# Lindenhurst Soccer Intramural to Travel Transition Parent Information 2024



## **Travel Structure**

Travel soccer is run by the Lindenhurst Travel Director – a volunteer position. The 2024 travel director is Anthony Tota

Each Birth year is different, but most have 1 to 3 teams per gender. When there are multiple teams, there is a more competitive team and a less competitive team.

Typically teams will have a volunteer parent head coach, assistant coach, team manager, and paid team trainer.

Lindenhurst travel teams primarily play in the Long Island Junior Soccer League (LIJSL) – one of the largest youth sports leagues in the country.

The amount of travel depends on the other teams registered at your competition level and if your team chooses "East" or "West".

East = West Babylon to Stony Brook to West Hampton West = Massapequa to Oceanside to New Hyde Park



## **Travel Finances**

The registration fee for travel is TBD (23/24 was \$385) this covers the Fall and Spring Season.

<u>This fee covers</u>: Insurance, LIJ Fee, Player Pass Fee, Referee Fees, a stipend per team per season for a trainer, field maintenance, and minor equipment.

<u>This fee does NOT cover</u>: uniforms (different from intramural), additional trainer fees above \$1000, tournaments, winter training, personal equipment, team equipment.

Most teams have a additional cost around \$50-\$100 per season per player. Some teams conduct fundraising or acquire "sponsors".



# **Travel Commitment**

Typically 2, 1 hour Practices per week – and 1 game.

Fall season 8-10 games —September to November Winter training January — March (team dependent)
Spring Season 8-10 games, LI Cup, March — June

Teams depend on their players to show up on time, ready to play. This requires commitment from parents and players.

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# **Travel Philosophy**

"We are coaching children not soccer."

0.1% of high school athletes play professionally, 2% play Division 1 college. 100% grow up.



~75% of children drop out of youth sports between 13-15

# **Tryouts - May and June**

### Dates and Locations TBD

Tryouts for fall age groups U9, U10, U11 (1 year above where you are now)

Players attend age and gender specific sessions - there will be at least 2 sessions for each group

Tryouts will be run by SSFC trainers and club administrators

Potential coaches may be asked to help with tryouts

Players assessed for skill levels - higher skilled players will be grouped into the "A" team, average skill to a "B" team and others to developmental teams

A and B teams will play in LIJSL

Developmental teams will play in LIJSL Super Rec



# Coaches

All teams require at least 1 parent volunteer

**Parent Head Coach** 

Parent Assistant Coaches (up to 2)

**Parent Manager** 

Head Coaches are required to apply and be accepted by the coach selection committee



