUPS**

U14  
U13  
U12  
U11  
U10  
U9

**BIRTHDATES**

8-1-93 to 7-31-94  
8-1-94 to 7-31-95  
8-1-95 to 7-31-96  
8-1-96 to 7-31-97  
8-1-97 to 7-31-98  
8-1-98 to 7-31-99

**TEAMS & LEAGUES**

Tryouts will determine how many teams will be formed and which league each team will play in during the fall 2007 and spring 2008 seasons. The leagues consist of the Northern Indiana Soccer League (NISL), the Indiana State League (ISL), Greater Indiana Regional

League of Soccer (GIRLS for girl's teams only), and the Midwest Regional League (MRL).

Each team that is formed will be selected to play in the league based on its ability and performance history. The club's intent is to place each team in the league that will provide the appropriate level of competition for that team's ability and maximize each player's growth.

League recommendations are based on input from the team's parents, coach, and coaching directors. The club recommends that all U10-U11 teams participate in the Northern Indiana Soccer League (NISL). This league minimizes travel while placing players in a competitive environment.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO INDICATE ON THE TRYOUT FORM WHICH LEVEL OF TRAVEL YOUR CHILD WILL BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN. PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE ON THE FORM ANY AND ALL TRAVEL LEVELS YOU ARE WILLING TO PLAY IN. The travel levels and league descriptions are included below. The number of players that tryout along with the team's overall ability level will determine the final league placement and the number of teams that will be formed at each age group.

*Northern Indiana Soccer League (NISL):*

This league is open to boys and girls of all age groups and consists of teams from Northern Indiana. Most games are played in the South Bend, Elkhart, Portage, Warsaw, and Fort Wayne areas. League games are scheduled for seven weeks and games are played on Saturday or Sunday. A league tournament is conducted at the end of each season. Each team determines the number and location of tournaments they will participate in. Each team practices two times per week.

**STATE TRAVEL**

*Indiana State League (ISL):*

This league is open to boys and girls teams beginning with the U13 age groups and plays against the best of the state level teams. Travel is required in Indiana, but is normally restricted to the Central and Northern half of the state. The league games are played on three to four weekends and either on Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. This league is recommended for teams that desire a higher level of competition than is provided in the Northern Indiana Soccer League. Each team determines the number and location of tournaments it will participate in. Each team will practice two or three times per week as agreed upon by the team and coach. This league is not available in all age groups.

*Greater Indiana Regional League of Soccer (GIRLS):*

This league is for girl's teams only beginning with the U11 age groups and is comprised of many of the best teams in the state of Indiana. Each team that participates in this league plays in a division with teams of comparable ability. This league is recommended

for teams that desire a higher level of competition than is provided in the Northern Indiana Soccer League. Division placement is determined by a team's past performance. The season will consist of about 10 games played on Saturdays or Saturdays/Sundays. Travel for league games is usually limited to the central and northern portions of Indiana. Each team determines the number and location of tournaments it will attend. Teams in this league generally practice two or three nights per week.

**REGIONAL TRAVEL:**

*Midwest Regional League (MRL):*

This league is open to U13 boys and girls teams. A Team must apply for and be selected to play in this league based on its performance in previous seasons. This league is recommended for teams that desire a higher level of competition than can be found at the state level. A limited number of teams from each state (2-4) are selected. Teams will play against the best teams from neighboring states (IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, PA, WI). Games will be played at central sites to help minimize travel, but you can be expected to travel to sites in any of these states. (The Jr. Irish Soccer Complex has been used as a game site as well.) This league provides the highest level of competition that teams in our area will face.

**PARENT COMMITMENT:**

Players are expected to be at all training sessions, games, and tournaments. Parents are asked to do volunteer tasks periodically that may involve field maintenance, help with uniforms, be a team representative, serve on board committees, etc. **IT IS REQUIRED THAT A PARENT OF EACH PLAYING CLUB MEMBER VOLUNTEER AT LEAST ONE SHIFT AT THE MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY THE JR. IRISH CLUB. THE SUCCESS OF THIS TOURNAMENT DEPENDS ON THE COMMITMENT OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS.**

**FEES:**

Club fees are paid in two installments to cover the fall 2007 and the spring 2008 seasons. These fees are required of all U10-U14 AGE GROUPS. (U9's please see Academy information.) This year's fees reflect slightly lower amounts due to the fact that uniform packages will now be required to be purchased by each player. (Please see below.)

	<b><u>U10-U11</u></b>	<b><u>U12-U14</u></b>
June 18, 2007	\$255	\$340.
January, 2008*	\$255.	\$340.

\* *The January fees are due at the All-Club Meeting.*

Fees cover all known expenses including coach's pay, league registrations, player registrations with IYSA and the US Youth Soccer Association, winter indoor training, field and equipment maintenance, skills clinics, tournaments, practice t-shirts, and referee fees for home games. Any team may attend additional tournaments but will be responsible for all entry fees and coaching related expenses. **If your child is not selected to play on a club team, your deposit will be refunded in full.**

## **UNIFORM FEES:**

Beginning in Fall 2007, the Jr. Irish teams will have a mandatory uniform kit they are required to purchase. These items will remain the property of each player and should last the player 2-3 years. Please refer to the uniform order form link to see items included.

U10-U12 Elite Kit	\$87.10
U13-U18 Elite Kit	\$161.30
GOALKEEPER Kit**	\$114.70

*\*\* If your child plays both a field position and goalie, it is recommended that they purchase the elite player kit plus a goalie jersey.*

## **REQUIRED FOR TRYOUTS:**

- Signed and completed tryout form (see online registration on web site)
- Signed and completed commitment form (see form section from web site)
- One check, which will be made out to Jr. Irish Soccer Club for the total amount of club fees and uniform fees. You may want to do this at the time of tryouts if uniform kit add-ons are selected.
- Soccer ball, shin guards, and water bottle
- Enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

## **WHY CHOOSE JR. IRISH?**

Since 1977, the Jr. Irish Soccer Club has consistently provided the best soccer experience for area youths. Our coaching staff is recognized as the best in the area and is affiliated with the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College, Bethel College, and most area high schools. Our coaching directors are on the state district Olympic Development coaching staff, which is a feeder program to the state Olympic Development teams and the state Olympic Development Coaching Staff. Our teams and players have won numerous state championships, played on many of the state Olympic Development teams and have or are playing at many universities and colleges. Our soccer playing complex is second to none. Jr. Irish hosts one of the biggest and widely respected tournaments in the Midwest.

Whether playing at the NISL or the NRL, your child will be provided the opportunity to improve his/her individual and team skills. Our mission is to provide the best playing and learning environment for all of our players. Jr. Irish Soccer is committed to provide the competitive league environment that will challenge all players' abilities at any level.

## U9 ACADEMY INFORMATION:

ALL U9 PLAYERS IN THE STATE OF INDIANA WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A NEW DEVELOPMENTAL ACADEMY. PLAYERS WILL NOT BE PLACED ON TEAMS AND DO NOT PLAY A TRADITIONAL COMPETITIVE LEAGUE SCHEDULE. PLAYERS ARE KEPT IN A GROUP AND TRAIN TOGETHER. PLEASE REFER TO THE IYSL WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

([www.indianayouthsoccer.org/u9academy.html](http://www.indianayouthsoccer.org/u9academy.html))

NO PLAYERS WILL BE CUT, BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL INTERESTED PLAYERS ATTEND THIS SPECIAL SESSION FOR ENROLLMENT, EVALUATION, AND UNIFORM FITTINGS.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 5:30-7:00 Boys and Girls  
Held at the Jr. Irish Soccer Complex**

You will need to bring necessary items to tryouts:

- Signed and completed tryout form (see online registration on web site)
- Signed and completed commitment form (see form section from web site)
- One check, which will be made payable to Jr. Irish Soccer Club for the total amount of club fees and uniform costs (\$125.00 if there are no add-ons) for the fall 2007 season. The remainder of the fees (\$125.00) will be collected in January of 2008 at the all-club meeting, which will cover the spring 2008 season.
- Soccer ball, shin guards, and water bottle
- Enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

## CONTACTS:

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