

2016-2017 Winter and Spring Travel Program Information

- Winter and Spring Travel Commitment Registration is from July 1-August 7th. This registration is required to ensure consideration for a team. Players may be added prior to the beginning of winter and spring seasons if space is available on teams.
- All teams are gender specific except U8 which is co-ed.
- A player's level is based on their birthdate as required by the Capital District Youth Soccer League as described below:

U7/U8: 1/1/2009-12/31/10

U9/U10: 1/1/2007-12/31/08

U11/U12: 1/1/2005-12/31/2006

U13/U14: 1/1/2003 - 12/31/2004

U15/16/17: 1/1/2000 - 12/31/02

- Any player wishing to play above their level or "play-up" must be approved by the APYSL Board (see the APYSL play-up policy below).
- Multiple teams will be created at an age level if there is sufficient interest and a volunteer is available to coach and/or manage the team. Teams are formed by skill, and to be decided by the Coaches.

Winter Travel Program General Information

- Practice starts in November, one day a week for 90 minutes with a combination of parent and professional coaching.
- The League also anticipates offering skills clinics as an optional night of training (this will be offered for a separate fee - information about this program will be provided separately).
- Winter program practices are held at a combination of local gyms and other facilities; turf space is utilized at Fieldhouse at Canaan in Canaan, NY, and possibly the Sportsplex in Halfmoon, NY and Afrims facilities in Bethlehem - to be determined by the League.
- Teams generally play two, sometimes three sessions of games throughout the late fall/winter at Afrim's in Colonie or the Latham Dome - Nov/Dec (Session I), Jan/Feb (Session II) or Mar/April (Session III). Generally one game a week is played on a specific day for each team as determined by Afrims. There are 8 games per session.

Spring Travel Program General Information

- APYSL Spring Travel Program is part of the Capital District Youth Soccer League – visit the WWW.CDYSL.ORG website for additional information about the season and rules.

- Levels U8 – U17 will be offered if enough player interest exists to adequately roster a team as determined by APYSL.
- Season runs April – mid June.
- 10 Games
- One practice each week at Algonquin Middle School.
- One or two games a week - away games are generally within an hour's drive.

U8

- Recreational play (noncompetitive) with focus on developing team and individual skills.
- Practices are held in local indoor gyms for winter and outdoors at Algonquin Middle School for spring.
- Fee includes professional training.

U10-U17

- Fee includes training assistance from professional coaches.
- Tournaments may be played on a team by team basis.

2016-2017 Travel Fees

- NEW Uniforms, totally revamped, this season for all players! Uniform kits include two jerseys (home and away), shorts and socks. (Estimated cost \$65.)
- APYSL Winter Indoor Program fee must be paid in full by October and includes league administrative and operating fees, practice space and professional coaches as applicable. Games at Afrim's are a separate fee.
- **Winter game fees at Afrim's are a separate fee paid to Afrim's each session.** The team pays a set fee which is divided by the number of players on the team and generally costs between \$80-\$100 per session. Teams will be playing two sessions – some may choose to play three.
- APYSL Spring fee must be paid in full by February and includes league administrative and operating expenses, equipment, player CDYSL registration, games, game referees and practice space.
- Any tournaments are a separate fee.

APYSL 2016-17 Winter Indoor Travel Fees* (Does not include uniform or game fees at Afrims)	
Level	Fee
U8	\$95.00
U9/10	\$170.00
U11/12	\$210.00
U13/14	\$245.00
U15/16/17	\$245.00

APYSL 2016-17 Spring Travel Fees* (Does not include uniform)	
Level	Fee
U8	\$120.00
U9/10	\$150.00
U11/12	\$175.00
U13/14	\$190.00
U15/16/17	\$190.00

Play-Up Policy

For travel players, a request must come from the parent of the child wishing to play up an age division. The board will then solicit input from the coaches of both teams impacted. Requests will be discussed and voted on at the next scheduled APYSL Board of Directors meeting, which are held the last Wednesday of each month. Voting will not take place by board members between meetings unless there is an extreme circumstance whereas a vote is deemed necessary by the executive committee. It is important to note that the board will not accept or vote on play up requests on or after January 15 for the spring travel season as team commitments are due to CDYSL at that time. The board will then render a decision giving weight to the following considerations in order:

1. The well-being of the child (unless this component is met, the request should not be granted).
2. The advantage/disadvantage to the league.
3. The advantage/disadvantage to the team. Upon approval, the parent of the child must sign a play up waiver and return it to the league's president within a week of the approval