



LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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To: 2011 / 2012 LMSC Travel Team Players
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Congratulations on making one of the LMSC travel teams for the 2011 / 2012 season. This letter will explain the registration process for the Travel Team Program.

TRAVEL TEAM PLAYER REGISTRATION NIGHT

Registration night will be Thursday, June 2nd, from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria. Players will need to bring all registration materials to Registration Night and give them to your coach. Veteran teams may instead opt to give the registration materials to the coach in advance of Registration Night. This is fine as long as the coach has **ALL** of the required items in his / her possession **BEFORE** Registration Night. Coaches will need to turn all of these items in at Registration Night, even if their players choose to not attend Registration Night.

CREATING REGISTRATION PAPERWORK

Immediately after teams are finalized in an age group, each player will need to go to the LMSC web page and click on the Travel Team Program button on the right. The Travel Team page will have a yellow box on the right titled "2011 / 2012 Travel Team Registration Material." Inside that box is a link labeled "Registration Materials For the 2011 / 2012 Season." Click on that link to start the registration process, described below:

1. Each player will need to enter the information asked for in the online registration form.
2. After all of the information is entered, click on the button labeled "All Information Is Entered. Create Registration Forms."
3. A filled out "EPYSA RG-6 Registration Form" will be displayed. Click on the "Print Form" button on the top to print your filled out "EPYSA RG-6 Registration Form."
4. Sign and date the form at the bottom.
5. After the form has been printed, click on the "Continue" button (just to the right of the "Print Form" button).
6. A filled out "Release / Authorization Form" will be displayed. Click on the "Print Form" button on the top to print this form (note: this form must be **NOTARIZED** before it is handed in to your coach).
7. After the form has been printed, click on the "Continue" button (just to the right of the "Print Form" button).
8. A "Registration Fee / Uniform Order Form" will be displayed. Click on the "Print Form" button on the top.
9. After the form has been printed, click on the "Finished" button (just to the right of the "Print Form" button).

AFTER THE REGISTRATION PAPERWORK HAS BEEN PRINTED

1. Be sure to sign and date the bottom of the "EPYSA RG-6 Registration Form."
2. Get the "Release / Authorization Form" notarized.
3. Fill out the "Registration Fee / Uniform Order Form." If you are ordering any uniform pieces through LMSC, be sure to write the size on the form. Sizes must be one of: YM, YL, YXL, AS, AM, AL, AXL. Be sure that your jersey number is on the form. The jersey number must be obtained from your head coach. See below for information on trying on sample sizes.

ITEMS TO HAND IN TO YOUR COACH

- Completed and signed "EPYSA RG-6 Registration Form"
- Notarized and completed "Release / Authorization Form"
- Filled out "Registration Fee / Uniform Order Form"
- Photocopy of birth certificate (or passport), showing date of birth. Do **NOT** hand in an original.
- 1 - 1 ¼ inch face photo for player's new player pass
- Registration Fee (\$210) plus uniform fees, if any, payable to "LMSC"

Note: LMSC will have a Notary present at Travel Team Registration Night. If anyone is not able to have their "Release / Authorization Form" notarized before Registration Night, you **MUST** bring it to Registration Night to have the form notarized. Do **NOT** give this form to your coach until it is notarized.

NOTE: Players who were born outside of the United States will need to complete additional paperwork. Please read the related document at: www.epysa.org/pdf/PlayersBornOutsideUSA.pdf Please also be sure to contact LMSC Travel Team Registrar Nancy Worby (misl@comcast.net) to help you through this process.

DO YOU NEED TO ATTEND TRAVEL TEAM REGISTRATION NIGHT?

Players new to the LMSC Travel Team Program (including all Under 9 players) will need to attend so that they can try on uniform samples for sizing purposes. There will be sample uniforms for players to try on for sizing. If you are not planning to order a uniform, or if you know what size you need to order, then it is not necessary to attend Registration Night, provided that you have handed all registration materials in to your coach beforehand.

OTHER EVENTS AT TRAVEL TEAM REGISTRATION NIGHT

There are several other reasons that you might want to attend Travel Team Registration Night. Again, if your coach has all of the necessary registration items beforehand and you do not need to try on uniform samples, then you are not required to attend.

- **TICKET RAFFLE:** At 7:30 we will have our annual raffle. This year's raffle will include several sets of 3 or 4 tickets to see upcoming Philadelphia Union games. There will also be a few other items that will be raffled off. Again, the raffles will start **promptly** at 7:30 PM. Players who wish to participate in the raffle will need to stop by the LMSC Directors Table **before** 7:30 to get a raffle ticket.
- **INNER CITY SOCCER DONATIONS:** Each year, LMSC collects used soccer equipment and donates it to a needy soccer organization. Over the years, we have donated to inner-city programs as well as to countries in need of used equipment. We will accept used cleats, provided they are not ripped, as well as used soccer balls, jerseys, shin guards, etc. Please donate any soccer equipment that you have outgrown or likely won't use again.

ORDERING UNIFORMS

This year, we are changing from Adidas uniforms to Nike Uniforms. Please read the information below which corresponds to your specific age group. Ask your coach if your team will be Adidas or Nike this fall.

All U-9 and all U-11 teams, plus other teams wearing Nike: All U-9 teams and all U-11 teams will wear Nike. All other teams needing a significant amount of uniform pieces will need to order the new Nike kit. This includes red jersey, navy jersey, navy shorts and navy socks.

Returning U-10 teams as well as U-12, U-13 and U-14 teams will have the option of wearing the old Adidas kit one more year if they only need to order a few pieces. Veteran players may use their uniform from last year if it still fits. If a team only needs a few new uniforms, they may continue with Adidas for one final year. This is the last year the Adidas kit will be available for LMSC teams. If a team needs a significant amount of Adidas pieces, there is a strong possibility that there will not be enough in stock. In this case, ALL players on that team will need to order Nike.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

LMSC will again offer several soccer camps during the summer. These camps will be run by our very experienced Travel Team Coaching Staff. There will be several Travel Team camps which will only be open to travel team players. Intramural Program players are not eligible to participate in the Travel Team Camp so that we can keep these camps as advanced as possible. For more information on our summer soccer camps, please visit the LMSC web page and click on the "LMSC Summer Camps" button.

SUMMER SOCCER PROGRAM

During the summer, LMSC will offer evening soccer to our travel team players U-8 through U-14 for those players who are in town. Girls travel team players will meet Mondays and Wednesdays. Boys travel team players will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each session will run from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. The first 45 minutes will focus on skill development with each player working with his or her own ball. The remaining time will consist of small sided games. The program will be run by the LMSC coaching staff, all of whom have a significant playing and coaching background. For more information, please visit our web page, www.lmsc.net and click on the Summer Training Programs button.

DONATIONS FOR OUR TRAVEL TEAM FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

With the economy still in bad shape, we anticipate that some players making a travel team will struggle to meet their financial obligations. LMSC has a limited amount of financial aid available to players, but we are highly dependent on donations from other families to provide financial aid to those players in need. If your family is able to, please consider making a donation to the club above and beyond the registration fee and uniform cost so that we can help more players who will be in need of financial assistance. Please donate what you can so that we can help those players. We thank you for your consideration. All donations are tax deductible. A donation acknowledgment form will be sent to all donors for tax purposes.