



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (2013-2014)

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Hilliard FC Program

The most competitive program is the Hilliard FC Club. Evaluators determine the best players available based upon their performance at two successive nightly tryouts held specifically for each age group. HFC teams are formed by contacting the best player and inviting them to play on a team, then contacting the next best player and so on until a complete team is formed. Should a sufficient number of players try out more than one team is formed in each age group. Selected players are expected to play for the team for one year and then must tryout and make the team again the next year.

The teams play in the Mid Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL), Buckeye Premier League, The Premiere League (TPL), Ohio South State League (OSSL) and against other teams in Central Ohio. During the year, the team will play a Fall and Spring season, attend training camps, participate in tournaments and may participate in optional Winter leagues or training sessions at indoor facilities. Professional Trainers coach HFC Club teams. Teams are from U9 to U18/19. Registration for tryouts begin each May.

Hilliard FC travel program is broken down to two levels: HFC Elite Teams (Blue, Royal, and White teams) and HFC Select Teams (parent coached black and silver teams).

What is HFC Elite?

HFC Elite is the highest level a soccer player can play in Hilliard FC program. Depending on the numbers of players trying out each age group can have up to three teams - a blue, royal, and a white team with the blue team being the strongest team. There is no real difference in playing competition between the blue and royal teams. They will both play in the same tournaments and will normally be a division under the blue team. The color designates the playing level of the team; if the 2nd team is playing in the same division as the blue team or playing in the Buckeye Premier league or higher they will be considered a Royal team. If the second team is in MOSSL and not playing in the same division as the blue team they will be considered white. The U9 and U10 Elite teams will typically play in the academy divisions of MOSSL while the U11-U18 blue/royal teams will typically play in the Buckeye Premier League (U11-U18), The Premiere League (U11-U14), and Ohio South State League (U13-U18). Blue/royal teams will travel farther for regular season games plus tournaments possibly including out-of-state tournaments throughout the season. The white teams will play the middle to top divisions of the MOSSL leagues. Typically their tournaments are local throughout their seasons.

What is HFC Select?

HFC Select is an extension of the Hilliard FC program but competes at a middle-tier level. Players attend the same tryout/evaluation as the Hilliard FC players. Through that tryout and evaluation phase all players will be offered spots in HFC at their evaluated level. Once a player has seen what team they made they may choose to stay with a select team. Teams will be formed via a draft conducted by the parent coaches, as determined by the Hilliard FC Directors, of the available players. The draft will take



place within a few weeks of the Hilliard FC team formation for the same gender/age group of the players not placed on a Hilliard FC team. Teams will compete in the Mid Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL) and will play the middle to lower divisions of the MOSSL leagues. During the year, the team will play both a Fall and Spring season, attend training camps and technical sessions, participate in the end-of-season MOSSL tournament and may participate in optional Winter leagues or training sessions at indoor facilities. Teams are from U9 to U12. Parent coaches of these teams are expected to obtain their Modular 1 or 2 license course for U9-U10 age groups and E license course for U11-U12 age groups. HOSA will reimburse the parent coach for the cost of the initial licensing.

To learn more about the Mid Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL) and Buckeye Premier (BPL) visit: www.mossl.org.

COST

Q: What is the cost for the season?

Hilliard FC Elite Team Fees

HFC Academy Team Fee Schedule

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Payment 1</u> <u>11/1/2013</u>	<u>Payment 2</u> <u>2/1/2014</u>
U8 Academy	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
U9 Academy	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
U10 Academy	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

HFC Blue/Royal Team Fee Schedule

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Payment 1</u> <u>11/1/2013</u>	<u>Payment 2</u> <u>2/1/2014</u>
U11	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
U12	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
U13	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
U14	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
U15-U18	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$125.00	\$125.00



HFC White Team Fee Schedule

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Payment 1</u> <u>11/1/2013</u>	<u>Payment 2</u> <u>2/1/2014</u>
U11	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
U12	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
U13	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
U14	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
U15-U18	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$125.00	\$125.00

HFC Select Team Fee Schedule (Parent Licensed Coach)

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Payment 1</u> <u>11/1/2013</u>	<u>Payment 2</u> <u>2/1/2014</u>
U9-U12	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

Q: What items are covered in the fees?

Elite team fees cover league fees, professional training, goal keeper training, technical training days, referees, field maintenance, and club operational fees, tournaments for blue/royal/white/academy teams U9-U14 and two tournaments for U15 on up, the end-of-season MOSSL tournament for all U11-U14 teams playing in MOSSL league.

Select Team fees cover league fees, occasional professional assisted training, goal keeper training, technical training days, referees, field maintenance, and club operational fees, the end-of-season MOSSL tournament for all U9-U12 teams playing in MOSSL league.

Q: Are there any additional costs?

Additional costs may include: uniforms, transportation costs, camps, food and camps and personal fees from games/tournaments such as: transportation costs, hotel, food.

Optional participation fees may include: winter training and summer.

Q: Are there any other costs?

Items such as warm-ups, soccer bags, cleats, shin guards, goalkeeping gear and a soccer ball are not included in the fees. Spirit Wear can be purchased through the club for players and family members. These include t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.

Q: Who maintains the fields?

Spindler Park is maintained by MOSSL. HOSA compensates MOSSL for the use of the Spindler Park fields. Soccer Park and Franks Park are maintained by HOSA.



TRYOUT PROCESS

Q: What are the coaches looking for during drills and scrimmages?

Technical Ability:

- *Ball control*
- *1v1 Skills*
- *Passing*
- *Finishing*

Tactical Awareness:

- *Choices made with the ball.*
- *Choices made without the ball.*
- *Offensive shape.*
- *Defensive shape.*

Physical Ability:

- *Size*
- *Speed*
- *Coordination/Agility*
- *Strength on the ball*
- *Leg strength*

Personality/Attitude

- *Coach-ability*
- *Attentiveness*
- *Following Directions*
- *Competitiveness / Aggressiveness*
- *Self Confidence*

Q: How do you form the teams? What is A vs. B? What are HFC Select teams?

Players are evaluated at tryouts and ranked (at no time will these rankings be shared with anyone beyond the evaluators and coaches). The top ranked players form the Blue (A) team. As players accept or decline positions on the Blue (A) team, offers are then made to the next ranked players on the list until all the Blue team positions are filled. The same approach is utilized in building the Royal (B) team and White (C) teams. In summary, the top players form the Blue team, the next group/tier forms the Royal team and the last grouping of players will be for the White (C) team or HFC Select pool. HFC Select teams will be made up of players that do not make an Elite team or denote on their registrations that they want to be on a Parent coached team.

Q: What is your policy on more than one team per age group?

Hilliard FC will form the best team possible for the Blue team and then the Royal team. The Hilliard FC goals are to have a Blue and Royal team for every age group. If there is enough interest and talent to form a White team, one will be formed. MOSSL requires a minimum number of players. If enough players are not available for an additional team supplemental tryouts may be held the Saturday after the teams are formed. Parents of the children on the team in question may be asked to help find additional players to tryout. An unlimited number of HFC Select teams will be formed based upon interest.



Q: What is the number of players chosen per age group?

U8 – unlimited

U9/U10 – average of 10 players per team (approximately 20 players per academy age group)

U11/U12 – average of 12 players per team

U13/U14 – average of 16 players per team

U15 and up – average of 18 players per team

Q: Is there a difference in commitment between the teams?

Yes. The Elite Blue/Royal U11 on up teams typically join the Buckeye Premier League, TPL, and OSSSL requiring farther travel to play more elite teams from other areas such as Dayton, Cincinnati, Kentucky, etc. depending on which league they play in. Blue/Royal U9-U14 teams will go to 6 tournaments per year. The U11-14 White Elite teams will play in the MOSSL league and attend 4 tournaments per year plus their season ending MOSSL tournaments. The U15 teams go to 2 tournaments for Spring and can go to more but with an additional costs to the player. All Hilliard FC players are expected to be committed to the sport. You should consider your other commitments to make sure there are minimal conflicts before accepting a position on a team. HFC Select teams will play games in MOSSL and attend the season ending tournament. All teams train on an average of two times per week plus on an average of 6 technical sessions.

Q: How and when will the players/parents be contacted?

Players tryout numbers will be posted online at www.hosa-soccer.org under the Programs tab > Hilliard FC starting Sunday following the tryout week after 2:00 p.m. The tryout number of the player will be placed on the team the player has made. The tryout page will look like this:

U9 Boys Blue

003

012

045

036

113

110

058

032

033

002

Go online to your HOSA account to accept or decline by Monday at midnight. Deposit will be due at time of online acceptance.

U9 Boys Royal

*123**

*103**

*121**

132

013

010

008

046

047

055

Go online to your HOSA account to accept or decline by Monday at midnight. Deposit will be due at time of online acceptance.



U9 Boys HFC Select

007*

009*

126*

137

014

067

077

089

088

009

031

030

020

021

Please wait to be called by your HFC Select team coach

Note: Players are not listed in any ranking order.

**If a spot opens up on that above level team, asterisk players will be contacted to move up. Alternates must respond to the coach in the level they are currently listed on to be considered an alternate. For example, if your player is listed under the white team as an alternate, they must accept the white team position before they can be considered an alternate for the blue team.*

Match up your child's tryout number to the team they made. You must accept or decline position by the Monday at midnight and pay the deposit. The asterisk indicates those players that may be asked to the above level team if a spot opens up but you will need to accept on the current team your tryout number is listed under.

HFC Select team members will be contacted by their parent coach within two weeks after the tryout numbers are posted. They will need to respond to that coach at that time.

Q: What happens after we accept the position?

You will receive an email from the coach or parent administrator with the time and place for a team meeting. The meeting should occur within one to two weeks of the initial team selections. This email will include an agenda delineating the topics to be discussed. There is also uniform try-ons dates set-up so a player can size the uniform before ordering one online at our website.

TYPICAL SEASON

Q: What are options for league play in my age group?

The Hilliard FC Director of Coaching determines which level the team will participate in. The Blue/Royal teams will play in the highest league that the HFC Directors deems challenging to that particular team. MOSSL and Buckeye Premier offers a number of levels of play. The team is declared to a specific level when they are registered with MOSSL. For example, a Hilliard FC White team may actually play in MOSSL "A" division. In most cases U11 and older Blue teams will play at a higher level of play and register the team in another league such as the Buckeye Premier League, The Premier League, or Ohio South State League.. HFC Select teams will be placed according to ability which is determined by the Director of HFC Select and the parent coach.



Q: When do we start, how often are practices, how many games are there per week?

Fall training typically begins Aug 1. Fall league games are played in early September through the end of October. Spring training typically begins in early March. Spring league games are played in early April through the end of May. The U15 up teams that play in the Buckeye League may start as early as November. There are 1-2 training sessions and up to 2 league games per week. The specific days and times are determined by each coach. There are also Technical Sessions on the weekends during the seasons. These are considered practices and players should attend when they do not have a game conflict. All games are self-scheduled by the coach.

Q: What day of the week do we play and practice?

Practice days are determined by the coach. Typically there is one game during the week and one on the weekend. The schedule for league games comes out in March for spring season and in August for fall season. Buckeye Premier League games are typically on weekends. All games are self-scheduled by coach or Parent Admin.

Q: Do you have specialized training or any other training?

Goalkeeper training is provided at Technical Sessions and at Goalkeeper-only training, in addition to regular team training. Discuss other options with your coach.

Q: How much travel is involved?

MOSSL games are played in the Columbus metro area. Buckeye Premier League games are played in the Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Tournaments for the Blue/Royal Teams may require out of state travel.

Q: How do coaches communicate with players and parents?

Each coach and team will determine the best way to communicate. Parent Administrators often handle communication. Most communication is done via email. Phone calls are only made when items of a time sensitive nature need to be communicated.

Q: What is the commitment of the parents?

Parents are expected to adhere to the fee payment schedule. The parents are also expected to transport their child to all practices and games on time, to notify the coach as soon as possible if their child can not make a game or practice, to get their child to all tournaments, and to support their child and team with good sportsmanship at all times. Parents are also expected to volunteer their time on support committees, at tryouts, and other times of the year.

Q: Does the Club offer Volunteer opportunities?

Our club is always open to parents that are willing to share their time and talents with the organization. We welcome and encourage your participation. Please contact our Club Administrator or any Trustee.

Q: What is a Parent Administrator (PA)?

A PA is a parent who volunteers to act as a liaison between the team and the league, and between the parents and the coach. As the name implies, they help handle administrative tasks. Usually the PA helps with tournament logistics and registration, rescheduling games, informing the team of cancelled events, keeping the team calendar, recruiting volunteers for tryouts, and other tasks. The PA Manual is on the HOSA website.



INDOOR WINTER OPTIONS

Q: Do you provide indoor training over the winter?

An HFC winter training option is typically provided to U9-U14 players that would like to attend. It is run by various HFC staff but it is not tied to your particular coach or team. Your coach may not be involved in the training but each player will need to make the decision on their own.

Q: Where is indoor training held?

Winter training is held at various locations secured by the HFC staff.

Q: How often is indoor training held and when does it start?

Once a week.

Q: What is the cost for indoor training (facilities, coaches, etc)?

Approximately \$100.00 for 10 sessions.

TOURNAMENTS

Q: How many tournaments will we play each season?

The Director of Coaching will decide upon fall and spring tournaments for the U9-U14 Blue/Royal/White teams that the club will attend. All U14 and under teams including HFC Select that play the MOSSL league will play in the MOSSL tournament except for academy teams.

Q: What is the cost of tournaments?

Tournament costs are included in the fees for U9-U18 Elite teams. Blue/Royal U9-U14 teams will attend 6 tournaments per year, while white U9-U14 teams will attend 4 tournaments per year. HFC Select teams will attend the MOSSL tournament. The U15 on up has two tournaments covered in their fee. Additional tournaments can be chosen for an additional cost to the player for any HFC teams, these tournaments will be chosen by your coach and approved by the Director of Coaching.

Q: What does the club cover in tournament expenses?

The MOSSL end-of-season tournament for teams that are U14 and under playing in the MOSSL league, tournament costs (see question above), and Blue/Royal team coaches hotel rooms if they have to stay overnight.

Q: Who decides which tournaments we attend?

The Directors of Coaching will choose club tournaments to participate in. If an individual team decides to go to additional tournaments then they may do so but must be approved by the Director of Coaching and at their own costs.

Q: What is State Cup/Presidents Cup?

Please go to www.osysa.com to view information about these tournaments. The information can be found under the under the Tournaments tab. All blue teams will participate in State Cup.



Q: Who handles hotels, and other logistics?

The Parent Administrator or a designated parent from the club usually handles the logistics for tournaments. In some cases each player and family handles their own. It is up to each team. When several teams attend a tournament a point-person is assigned to negotiate hotel room prices and assist with other planning.

HOSA AND FC LEADERSHIP

Q: Who do we contact if we have a question or concern with the team?

First contact should be the coach. If you do not get satisfactory resolution, the next step would be to contact the Executive Director of Coaching, next would be the Director of Club, and lastly the Hilliard FC Trustee.

Q: What are the roles of Directors of Coaching and Assistant Director of Coaching?

The Directors of Coaching set training guidelines for the staff coaches and parent coaches of Select. There is a Director for each of the genders. They are responsible for hiring coaches and contributing to the growth of the staff's knowledge of the game and to insure that the club's philosophy is followed. They are also charged with the individual technical development of the players in their assigned age groups. They provide training options (Technical Sessions) and work with team trainers to ensure that players are being developed to their full potential.

CLUB PHILOSOPHY AND POLICIES

Q: Where can parents get information on policies, rules, regulations and other operating information?

www.hosa-soccer.org has information about all HOSA programs.

Q: What is FC's policy on playing other sports?

Hilliard FC does not have an umbrella policy regarding participating in other sports during the season. Each coach should discuss their policy at the initial team meeting with the parents. The expectation is that the player will be committed to soccer because it is a competitive club. You should consider your other commitments to make sure there are minimal conflicts before accepting a position on a team. Keep this an open and honest dialog with your coach. All of the leagues we participate in allow for the coach and PA to self-schedule. Let the coach and PA know what your conflicts are at the beginning of the season before the scheduling meeting. This will give them the ability to tailor the schedule to fit the multiple conflicts that arise throughout the season. They will do their best to schedule around the conflicts, but cannot always do so.

Q: How do you select your coaches?

Coaches are interviewed and hired by the Directors of Coaching based on their soccer background and their ability to manage teams. They need to be licensed at levels required by the participating league. Select coaches are volunteers and must qualify with the appropriate license and follow the procedures and guidelines of HFC. Performance is reviewed on a yearly basis by the Directors of Coaching. Our trainers have access to ongoing education programs, as well as seminars by best-in-class coaches within the soccer community. Individual coaches are encouraged to achieve higher levels of licenses in order to evolve as a coach and offer a broad array of tactical methods unique to the sport.



Q: What is the club philosophy for parent sportsmanship during games?

Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is supportive of the children's play and with respect to all players, referees, coaches, and other parents. Good sportsmanship extends to the parents on the sidelines as well as the players and coaches on the fields. Hilliard FC wants the parents to represent the same high standards we set for our players and trainers. Your child's playing time can be diminished based on parent behavior on the sidelines. Parents can be removed from the sidelines if their conduct is not representative of a positive sport environment.

Q: Do you have parents coaching any teams?

Hilliard FC has professional trainers for the Blue, Royal, and White teams. The HFC Select program utilizes parent coaches that maintain a coaching license.

Q: Who covers if a coach cannot attend a game or practice?

The club leadership works very hard to get conflicts covered by another Hilliard FC trainer, or one of the Directors of Coaching.

Q: How many teams does a coach train?

One-two teams per coach. However, some situations require a coach to have three teams.

Q: What type of feedback should a child receive regarding the progress as a player?

Each player will be evaluated at the end of the fall and spring seasons. HFC uses an on-line evaluation system called Zoom Reports where the child will be asked to do a self-evaluation as well as receive one from the coach. You can find out more about this system at www.zoomreports.com.

Q: How is playing time determined?

HFC Elite teams: Playing time is at the discretion of the coach. Criteria for playing time should be discussed at the initial meeting with the players and parents. HFC Elite is a competitive program, so playing time is earned.

HFC Select Teams: Playing time during regular season games is generally distributed somewhat equally. Tournament playing time will be considered competitive and will most likely not be distributed equally.

Q: What if my child misses a practice or a game? (school, church, work, other sports, social)

These policies are determined by the coach and discussed at the initial team meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

Q: Where can I get more information on Hilliard FC?

There is information on www.hosa-soccer.org. If you cannot find what you are looking for, go to the "contact us" link on the website and send your inquiry to the FC administrators.



SPECIAL ISSUES FOR U15 AND UP

Q: What is the 5-player high school rule?

Only 5 players from any one high school soccer program may participate on a spring club team per the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Q: What support do you offer for college-bound players?

College coaches are not allowed to contact players until their senior year of high school, but players are allowed and encouraged to contact college programs they are interested in.

Players may invite college coaches to attend games and tournaments.

Players may ask college coaches to contact their FC coach for referral and recommendation.

The U15+ Director of Coaching will offer informational sessions and guidance for parents of high school players to orient them as to how the recruiting process works and how to effectively contact college programs.

The U15+ Director of Coaching will coordinate a combine day where all interested HFC players can perform and determine their measurables for their individual player profiles.

HFC will provide on-line player profiles as a part of each team webpage for player use and exposure.