



Thank you for registering for tryouts with Huntsville Futbol Club. We are thrilled that you want to "Play with the Best"

We will conduct Pre-registration for anyone interested on the Friday prior to our first day of tryouts (June 3, 2011) at the Huntsville FC Office located at 3322 South Memorial Parkway, Suite 609. At Pre-registration you can go ahead and pay the registration fee, turn in your tryout waiver, pick up your tryout number and receive your new HFC t-shirt. (Please note that these t-shirts are a gift and do not have to be worn at tryouts. They will not be able to be used as official practice t-shirts)

If you do not attend the Pre-Registration, please plan to arrive at your first tryout session at least 30 minutes early so that we can issue their tryout numbers and get them to the right field and ready for their tryout on time. If you did attend the Pre-Registration you are welcome to go straight to your field at your first tryout session.

Please be sure that your players are ready with shin guards, cleats and soccer balls. The concession stand will be open with limited amounts of water and Powerade for sale. We will also be offering a few items of Huntsville FC Spirit wear.

Makeup for all Ages 5:30-7:30 Wednesday and Thursday (June 8 – 9)- John Hunt 1

If a current HFC player is not able to attend tryouts, he/she should contact his current coach, manager, and the Director of Coaching – Marty Clark. This player should advise why they are not available, clearly state which team they are trying out for, and the club will use our past experience and the recommendation of the current coach in order to assess the player's "fit" into the new team.

BOTH players, new and old, will need to complete the required registration and tryout paperwork prior to tryouts.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail us at huntsvillefc@gmail.com

Huntsville Futbol Club

Frequently Asked Questions about Tryouts

What is the tryout procedure?

All players, both new and existing, regardless of age or status, are required to tryout each year. The tryout fee is \$10 per player and must be submitted with an application at the time of tryouts. Players will go through evaluations and team selections will be determined. Players are expected to be at designated tryout dates for their age group.



How many sessions does a player need to attend during the tryout process?

Players should attend every possible session to ensure adequate time for proper evaluation.

Which team should my child tryout for?

When possible, HFC strives to offer teams of varying ability and commitment within the same age group. Consult the web for team summaries, basic framework for team structure, and expectations of players.

Can players play up an age group?

We encourage our players to play in the most competitive bracket possible for maximum development. Players can request to be evaluated for an age bracket above their proper group. This request is found on the player application during the tryout process. Any player wishing to play up will be evaluated by the Directors of Coaching Operations and must have his approval to move up.

What is your philosophy on when tryouts should be competitive?

The HFC endorses a strong system of development in the younger age groups. As such, players at the U11 and younger age groups do not participate in a tryout that involves cutting or dropping players. Tryouts at the U12 and above age groups are competitive and do cut and/or drop players to form the best teams possible.

How are teams at U10 and younger formed?

Players will be placed into pools and divided into even teams for the season. For existing players, this may include team transition during a new seasonal year of play. The DOC's will oversee the selection of these players along with the head coaches. The HFC strongly believes that the youth program is paramount to our long-term success and will make every effort to place young players on a team and to ensure the players participate at the most appropriate level of competition.

At U10 and below, what is an Academy Team?

The Academy is designed to offer more challenge to the players who need it. Players are evaluated through practices, games and evaluation dates for placement on the teams. The Academy teams will compete in play dates with outside clubs and tournaments that will require minimal travel. There is an extra cost for the Academy to cover referee fees and tournament entry fees. Academy evaluations are open to everyone. Players must be evaluated and recommended to the Academy by a Director.

How are teams at U11 formed?

U11 offers challenges to team structure by increasing the number of players on the field at one time. With player development first on the agenda, we will group players with like abilities and commitments. This will provide the opportunity to match players with the right competitive atmosphere while competing in the Division II or III leagues. We will strive to provide the right environment for all players and do what is necessary to make sure that all of our players have a place to play.

How are teams at U12 and older formed?

HFC's first priority is to form the top team for that division in order to prepare them for competition. Additional teams in each age group may be formed if the players and coaching is available. We will have enough players to field multiple teams in each division. This will allow a solid system to trade and promote players based on the team's needs and the player's abilities.

What factors are the coaches considering when evaluating my child?

There are many factors when forming the upper age group teams. All coaches vary in their exact approach but common factors include, skill, tactical awareness, fitness, coach-ability/attitude, commitment to soccer, interest in the HFC's complete program and offering, and personality.

Can my child ask to be on a friend's team?

Coaching and "friend" requests are considered in the younger age groups. We want the players experience in soccer to be fun and understand the need for young players to be with their friends. These requests should be noted on the application for tryouts and we will strive to meet all requests.

Do returning players still have to tryout?

All returning players must tryout regardless of team assignment or age.

Who will coach my child?

Coaches for established teams are announced well in advance of tryouts. The General Manager reserves the right to shift coaches to accommodate the best interest of the players and club. We often have reserve coaches waiting to take on a new or additional team to accommodate any new teams that may be formed. In this case, your prospective coach will be made known to you before asking your intent to play. Some of our coaches also coach High School teams. Soccer is a Spring High School sport. Due to the time commitments of High School soccer, a backup coach may be needed during the Spring club soccer season.

How will I be notified of my child's status during the tryout procedure?

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Do existing teams stay the same during the next season?

The HFC does not endorse a system of cutting and/or dropping players at U11 and lower. However, team transition in the U9 – U11 age groups may be necessary to keep players of like abilities and commitments together. U12 and older teams are subject to change at each tryout. However, for all age groups - teams formed for the fall season are intact for the seasonal year, which concludes in the spring of the following year. The DOC's will aid in formation of any hybrid teams necessary to compete in winter and/or spring leagues.

Can I bring an existing team into the HFC?

The HFC sponsors an open tryout for all age groups. You are welcome to bring a group of players to the tryouts but teams will be selected as described herein.

For U11 - 12 Div II, U13 & U14 Div I teams, how does the State Cup moving to Spring affect HFC's team formation and player selection?

The main motivation of the State moving the tournament date is for two reasons: 1. It will shift a significant number of players from the already full fall State tournaments to the spring. 2. Players will hopefully have more opportunity to play all year long. As a soccer club, we fully support playing all year long. However, it will not be our policy to restrict participation based on the player's desire to compete in the spring or attend the State cup in the spring. Players can be added to rosters as late as May so if there are players that wish to compete in the cup - we will make every effort to afford the opportunity. In essence, we expect to maintain our regular seasons and offer a full year of training and games just as we have always done.



U11 – U18 HFC Boys and Girls Budget

The following is schedule of club dues and team fee estimates required to play with the HFC. HFC strives to reduce costs while maximizing value in our player program. We offer many opportunities to participate in fund raising and volunteer activities to reduce fees. It is a core value of HFC to provide soccer to all players that are willing to commit to the program. As such, we always offer scholarships to qualified players in need.

This is truly an investment in your child's overall development. We have a professional licensed staff with many years of experience, organized infrastructure, and a solid volunteer base to provide the best development opportunities available within North Alabama for your child's Total Soccer Development.

Division I

HFC Club Dues	= \$ 675
Team Expenses	= \$ 150 - \$ 250
Total Estimate	= \$ 825 - \$ 925

Region III Premier League

HFC Club Dues	= \$ 725
Team Expenses	= \$ 200 - \$ 300
Total Estimate	= \$ 925 - \$ 1025

Division II

HFC Club Dues	= \$ 500
Team Expenses	= \$ 150 - \$ 250
Total Estimate	= \$ 650 - \$ 750

Division III

HFC Club Dues	= \$ 375
Team Expenses	= \$ 100 - \$ 200
Total Estimate	= \$ 475 - \$ 575

High School Prep Team U18

HFC Club Dues	= \$ 425
Team Expenses	= \$ 100 - \$ 150
Total Estimate	= \$ 525 - \$ 575

What your HFC Club dues cover:

Director Salaries & Club Administration
ADOC Salary
Head Coach Salary
Facility Development Fee
Skills & Keeper Training
Team Manager Discount
Coaching Education Fund
State and NASL League Fees & Bonds
Player Registration , Insurance, & Player Card
Team Camp for designated players
City Field Usage Fees

What your Team Expenses Cover:

State and Local Referees
Tournaments (typically 2-4)
Coach Tournament Travel Expenses
Coach Hotel for Travel
Travel Permits
State Administration Fees

In addition to the fees above, NEW players will be required to purchase a uniform kit. Kits for U13 – U17 include 2 jerseys, 2 shorts, 2 socks, back pack, training shirt, warm-up jacket and pants and cost \$262. U11 and U12 kits do not include warm-ups (optional purchase) and cost \$171.50. All U18 teams will have the option to purchase scaled down uniform kits for \$131. Numbering, logos, and embroidering are all included in the costs listed above.



Why Choose Huntsville Futbol Club?

U11 Boys and Girls

We are offering Division II and III teams. We will strive to put together multiple teams and divide them based on ability and commitment. This separation will allow the players to compete in different leagues that are best suited for their development. The DII team requires a higher level of commitment and ability. Travel requirements are more demanding and typically the team is more expensive due to the added costs of the State league. As part of your program fee, we are offering a team preseason camp in the late July - early August time frame. Consult the web for dates/times. In the fall, a DII team expects players to prioritize soccer over some other extracurricular activities, while not having to eliminate those activities. Both teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the Fall and Spring seasons. DII teams will compete over the course of a year but the schedule is more flexible. All players should be attentive, punctual, and hard working. Notifying the coaches before missing sessions and working on skills at home is very important and necessary.

U12 Boys and Girls

We are offering Division II and III teams. U12 is the first year of competitive tryouts for the HFC. As such, the most competitive team will be put together to compete in the State league. There is a raised expectation of travel and expense due to the structure of this team's goals. In the Fall, a DII team expects players to prioritize soccer over other extracurricular activities, while not having to eliminate those activities. Both teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the Fall and Spring seasons. If two teams exist, we will have a system of promotion and relegation for our players between teams. When appropriate a team may play DIII with a lesser travel and commitment expectation. This is a new level for our players and their complete dedication both physically and mentally will be needed to be successful on these teams. As part of your program fee for the DIII teams, we are offering a team preseason camp in the late July - early August time frame. Consult the web for dates/times and additional camp information. All players should be attentive, punctual, and hard working. Notifying the coaches before missing sessions and working on skills at home is very important and necessary. Unavoidable missed sessions should be replaced by attending a session with a similar team within the club.

U13 Boys and Girls

We are offering Division I, II, and III teams. The expectations of the **DI** team include an aggressive schedule of games and training to develop a State Championship quality team. **DI team(s) will have a required team camp in July.** (Consult the web for more information on the team camp.) There is a raised expectation of travel, expense, and commitment attached to the **DI** team. In the Fall, a **DI** team expects players to prioritize soccer over other extracurricular activities, while not having to eliminate those activities. All teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the **Fall and Spring** seasons. For the DI team, a **commitment for both the Fall and Spring** is absolutely necessary to maintain competitiveness. As part of your program fee for the DI, DII and DIII teams, we are offering a team preseason camp in the late July early August time frame. Consult the web for dates/times. HFC does support middle school soccer, which may impact a player's eligibility in the spring. We will have a

system of promotion and relegation for our players between teams to promote the most competitive situation possible. All players should be attentive, punctual, and hard working. Notifying the coaches and discussing reasons for missed sessions is a must. Working on fitness and personal skills at home is absolutely necessary. Unavoidable missed sessions should be replaced by attending a session with a similar team within the club.

U14 – 18 Boys and Girls

We are offering Region III, Division I, II, and III teams. **The RIII and Div. I teams will have a required team camp in July.** (Consult the web for more information on the team camp.) The expectations of the RIII & DI teams include an aggressive schedule of games and training to develop a State Championship quality team. There is an expectation of travel, expense, and commitment attached to these teams due to the State & Region league requirements. RIII and DI teams expects players to prioritize soccer over other extracurricular activities, while not having to eliminate those activities. The RIII & DI teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the **Fall, Spring and even the Summer in the event of winning your State Championship.** The DII and DIII teams should also be prepared to compete as a team during the **Fall and Spring** seasons. The DII team still carries a significant commitment to play in the State league. As part of your program fee for the DII and DIII teams, we are offering a team preseason camp in the late July early August time frame. Consult the web for dates/times. We do support middle school and high school soccer during the Spring season. All players should be attentive, punctual, and hard working. Notifying the coaches and discussing reasons for missed sessions is a must. Working on fitness and personal skills at home is absolutely necessary. Unavoidable missed sessions should be replaced by attending a session with a similar team within the club.

U18 High School Prep Team

We are offering a boys and girls team that will compete as necessary to stay sharp for the upcoming high school season. Similar to the description above, this team could be placed in DI or DII based on the expectations of the team, players, and directors. We will make this determination at the tryouts after interviewing the players and parents. The intent of these teams is to offer a reduced commitment of time, travel, and expense but still allow the players to develop in a professional environment. HFC would like to foster a more relaxed team structure and provide a training/game season that will provide the foundation for a high school bound player. As part of your program fee for the HS Prep Team, we are offering a team preseason camp in the early August time frame. Consult the web for more details.

College Prep Program

Beginning with the 2010 season, HFC will offer College Prep, a comprehensive program of services for college-bound athletes. HFC Introduces our **Director of College Recruiting – Stacy Franklin.** Coach Stacy will be a key component for our college bound players as she rolls out our NEW program geared towards unlocking the mysteries of college recruiting, college selection, scholarships and much more! Consult the web for a complete listing of services and program cost. This program is a service to our club and not a “team”.



Huntsville Futbol Club - 2011 Uniform Expenses

Huntsville Futbol Club will use the same uniform as the 2010-11 season.

Uniform and practice t-shirt transactions will be handled through your assigned team manager.

U13-U17

Will purchase the entire kit

Cost*: \$262.00

U11-U12

Will purchase a modified uniform kit does not include the warm ups

Cost*: \$171.50

U18

Will purchase a modified uniform kit that does not include warm ups and back packs.

Cost*: \$131.00

Any of the items can be purchased individually at the costs listed above. All prices do not include sales tax.

- 1 - maroon jersey (number & logo included) - \$35.50
- 1 - white jersey (number & logo included) - \$35.50
- 2 - maroon shorts (logo included) - \$22.00 / short
- 1 - maroon sock (logo included) - \$8.00
- 1 - white sock (logo included) - \$8.00
- 1 - back pack (embroidered logo included) - \$40.50
- 1 - warm up pants & jacket (embroidered number & logo included) - \$90.50

Our uniforms are being ordered through Pete's Soccer Shop - be sure to visit him for any of your soccer needs.

Pete's Soccer Shop
8408 Whitesburg Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802
256-881-3924

*Please note that this the actual cost to the club, there is no markup on these prices.