



# LOUDOUN SOCCER

## Travel Team Pre-Tryout Information Sheet 2014 – 2015

**Welcome to the Loudoun Soccer Travel Team 2014-15 Tryouts.** Below is key information regarding the Loudoun 98B White team for which your child is trying out. It includes general team information, as well as financial and logistical commitments associated with being part of this team in the Loudoun Soccer Travel Program. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact the Head Coach.

**Team Name** Loudoun Soccer 98B White

**Age Group** U16 Boys

There are expected to be 5 teams in this age group. This team is in the Loudoun Soccer Travel 2 tier and is considered the C Team.

**This team plays in the following Competitive League:** National Capital Soccer League

**Head Coach:** John O'Brien

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### **Head Coach Qualifications / Experience**

John has over 15 years of youth soccer coaching experience having coached U5 thru U15. John played NCAA Division 1 soccer at the United States Naval Academy, where he was a 3 year letter winner on the varsity squad. John is pursuing his USSF E License.

### **Coaching Philosophy**

Loudoun Soccer believes in creating a positive, but disciplined and competitive training environment for its travel players. Consistent with this philosophy, Coach John has a personal coaching philosophy that promotes technical/tactical development, character growth and competitiveness. Individually and as a team, a positive work ethic and good sportsmanship is held to the highest standards. His primary focus is the development of the boys by placing them in a challenging coaching environment that facilitates the players' development as responsible, mature and dedicated young citizen-athletes.

### **Required commitments for being on this team:**

Players are expected to make all practices, training sessions, and games for the fall 2014, winter 2015, and spring 2015 seasons. During the fall and spring seasons the team will practice twice a week (minimum 90 minute sessions) and have one-two games per weekend. During winter 2015 the team will train outdoors at least once a week (likely on Sundays) and will likely participate in indoor and possibly outdoor league play.

### **This team will have the following tournament schedule**

#### Fall tournaments may include:

- AUGUST 2014 Beginning of the Season tournament
- Columbus Day Weekend (OCTOBER) Tournament
- NOVEMBER 2014 end of Season Tournament

#### Spring tournaments may include:

- MARCH 2015 Beginning of the Season Tournament
- MAY-JUN 2015 End of Season Tournament (may include Memorial Day Weekend)

**All players and parents should be aware of the commitment required for this team:**

This team is a year-round team and will train two to three times a week as well as participate in additional technical training sessions and play games on the weekend (spring/fall). It will also require various winter and summer training commitments. The number of practices and the requirement for attendance at practices and games will necessitate a very high degree of dedication on the part of all team players and their parents. If your child is selected and you cannot make such a commitment, please do not accept a spot on the team. One of the other teams should be able to match your ability level and commitment. If you are accepted on the team and cannot maintain your commitments to the team, the coach will limit your playing time to represent your level of commitment in all areas.

In accordance with "VYSA Policy Regarding Nonpayment of Club/Team Financial Obligations by Travel Players", approved in April 2012, players may be released by the team for non-payment of club or team fees. A team may release a player from the team roster for failure to meet financial obligations as outlined in VYSA Registration Manual (5.27). Accordingly, VYSA will not process a transfer of a player from one club/team to another during the seasonal year if that player is not current on his or her financial obligations.

**Additional Try out**

There are a number of players who may be either injured or who have conflicts with tryout dates. Therefore, a supplemental tryout may be held, should the coach wish to. Any additional tryouts will be at the coach's discretion and information regarding such will be posted on the team website.

**Loudoun Soccer Club Fee (Travel 2- White Team)**

Club fee per player for the full seasonal year (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015) **\$915**

Installment plans are available for club fees (4 month/9 month payments)

Club fee includes Fall and Spring Trainer salary as defined in the standard coach plan

8 winter Club Training sessions are included in Club fee

**Approximate Additional Estimated Team Finances**

<b>Tournaments (fall/spring)</b>	<b>\$ 2600</b>
<b>Winter Training Space or Indoor League</b>	<b>\$ 2600</b>
<b>Uniforms (new players ONLY \$100 per player, does not include warm-ups or backpacks)</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b><u>PER PLAYER</u> Additional Yearly Cost (Assuming 17 player roster)</b>	<b>\$335/player</b>

**Fundraising**

As a member of this team, you are expected to be proactive in fundraising, along with the rest of the team families. All funds raised are for the benefit of the team and remain as team funds (see below).

**Financial Refunds**

Please be aware that financial refunds will not be given to any player's family or associated person, partner, colleague or alike should the player choose to leave a Loudoun Soccer team. Please refer to the Loudoun Soccer website for the full Travel Financial Policy. If the website does not answer your questions, please contact the Loudoun Soccer office. Thank you for your understanding.

**MANDATORY TEAM MEETING INFORMATION:**

**Loudoun Soccer 98B White will hold a mandatory meeting for the parents of players offered a spot on the team. The date/location of the meeting will be determined once the team has been selected. We will be discussing team expectations / plans, budget and roles, as well as answering any questions.**

If you have questions about this team that have not been answered here, please feel free to contact the team coach .If you have general questions regarding the Loudoun Soccer Travel program please contact Fiona Legg, Travel Program Manager at [tpm@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:tpm@loudounsoccer.com) / 703.777.9977 or contact Mark Ryan, Director of Coaching (Travel) at [traveldirector@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:traveldirector@loudounsoccer.com) / 703.777.9977

We thank you for your interest in the Loudoun Soccer Travel Program and trust that you will have a very enjoyable experience at our tryouts. Thank you for your attendance and please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you in the soccer community.