



2011 Winter Evaluation Protocol

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The NSDSC would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our 2011 Winter Evaluations, and to outline the process that will be followed.

Evaluation Registration

Evaluation registration will take place 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start. Players must register with the Administrator. All players whom wish to participate in the evaluation must also be registered and paid in full (or payment arrangements made with the office) with the NSDSC. It is imperative that the Administrator be given accurate and complete contact information for each player.

Evaluation Dates

Each age group/level of play is given a minimum of 2 evaluation dates, and players are required to attend at least one date to be considered for the level of play they aspire to play at. It is in the player's best interest, especially those new to the Club, to attend both dates, as it will offer greater exposure of a player's abilities. If you are unable to attend any of the evaluation dates, you need to let the Club know the reason(s), as soon as possible by emailing Technical Director Troye Flannery - tflannery@nsd365.com.

The Club's evaluation dates/times will be posted at www.nsd365.com and will run September 14-25.

Coaches

Coaches will be invited to apply for a coaching position in August and pre-selected prior to the commencement of the evaluations based on evaluation and/or interview with a Club Technical Staff member and will be announced prior to the first evaluation session where possible.

Evaluators

The evaluators will be the respective Team Coach(s) and a combination of the Club Technical Director, Club General Manger, Club Academy Coach and Club Staff Coach.

Evaluation Process

U10 Developmental A, B, C & U12 Division 1-6

Players will participate in a “Cascading” evaluation in a Small Sided Game Format and evaluated on athletic ability, technique and game understanding. Player’s will be “Pre-sorted” based on their most recent level of play as well as the Coach Player Evaluation and placed on a field accordingly. The Club Technical Staff and Respective Team Coach(s) will observe the Small Sided Game and place/move players to other fields in accordance to observed ability. The goal is to form teams of “like minded” and “like skilled” players. Please note that a player’s placement on a particular field during the evaluation is not necessarily where he/she will be placed.

U14-U18 Division 1-6

NSDSC will post our Team Allocations and Team Coach Assignments on our club website where possible prior to the commencement of our Evaluations. Division 1 teams will hold evaluations first followed by Division 2/3 then Division 4/5 & 6 in a descending order. Players can choose to attend the evaluation of the particular team they “aspire” to play on. Example – a player wishing to play for the U16 Division 1 team would attend the evaluation and if not selected would then attend the Division 2/3 evaluation and so forth until selection occurs. A representative from the Club Technical Staff will observe the evaluation which will be run by the Respective Team Coach(s). The evaluation will occur in a standardized “practice” format and will include a Small Sided Game. The previous season Coach Player Evaluation is an integral part of the process and will be used as a reference for pending selection. Please note that prior to the commencement of the evaluations the Technical Staff will host age group meetings (Pre Evaluation Coach(s) Meeting) with the selected Team Coach(s) to review the process and format as well as facilitate the review of the age group registrants.

Decision & Notification Process

Subsequent to conclusion of the final evaluation, the Team Coach(s) in consultation with the Club's Technical Staff will be asked to finalize the team roster, and email notices will be prepared for each player advising them if they have been selected to the team, or if they have not been selected at this time. Consequently, it is imperative that accurate email contact addresses are supplied when registering for your evaluation session. In some cases the Team Coach(s) may choose to meet with players individually at the pitch upon the conclusion of the final evaluation. This meeting will be brief and provide players with immediate feedback regarding placement to both successful and unsuccessful candidates. The Club does support this method of communication in particular at the senior age groups U16-U18 and at the Division 1 and Division 2/3 level of play.

Players not selected may request and will be provided an evaluation summary from the Club Technical Director – Troye Flannery. Such requests should be directed to tflannery@nsd365.com, please allow 5 business days for a response. It must be understood that all player placement decisions are vetted through the Club Technical Staff and it must be known that the evaluation process is ongoing and we (the club) reserve the right to move a player upon observations in any preseason training which may occur.

Additionally, where the coach is continuing on from last season, those unsuccessful and who played on the prior season's team will also be telephoned by the team coach. Please be advised that participation on the prior season's team does not guarantee continued placement on the team.

Note: players not selected from the Selection Pool will remain on this list and will be advised should one or more selected players decline or be unable to subsequently join the team.

As we all know, MSN, Facebook etc. work fast, and the notification process is not always a pleasant/ fair experience for every player. We hope the above methods will serve to minimize this.

The primary Club objective is to provide a fair and transparent evaluation process for all players!

For additional information, please contact General Manager Shaun Lowther at slowther@nsd365.com.