### Fall 2024– Spring 2025 Season – Team Formation for 2016s

#### Tryouts and Team Formation for Hoboken United's Travel program will take place this May for rising U9 Players (2016 Birth Year)

Hoboken United's travel soccer program consists of both fall and spring seasons with 2-3 weekday practices and weekend games. U9 teams play in the NCSA league with around 10 games each season. 5 games are played at home in Hoboken and 5 games are played out of town, taking place on Saturdays (boys) and Sundays (girls) in the fall and Sundays (both boys and girls) in the spring. Away games are typically a 30-45 minute drive. Annual fee ranges from \$1,500 - \$2,500 (dependent on team/level) + uniform cost.

All current and prospective players will be evaluated by the Red Bulls coaching staff during the tryout period and have the opportunity to be placed on a team based on their individual effort, understanding of the game, and individual skill level. All players will need to attend a tryout session. Players in the pre-travel program will also be evaluated during the spring season as part of their body of work.

No player is guaranteed a roster spot and as we have noted before, there are more players enrolled in pre-travel and registering for tryouts than there are roster spots on U9 teams. Please note, the Hoboken United Board does not and will not have any insight or input on player selection or placement.

April 10 – 24th	Registration window for 2016 team formation process  All current and prospective players who wish to be considered for a team must register.	
Week of April 29th	Players will be notified of the time and date for their assigned tryout session(s).	
May 4–19th	Tryout sessions for all current and prospective players.	
Week of May 28 (approximate)	Travel team offers begin to be extended. Player commitments expected back 48 hours after receiving notice	

#### U9 Travel Teams for 2024–2025

We anticipate 4 boys teams and 2 girls teams, but the projections are subject to change based on final team formation.

Gender/Birth Year	Projected Number of Teams for 2024–2025
2016 Boys	4
2016 Girls	2

We are focused on keeping the individual development of each player at the center of every decision we make as a club. We are committing to running a more efficient and sustainable player centric soccer club that is focused on providing high quality training within the community of Hoboken. Note that number of teams fielded per age is dependent upon a number of different factors, including but not limited to: player assessment, number of registrations, size of roster and available field space.

#### What if I have other questions about team formation?

Please email Hoboken United at tryouts@hobokenunited.com.

## What can my player do to maximize their chances of making a team?

Current players are evaluated based on their skill level, effort (including attendance), attitude and sportsmanship throughout the spring. All prospective and current players should be continuing to work on their skills outside of team practices.

# What do I do if my player doesn't make a team for next year but still wants to play soccer?

As is the case every year, not everyone will be selected to a team and we understand that this will leave some players disappointed. Fortunately, there are many programs in the area, and Hoboken United, along with Red Bulls, can work with impacted players to consider other clubs and or programs that might be a good fit. We encourage players to continue to advance their soccer skills and try out again in the future.

#### Can my player dual card for Fall 2024-Spring 2025?

Dual carding is considered on a case by case basis and must be approved by the Board. If you intend or are considering dual carding, please inform the Board by Friday, May 17th. Keep in mind that dual carding can cause conflicts in attendance and impacts the team. Missing practices and/or games will affect playing time and future team formation placement.