

FAQ Guelph Identification Days and Rep Trials

General Notes:

- Players MUST register online prior to the trials or via the clubhouse. Those walking up to register on the day will be subject to paper registration and this may delay participation at the tryout and affect your ability to show.
- Parents are not allowed on the field for trial sessions but may remain at a suitable viewing area that will be outlined for them.

I made the team last year does that mean I am on the team again?

- All players must tryout again for the upcoming season.
- This is an open tryout where players need to demonstrate that they contribute positively to the environment, show their technical ability and their understanding of how to make decisions in the game. Playing in a previous year should provide an advantage (experience) but does NOT guarantee future placement. The player must perform and show themselves at trials.

What if I am injured and cannot participate?

- A note from the parent must accompany the player and a reasonable estimate of when the player can be evaluated will be decided on in the evaluation process and the player MUST attend the tryout times indicated on the website.
- An alternate time will be found when the player is healthy where they can demonstrate their ability.

What if I miss the tryout session for valid reason?

- Attending trials are mandatory to be able to provide the best chance to be evaluated and selected. Missing these dates may preclude you from being selected. The club reserves the right to select from those players present. In extenuating circumstances and with an acceptable reason in writing, an opportunity to tryout at another time may be provided but not guaranteed. Inquiries will be considered on a case by case basis.

What if I am interested in pursuing OPDL trials at another club?

- Guelph Soccer supports the OSA player pathway. Therefore, players interested in trials with OPDL teams in other clubs should inform and contact the club Technical Manager (Justin Springer; justin.springer@guelphsoccer.ca) of their intent to tryout at these OPDL teams and what their intent (return to tryout in Guelph) is should they not be successful in their attempt to play at the OPDL level.

Why do I have to tell the Program Advisors I want to tryout at another club for OPDL?

- By having open dialogue and support from the Program Advisors and Technical Team, it helps us plan for specific age groups. In the event that you ARE successful with your OPDL trial, it may provide an opportunity for a player who is close to making our team in your age group. Further, if you are NOT successful, then we can plan accordingly for your potential return to the club. Finally, knowing that you have gone to tryout and your possible successful selection is something that we would like to celebrate within the club.

What if I am interested in trying out for another club and their tryouts are at the same time?

- Players attending our trials are demonstrating the first step of commitment that is important to our successful rep program at Guelph. They will get priority in our assessment.

Who is evaluating at the sessions?

- There will be a minimum of 2 people from the Technical Team or independent evaluators that the Technical Team have brought in to assist with assessments. The chosen head coach for the team in 2018-19 will also be on field. No one else will be allowed on the field during the trial process.

What does the evaluation process look like?

- Players will be expected to arrive in 15 minutes prior to the time they need to be on the field. Players should get themselves warmed up and be ready to go right away when their time kicks off.
- Trial sessions will primarily consist of evaluation in technical sessions with a focus on playing in small-sided games. Where possible, expanded game formats will be used.

Who is allowed to tryout?

- The Guelph Soccer assessments and identification days are for individuals and are open to all players interested in trying out and/or being identified for the team at their age group.
- Each player attending the Guelph Soccer trials and/or identification days does so on the basis of their own merit not the team they have formally been with.

What if numbers are low at tryouts in my age group?

- The club will make a decision at trials if this arises. The club will work with those players to find possible solutions. However, sufficient numbers are needed to host/select a team in the competitive stream at Guelph Soccer and the club reserves the right to make this decision.

When will I know – notification?

- After being evaluated by the coaching staff, players will receive notice of a successful selection via email. That time frame will be communicated at the last tryout date.

I have been selected for the team. What are my responsibilities as a player and as a parent?

- At the conclusion of the identification/tryout dates, players will be sent an offer to be placed within a team for the upcoming season. This offer will include all registration costs, payment details, and program details.
- Our fall/winter programming begins late October/early November and continues until the end of March. Our spring/summer programming begins early April and runs until end of August. There will be programmed “off weeks” in between this programming.

Other programming

Guelph Soccer offers development programs throughout the year. Players who are not successful at the trials are encouraged to participate in the many development programs offered by the Club to improve their skill.