1. What is travel soccer?
Answer: Travel soccer is competitive soccer played against teams from other towns or communities. Games are played mostly in the Ocean and Monmouth County area as a member of the MOSA (Monmouth Ocean Soccer Association). Travel soccer is designed for players and parents who are willing to make a higher level of commitment in time, effort, training and competition. Players who have shown an interest and ability greater than most recreational players can benefit from moving to travel soccer. Most high school teams are made up of travel soccer players or above.

2. How is travel soccer different from recreational soccer?
Answer: There are three basic levels of soccer: recreational, travel, and academy. Each one provides an increased skill level, commitment and cost. The Lacey Soccer Club recommends parents let their child decide the level that suits them. Most young children benefit from playing with their friends and classmates in their own community, at least until they are older, have developed their skills in the correct environment and or have committed to one sport. The Lacey Soccer Club strives to form as many teams as possible at the younger ages to give children a chance to experience travel soccer. As the teams get older the level of soccer and commitment may increase and or change to more premier travel either within the MOSA or higher leagues depending on the makeup of the individual teams and participants. We encourage teams to take on higher levels of soccer where appropriate.

3. How much time will my child be expected to devote to soccer?
Answer: Travel teams generally practice twice per week starting in late August for the Fall session and March for the Spring session. Practices are approximately 1.5 hours long. Additional indoor training during the winter is optional. Travel teams receive professional training as a team once per week and also one session with the team coach. The days and times are generally decided between the coach and the Club for the coordination of training. There are 10 games in the Fall and 10 games in the Spring and are typically on Sunday afternoons 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. There are some occasions where games may be played mid-week or on Saturdays. The club recommends one tournament per season and teams are required to participate in our Lacey Labor Day Tournament in early September. Additional tournament play is at the coaches discretion and is funded with team generated funds.

4. Where do we “travel” to?
Answer: Lacey Soccer Club teams can participate in several leagues but for the most part in MOSA in the (Monmouth Ocean Soccer Association). In general, games are played on Sundays between 10am and 6pm. Home games are played at Hebrew Park and Gille Park. There are 5 home games and 5 away games for Fall and Spring. Away games are played in other towns in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and the surrounding area. Most away games are within 30-40 minutes of Lacey, with some being right around the corner, and others a little bit further away. Most tournaments entered by our LSC coaches are also local within an hour or less.

5. What if my child plays another sport?
Answer: Travel soccer is not for everyone. That being said, many of our players are able to juggle a schedule that includes baseball, basketball, swimming, dance, etc. No one expects a child that is 8-11 years old to focus on just one sport or activity. If you commit to a travel team however, during the outdoor seasons Fall and Spring soccer, any conflicts should be discussed with your coaches before committing to a team as commitment can factor into placement on a team. Not conveying other commitments up front could negatively impact the team. This is particularly important as the teams get older from U12 and up. Players are expected to be at all games and practices within reason. Keep in mind that player(s) that do not attend practice regularly ultimately limit the effectiveness of the practice & thus is not fair to those that consistently attend. It is the player/parent’s responsibility to effectively plan accordingly in order to minimize the impact of conflicting commitments. Discuss or convey to your coach other commitments you have that may conflict before accepting a position on a team as it may impact your acceptance on a team.

6. What is the difference between an “Primary” and “Support” team?
Answer: Not much particularly at young ages. Both teams receive the same instructional time and dedicated professional training. The expected commitment level should be the same at either level.

7. How are teams formed?
LSC runs open tryouts in late Spring for all age groups (U9 and up; Boys & Girls) to form teams for the following seasonal year (fall and spring). All players are evaluated during these tryouts by the approved tryout committee. Selected players are placed on appropriate teams by the coaching staff. LSC teams are formed each year through this tryout process.

8. What if my child doesn’t make the team? When will I find out?
Answer: Typically within 1 week of tryouts. At that time we will also notify individuals of possible support team scenarios that should be confirmed in one additional week or so. Forming 2 teams in an age group does take additional effort and time and often a second coach so the time frame is not exact.

9. How are coaches selected?
Answer: Each travel team must have one head coach and can have one or more assistant coaches. Head and Asst. coaches are appointed by the LSC Board each year and all must have an “F” license and background check. They are selected to handle the coaching responsibilities for the upcoming seasonal year. The selection of an assistant coach is on the recommendation of the head coach and approved by LSC board. Coaches are held responsible by the LSC Executive Board for adherence to all LSC rules and policies by all team members including players, parents and coaches.

11. What are the Parent responsibilities?
Answer: LSC expects each parent to be supportive of their child and the club by getting your child to practice and games on time, helping them to be regular in attendance at all or most activities, showing consideration to the coach and team by giving notice of absence as early as possible, paying your fees to the club and team timely, and by volunteering your time to help with LSC Tournaments, fundraisers and any other small requests we may have to accomplish our task of providing a quality program for your children. Once a child commits to a travel team, we hope the parent will help to assure that the commitment is honored for the full commitment of Fall and Spring.

12. What are the costs?
Answer:
2017/2018 fees
$195 total for the year for the Fall and Spring season (due soon after an offer is given to be a part of the travel team, 24-48 hrs after offer)
~Approx $100 Uniform (due usually around June/July to ensure uniforms are in by Fall)
*Additional costs depends on club approved training company costs, tournaments entered and on fundraising efforts by the team

Program outline:
Training with our club approved training partners 1x a week for roughly 10 weeks Fall and Spring
One tournament, Lacey Labor Day tournament paid by the LSC (others optional at per player participation costs)

How do I register for tryouts?
Go to LaceySoccer.com - login to your existing account or create one. You will find optional programs available for each respective child (bases on their age upon registering) Check the LSC Tryouts page for further details.

How many players are selected for each team?
Different age groups in travel soccer play with different game formats – and have different roster sizes. VYS encourages teams to carry fewer players than the maximum allowed in order to optimize playing time for each player. The following are the roster sizes for the different age groups in VYS.

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