



LOUDOUN S O C C E R

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 99B Gray 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 99B Gray

Age Group U15 Boys

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

This team plays in the following Competitive League:

Head Coach: Chris Frazier **Tel. #:** 703-957-4675

Email: cfrazier9@verizon.net

Head Coach Qualifications / Experience

J.V. Head Soccer Coach, Denbigh High School, Newport News, VA (1984-1986)

Coach, Christopher Newport College University Camp (1983 – 1986)

Coach, William & Mary Soccer Camp (1989)

4-Year starter at Christopher Newport University (1983-1987)

CNU Hall of Fame, All-Region, All-State, All-Conference player

Coached for Loudoun Soccer since 2007 (U6 – U14)

Assistant Coach LOUD 99B Green, Spring 2013

Head Coach LOUD 99B Gray, 2014

Assistant Coach U9 Red Travel, 2013-2014

Trained with Canton Invaders (MISL)

USSF E-License (obtaining "D" in Fall of 2013)

Required commitments for being on this team: Travel soccer is not a trivial commitment (see Costs, below). While we do not expect soccer to be your son's exclusive extracurricular activity, we do expect that you give it substantial preference when conflicts arise. Missing practices affects the development of your son and of the integration of the team; missing games places extra strain on the remaining players. You can help by communicating with us as soon as possible when conflicts occur.

Our commitment is to reward your son's attendance, attention, and effort with an environment that allows him to see, feel, and measure his improvement over time. This focus of this team is about developing the kids as soccer players AND as good people. The measure of success for this team is not based on how many games we win, it will be based on the individual and team development over the year. Early in the year, we will apply a heavy focus to fundamentals (footskills/basic passing). While I'm aware that they can all dribble, pass, trap, etc, the focus is on the details and exactness of their play. For fundamentals, the goal is not to work on something until we get it right; rather, we work until we never get it wrong

As we go through the season, we will ramp up the tactical elements of the game. The detailed fundamentals are required to successfully execute the tactical elements. They are at the stage where simply making the pass is not the only requirement. They must be able to pass it to the correct player, potentially on the correct side of the receiving player with the right pace and in stride if necessary. This requires the passer to have their

head up (not be staring down at the ball to dribble it), be aware of the situation, make solid decisions quickly, and ultimately execute them.

The goal is for the kids to be able to do this by the end of this year. Some will develop more quickly than others. This is normal. If your son works hard, he will get it.

To get there, I expect kids to show up ready to play and work hard. The boys are expected to be stretched and ready to play at practice time. This means they should show up at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time to get ready to play. Showing up at the scheduled practice time with no shoes on and without a soccer ball is not considered ready to play. I understand that things happen (it happens to me as well), if you are going to be late, email or call me.

They need to bring the following to every practice:

- A properly inflated size 5 soccer ball
- Athletic shoes (preferably soccer cleats) & Shin Guards
- They are required to wear a Loudoun Practice Shirt. These are ~\$10 per shirt and available at the soccer office. I recognize that there are times when this will not be possible, on the off chance that should occur, wear a white t-shirt. This should be rare.

This team will have the following tournament schedule

Fall tournaments include:

- 2 tournaments tentatively, one before season starts, one during or after season. Dates TBD

Spring tournaments include:

- 2 tournaments tentatively, one before season starts, one during or after season. Dates TBD

This team **will** practice through the winter. This is expected to involve:

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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- GrayTeam)

Club fee per player for the full seasonal year (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015) \$1,115

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

Estimated Team Finances (per calendar year based on a 16-player roster):	
Club Fees	\$17,840
Tournaments	\$ 3,200
Team Summer Pre-Season Camp	\$2,200
Winter Training Space or Indoor League	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 500
Estimated Total Team Expenses	\$25,740
Estimated Team Expenses Per Player Per Year (16 player roster)	\$804.37
Total Est Amount Per Player Per Year	\$1,608.75

Additional Expenses for New Players	
Uniforms (new players \$100 per player, does not include warm-ups or backpacks)	\$100.00
Practice t-shirts (new players, \$10 each, 2 recommended)	\$20.00

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 99B Gray 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 / 703.777.9977 or contact Mark Ryan, Director of Coaching (Travel) at 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.