

Deer Creek Middle School Soccer Tryouts FAQ

General Information

Who can try out?

All 7th and 8th-grade boys and girls enrolled at Deer Creek Middle School are welcome to try out.

Are tryouts for boys and girls held together or separately?

Tryouts are held over three Sundays, November 2nd, November 9th, and November 16th. Girls tryouts are from 12:30p to 2:30p. Boys tryouts are from 3p to 5 p.

Must you be present all three days?

Everyone needs to attend the first day of tryouts. We'll be making our first round of evaluations that day, and selected players will be invited to return for Days 2 and 3.

What if there's a scheduling conflict?

We scheduled three try out dates to accommodate as many schedules as possible. Make every effort to be present at least one of the three dates. If this is an impossibility, please contact the coaches for more information.

Are tryouts open to parents?

Yes, parents may attend and observe. However, to ensure players focus fully on their evaluations we ask that parents minimize communication with their player during the evaluation times. You are welcome to speak to your players during breaks.

Preparation and Requirements

What should players bring to tryouts?

- Proper soccer equipment, including shin guards. Players without proper safety equipment are NOT allowed to participate. We recommend bringing running shoes and soccer cleats to try outs.
- Weather-appropriate clothing.
- Water bottles and snacks.

Other Helpful Info

- Players will be assigned a blue or white top with a number. The uniform must be returned at the end of the tryouts.
- Arrive early and be prepared to go 100% at 12:30p. We will NOT spend time coordinating warmups.
- Goalkeepers need to have all equipment if they wish to be evaluated at that position. If a goalkeeper also wishes to be evaluated on the field, please tell the coaches in advance.

Evaluation Criteria

Players will be evaluated on the following attributes:

1. Personal Attributes:

- Attitude
- Leadership
- Ability to receive instruction
- Effort

2. Technical Skills:

- First touch
- Short and long passing
- Dribbling
- Shooting

3. Tactical Skills:

- 1v1 attacking and defending
- Team defense and attack
- Communication

4. Physical Attributes:

- Speed
- Off-ball movement
- Fitness
- Pace of play

Additional Information

Is there a fee for participation?

Yes, the program requires a fee if selected for the team, covering coaching, referees, and other program needs. Further information will be provided if you are selected.

Scholarships are available based on needs. Please let the coaching staff know after selection.

Tryout Competition Expectations

- All skill levels are welcome; however, this is a competitive program, and most players will have playing experience.
- Players should be physically prepared for a full contact, fast paced competition.
- Although coaches will be present to provide guidance and instruction, players will be expected to understand basic terminology and follow instructions.
- The instructional format will follow the Tell Teach Tell format.

We will tell the players the activity.

We will walk through the activity as a demonstration.

We will repeat the instructions.