

# Hobe Sound Strikers Competitive Soccer

## What is Hobe Sound Striker Competitive Soccer?

The Strikers are the competitive/travel division of the Hobe Sound Soccer Club. Players include girls and boys ages 8-18. Each player must participate in try-outs where their skills, speed, attitude and fitness will be evaluated. Teams will then be selected by our group of coaches, trainers and club officials.

## How is it different from HSSC recreational Soccer?

In addition to the tryouts, competitive players are subject to a different set of rules. Recreational players are guaranteed ½ of each game of playing time. The competitive team will always strive to get everyone playing time but determination of playing time is made based upon how the player can contribute to the team. The level of play is faster paced and more competitive. The comp season tends to run much longer, frequently with an early and regular season plus tournaments. The comp player will generally play 7-9 months of the year.

## What kind of commitment is required?

We expect anyone selected to a Striker team to take this endeavor seriously and to always give it his/her best effort. Players must commit to the team and participate in all team activities. As all competitive teams have an increased commitment of time, travel and cost the success of our program relies on parents pitching in by volunteering with coaching, team management, fund raising and concession. We ask that you carefully consider all of your other sports and personal commitments and schedules before joining our program.

## How far do teams travel?

Our younger teams U9-U10, will be similar to the recreational teams and traditionally participate in the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Leagues traveling south to Wellington and north to Port St. Lucie. Travel distance is kept within 45 minutes of home.

The older teams may play in leagues as far south as Miami and as far north as Brevard County. Travel from Hobe Sound can commonly be 1.5 hrs per game. It is important to remember that only 50% of the games are played away and 50% of the games are played at home at South County Park..

## How often and when do the teams practice?

Most Striker teams practice twice a week at South County Park, commonly younger teams from 6:00 to 7:30, older teams from 7:30 to 9:00. Teams will most often practice 2 days per week.

## When do teams play their games?

Games are played on Saturday and Sunday. There are usually no games played on holiday weekends such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. The season will run from August through February.

## How much does it cost?

The base fee for each player on the Striker teams is \$300 plus uniform, if necessary. This fee covers the HSSC registration fees, Florida Youth Soccer association fees, league fees, some training fees, and minimal tournament fees. The cost can be significantly higher for some of the older teams that may choose more tournaments, more training sessions or other elective activities. Specific plans and expenses will vary for each team but generally the younger teams will operate within the base cost. At the start of each season the coach or manager will discuss the teams plans and expected costs for the season. Commonly these fees are modified to the individual player by obtaining player or team sponsors.

## Come join the FUN

In our quest to help the players be successful we try to never lose focus of rule number one - it all works better if the kids are having fun. Our emphasis on player development has allowed our teams to be successful on the field and our program to grow larger each year. We are committed to helping the player have a positive experience and we hope that all the Strikers will strive to be their very best.

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