

# Middleton United Soccer

## “The Transition Year”

Please note, that all dates included in this powerpoint are subject to change.

While our hope is to have the spring season finish out and tryouts run at the same time, we are still unsure of the timeline.

Our #1 priority is the health and safety of the players, so please be flexible if dates/times do change

# Agenda

1. What is the Alliance, MAYSA, etc.
2. What are the various leagues?
  - Recreational, Competitive, and Premier
3. What is the commitment and expectation of each league?
4. What are Tryouts?
5. What should we expect at tryouts?

# Player Development Initiatives

1. US Soccer mandate all clubs form teams based on birth year (January 1-December 31) vs. grade year (August 1-July 31)
2. All Middleton United U7+ will be birth year
  - A. We may face U11+ clubs that are combined birth year due to their player numbers
    - MU tries to avoid mixed birth years but some U11-U14 recreational teams for MU are combined due to numbers
    - Typically smaller community clubs

# Player Development Initiative (cont.)

	2012/U9	2011/U10	2010/U11	2009/U12	2008/U13
3rd	A, B	A, B, C, D	-	-	-
4th	-	A, B, C, D	D, E, F	-	-
5th	-	-	D, E, F	D, E, F	-
6th	-	-	-	D, E, F	D, E, F

## Options Available:

- A) Middleton United In-House Recreational
- B) Middleton United Academy (play U9/U10 MAYSA)
- C) 56ers U10 Developmental Team (play U11 MAYSA)
- D) Middleton United U11 and up Competitive (tryout) Team
- E) Middleton United and up Recreational (non tryout) Team
- F) 56ers U11 and up Tryout Team

# What age group will my child be?

Tryout teams will be formed by a player's birth year, not their grade.

Birth Year	Tryout Group	School Year
2011	56ers U11 (for U10 Development Team)	3rd & 4th
2010	U11	4th & 5th
2009	U12	5th & 6th
2008	U13	6th & 7th
2007/2006*	U14*	7th & 8th

\*Note (for future younger grade/older birth year players): For players who are 2006 AND in 8th grade - MAYSA has given you an exception to continue to play U14. IF you are a 2006 8th grader and want to play Middleton United SC, please tryout with the U14 age group. If you are trying out for the 56ers, you will play with the other 2006's at U15 and will need to tryout with their HS U15 players.

# What is the Alliance?

1. The Alliance is a working relationship between the community clubs MU, Regent, and our premier level partner the Madison 56ers

A. Benefits to the Alliance:

- U9/U10 in-house scheduling
- Tryouts for U11-U18 teams
  - If MU Competitive rosters are full & we believe your player would benefit from being in that type of competitive environment, we will reach out to Regent to offer your player a spot with them
  - IF your player wishes to play at the premier level and therefore tries out with the 56ers but is not extended an offer, your player's tryout evaluation is passed on to MU (as long as you indicate MU as your preferred club during tryout registration with 56ers
    - This allows player to go to tryouts with 56ers and still be considered for a spot with MU
  - Since all 3 clubs tryout at the same location and time, MU will be able to personally assess your player if they are on a 56er tryout field. Players wishing to play for MU will be on the same field and players wishing to play for 56ers will be on another field
  - **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** to tryout for the club your player and family wishes to play for & **CAN COMMIT TO**. Trying out for the 56ers should not be looked at as a "safe bet" - your player will be assessed against the other players on the same field. This may enhance or detract from your player's skill set.

# What is MAYSA?

## 1. Madison Area Youth Soccer Association

A. MAYSA is not a club, it is the governing body of youth soccer in the general Madison area.

# Are there other Clubs in our area?

## 1. Yes (just to name a few)

- Regent
- Madison 56ers
- Rush/MYSC
- Madison F.C. (East Madison)
- Waunakee
- Oregon
- Verona
- All MAYSA Clubs fall within Dane County

2. MU/Regent/56ers work together based on similar coaching/club philosophies

# Recreational, Competitive, Premier

## What do these mean?

1. There are three levels of commitment.

1. Non Tryout Teams - considered Recreational

- Play within MAYSA

2. Tryout Teams - considered Competitive (MU) and premier (56ers)

- Play within MAYSA (MU/56ers) & State Leagues (56ers only)
- MU hosts recreational and competitive level teams

# How do I know what level is most appropriate for my child?

## 1. MU Recreational (non tryout based)

- A. Buddy requests allowed
- B. No winter obligation
- C. Commitment to 1 practice/week
  - 8 league games/season (16 full year)
- D. Financial commitment \$250-\$300 (full year)

## 2. MU Competitive (tryout based)

- E. Commitment to playing fall/spring soccer (with minimum of 1 winter session) - roughly 7/8 months
- F. Commitment to attending 2 practices/week
  - 8 league games/season & 2 tournament weekends/season (16 league games, 4 tournaments per year)
- G. Commitment to play within Dane County
- H. Multi-sport/commitment family
- I. NO Buddy requests allowed
- J. Financial commitment \$450-\$650 (full year)

## 3. 56ers Premier (tryout based)

- K. Commitment to play 10 months of year
- L. Commitment to 2-3 practices/week - throughout fall, winter, and spring
- M. Commitment to play within Wisconsin/midwest for league games and tournaments
  - 8 league games/season & 2-3 tournament weekends/season (16 league games, 4-6 tournaments per year)
- N. Wants to play just soccer
- O. NO buddy requests allowed
- P. Financial commitment \$1500-\$1700 (full year)

# 2019 Fall Season MAYSA Teams

1. In the Fall of 2019 season:
  - A. U11 Teams: 75 teams
    - 50 boys teams
    - 32 girls teams
2. In the Fall 2019 season Alliance (MU/Regent/56ers) had:
  - B. 10 boy teams
    - MU had 5 (3 competitive; 2 recreational)
  - C. 6 girl teams
    - MU had 1 (1 competitive; U11/U12 girls combined recreational - played U12 Tier 4 division)

# MU Recreational Soccer

1. Designed for players whose main objective is to continue playing with friends
2. Teams are formed based on friend/coach request.
3. If we do not have enough players in a single birth year to form a team, we will be combine birth years
4. If your player tries out for MU or Madison 56ers and is NOT extended an offer - they WILL get an offer to play in MU Recreational league
5. Games are played within Dane County
6. Teams typically train 1 time/week for 60-90 minutes at local parks in the Middleton area
7. Coaches are volunteer parents (Y1 or Y2 license; club provides practice plans)
8. Cost \$250-\$300 per player and includes registration, referee fees, and jersey
9. Commitment fall and spring - about 18 weeks
  - Most recreational teams DO NOT participate in soccer activities over the winter
10. All athletes earn an equal amount of playing time during games.

# MU Recreational Play

1. Teams participate in MAYSA Tier 4 leagues (Tier 1-4 as option)
  - A. MAYSA leagues are structured by skill level and geographic area
  - B. Teams can be from Madison, Middleton, Mt. Horeb, Milton, Columbus, etc.
    - 2019 Fall Season MU had:
      - U11/U12 girls team - 1
      - U11 coed team - 2

# MU Competitive Level

1. Designed for players who want a little more from their soccer experience
2. Teams formed/tiered by tryout and within player's birth year
  - A. Red (A), White (B), Black (C)
3. All teams participate in MAYSA league
4. Games are played within Dane County & possible away tournament (team based decision)
5. Teams train 2 times/week for 90 minutes
6. Commitment fall/spring with typical 1 indoor session
  - B. Some teams do all 3 sessions of indoor (team based decision)
  - C. Winter activities are optional and at additional cost
7. Coaches are typically licensed with a state level E and are paid (by team)
8. Cost \$450-\$650 per player and includes registration, uniforms, coaching, referee, and tournament fees for fall AND spring
  - D. Managers/treasurers collect all fees except registration at start of each season
9. New uniforms are required every 2 years to coincide with the manufacture uniform cycle
  - E. Fall 2020 is a new uniform year
  - F. All players MUST wear the required uniform
10. Teams train at local Middleton parks
11. A player who attends every practice/works diligently could earn more playing time than a player who misses multiple practices
  - G. All players are expected to be strong teammates and therefore attend all practices/games

# MU Competitive Play

1. Teams participate in MAYSA leagues (Tier 1-4 as option)
  - A. MAYSA leagues are structured by skill level and geographic area
    - Middleton United will place teams in the “Tier 2” or “Tier 3” division for the fall season
      - Similar to U9 fall/spring season
      - Rearrange in spring based on fall season scores
  - B. Fall 2019, Middleton United had:
    - Girls team - 1
    - Boys team - 3
      - Red (A), White (B), Black (C)

# Is there a difference in travel for MU Competitive or MU Recreational?

1. Travel for both competitive & recreational is possible
2. Travel depends on:
  - A. Surrounding clubs (do they have an age group team?)
  - B. MAYSA scheduling
    - Try to get geographically close teams to play each other but not always possible

# MU Competitive Level Coaches

## 1. Middleton United Coaching

- A. MU coaches have experience or in early stages of coaching career
- B. Are required to have their “E” licensure (some have higher or intend to obtain higher)
- C. MU will assist with hiring coach
- D. Current parent coaches can continue coaching (if worked out with the club coaching placements)
  - MU has several parent coaches with E license
  - If parent becomes the coach, the team will compensate him/her under guidance of club coaching fee structure

# Madison 56ers - Premier Partner

1. Designed for players wishing to play in a premier level environment
2. Teams formed/tiered by tryout and within player's birth year
  - A. Red (A), White (B), Silver (C), Blue (D)
  - B. U10 Gold (A), U10 Black (B), U10 Bronze (C), U9 Grey (D)
3. 56ers U11 White, Silver, Blue, and all U10 teams play within MAYSA U11 league
  - C. Games are played within Dane County & typically 2-3 tournaments/season (club based decision)
4. 56ers U11 Red play within WDA (state level)
  - D. Games are played within state of Wisconsin & typically 3 tournaments/season (club based decision)
5. Teams train 2-3 times/week for 90 minutes - either at West Towne or Reddan Soccer Park
6. Commitment 10 months of year
  - E. Winter training 2 times/week
  - F. Most teams do all 3 sessions of indoor (team based decision)
  - G. Winter leagues are optional and at additional cost
7. Coaches are typically licensed with a state level D or higher and have played at a high level
  - H. 56er coaches are employees of the 56er club
8. Cost \$1500-\$1700 per player and includes registration, uniforms, coaching, referee, and some tournament fees for fall AND spring (the higher level the team, the more travel/expense.)
9. New uniforms are required every 2 years to coincide with the manufacture uniform cycle
  - I. Fall 2020 is a new uniform year
  - J. All players MUST wear the required uniform

# Madison 56ers Commitment

1. If players make a commitment to other activities (other sports, music lessons) the team expects that the athlete structure their schedule so they can attend to their soccer commitment **first**.
  - A. Playing time is not guaranteed but based off attendance and commitment to team
2. During the winter:
  - B. Coaches require at least 1 indoor session with most teams doing all 3
  - C. Training 2 times/week from end of fall (November) to beginning of spring (April)
3. Fall trainings begin roughly in early August and go through early/mid November

# What is the difference between the Madison 56ers and the Middleton United Competitive teams?

## 1. Cost

- A. MU: \$450-\$650
- B. 56ers: \$1500-\$1700

## 2. Time

- C. MU: 7/8 months of year; Dane County; possible away tournament within Wisconsin
- D. 56ers: 10 months of year; Dane County/state travel; away tournaments; fundraising/volunteer requirements at 56ers

## 3. Expectation:

- E. MU: Play within MAYSA League
- F. 56ers: Red - State Level; White/Silver/Blue/U10 play within MAYSA League

## 4. Coaching:

- G. MU: Typically E level license (paid by team)
- H. 56ers: Typically D level license (paid by club)

# What Leagues are MU/56ers in?

1. WDA (State Level)
  - A. 56ers U11 Red
2. MAYSA U11 Tier 1
  - B. 56ers U11 White
3. MAYSA U11 Tier 2
  - C. MU U11 Red
  - D. 56ers U11 Silver
  - E. 56ers U10 Gold
  - F. 56ers U10 Black
4. MAYSA U11 Tier 3
  - G. MU U11 White
  - H. MU U11 Black
  - I. 56ers U11 Blue
  - J. 56ers U10 Bronze
5. MAYSA U11 Tier 4
  - K. MU Recreational Team(s)
  - L. 56ers U9 Grey

# 2019 MAYSA Fall League Placements

## Fall 2019 Competitive League (ex. Tier 1)

1. Norskis 2009 Gold Union (A team)\*\*
2. Sun Prairie U11 Boys Union (A team)\*\*
3. Oregon U11B Orange (A team)
4. Waunakee U11 Purple Union
5. Santitos FC U11 (A team)
6. Rush 2009/2010 Boys (A team)
7. Milton U12 Red (A team)
8. **56ers 2009 Boys White (B team)**
9. Sonic Sport Club Blue (A team)\*\*
10. Madison FC Gold (A team)\*\*

# 2019 MAYSA Fall League Placements

## Fall 2019 Competitive League (ex. Tier 2A)

1. 56ers U11B Gold (U10 A Team)\*\*
2. Middleton United U11 Red (A Team)\*\*
3. 56ers 2009 Silver (C Team)
4. Waunakee U11 White Union (B Team)
5. Baraboo U11 Thunder (A Team)
6. Regent U11 Azzurri (A Team)
7. WI Dells Inferno (A Team)\*\*
8. Verona U11 Black (A Team)\*\*

# Spring 2020 League Placements

## Spring 2020 Competitive (Boys Tier 1)

1. Oregon Orange (A Team)
2. Capital East U10 Maroon
3. 56ers 2009 White (B Team)
4. 56ers U11B Gold (U10 A Team)\*\*
5. Waunakee Purple Union (A Team)
6. Santitos FC U11 (A Team)
7. Middleton United U11 Red (A Team)\*\*
8. Rush 2009/2010 Boys (A team)

# What are tryouts all about?

1. Try outs are designed to give every player a fair opportunity to earn a spot on a team.
2. Try outs were created as a necessity to stop recruiting, and stacking a team at a young age.

# 2020 Tryouts

(dates subject to change due to COVID-19)



## 2020-2021 MADISON ALLIANCE SOCCER TRYOUTS

REDDAN SOCCER PARK 6874 Cross Country Road, Verona

Pre-Register **\$40**    On-Site Registration **\$80**

**REGISTER WITH THE CLUB FOR WHICH YOU ARE TRYING OUT:**

**Madison 56ers Soccer Club**  
www.madison56ers.org  
madison56ers@gmail.com

**Middleton United Soccer Club**  
www.middletonunited.org  
middletonunitedregistrar@gmail.com

**Regent & Shorewood Soccer Clubs**  
www.regentsoccer.org  
regentregistrar@gmail.com

TRYOUT SCHEDULE		Girls: 5:00-6:30 pm	Boys: 6:45-8:15 pm	Players should attend tryouts for their birth year age group.		
Age Group	Date	Notes	Rain Date	56ers Offer	Regent/MU Offer	
<b>U11 Boys/Girls</b>	<b>May 26-29</b>		May 29 West Towne	June 19	June 20	
	2010	5/26, 5/27, 5/28				5/28 - 56ers only
	2011, 2012	5/26, 5/27, 5/29				56ers only
<b>U12 Boys/Girls 2009</b>	<b>June 1, 2</b>		June 5	June 19	June 20	
<b>U13 Boys/Girls 2008</b>	<b>June 3, 4</b>		June 5	June 19	June 20	
<b>U14 Boys/Girls 2007</b>	<b>June 8, 9</b>		Girls: June 10 Boys: June 11	June 19	June 20	
<b>U15-U19 Boys</b> 2002, 2003, 2004 2005, 2006	<b>June 10, 11, 15, 16</b>	Boys should attend at least 2 nights, but may attend all 4.	June 18	July 1	July 2	
<b>U15-U19 Girls</b> 2002, 2003, 2004 2005, 2006	<b>June 22, 23, 29</b>	Girls should attend at least 2 nights, but may attend all 3.	June 30	July 1	July 2	

*\*West Towne Fields located at 434 Gammon Place, Madison*

- MU 2006 players AND in 8th grade will tryout and play with 2007's
- 2006 56er players MUST play U15 regardless of grade
- HS boys/girls listed above are for 56ers ONLY

# Try-outs (playing up)

1. Middleton United has a policy for players interested in playing up within MU
  - A. Family submit request by May 1st
  - B. Players must fall within the top 5 of the older age group
2. 2011 players who wish to try-out
  - C. 56ers will be hosting Under 10 teams
    - Play MAYSA U11 league
  - D. MU will be introducing our U9/U10 Academy in 2020/2021
    - Play MAYSA U9/U10 league
    - Registration for MU Academy is May 1-May 15

# Tryout Information

1. Only those players who hope to play at a competitive/premier level need to attend tryouts.
  - A. Non tryout team registration May 1-June 25
2. This will be one of their first chances your child will have the opportunity to be evaluated by an unbiased, experienced evaluator.
3. Evaluators have a strong well qualified soccer coaching background
  - B. 56er coaches, Alliance competitive coaches, Club Directors, and outside higher level coaches.
  - C. MU will have an additional 3-4 staff members on site evaluating players

# Tryout Registration

## 1. Register with the club you wish to play for

A. If you DO NOT intend to accept an offer, please do not try out for that club

B. Only register for ONE CLUB

C. Cost \$40 pre-registration online. Online registration closes 48 hours before night 1 of your age group tryout. \$80 onsite.

- MU Registration: [https://middletonunited.demosphere-secure.com/\\_registration\\_login](https://middletonunited.demosphere-secure.com/_registration_login)

- Madison 56ers: <https://madison56ers.org>

- If you chose to tryout for 56ers, please also select MU as your preferred alternate club. If you do not do this, your player WILL NOT be added to my list of players to keep track of & therefor not get an offer from MU

## D. On-Site Check In

- Check in 45 minutes before the start of EACH session

- Check in with the club you registered for (each club will have their own check in table at the pavilion at Reddan)

- At registration (both nights) your player will receive a pinney with a number on it

- At the end of each session, coaches will collect the pinney at the field

- DO NOT take the pinney home!!!

# What to wear/bring to tryouts

## 1. What to wear

### A. Soccer appropriate clothing

- Tryout shirt received at check-in
- Athletic shorts
- Shin-guards
- Cleats are strongly recommended

## 2. What to bring

### B. Plenty of water!

### C. Fully inflated soccer ball

- U11/U12 - size 4
- U13/U14 - size 5

### D. A great attitude and work ethic

# The Tryout Process

1. Each player is expected to attend both nights of their age group tryout
2. MU and 56er players tryout on SEPARATE fields but both at Reddan Soccer Park
3. NO ADULTS near/around tryout fields
4. Non-club representatives NOT ALLOWED near tryout fields
5. Tryout last 90 min.
  - A. Night 1 - warm up; 1v1 and/or 2v2 games; finish with 5v5 games
  - B. Night 2 - warm up; 9v9 or 11v11
6. Players who elect to tryout for GK will be evaluated separately
  - C. It is expected that players trying out for GK are committing to 1/2 of EVERY match as the GK (full year expectation)

# KEY Reminders for Tryouts

1. Tryout fee is \$40 (register within 48 hours of scheduled dates or onsite \$80.)
2. Trying out 56ers (register with them but choose MU as back up...  
IMPORTANT!
3. Trying out MU (register with us.)
  - A. Need to submit birth certificate and picture along with registration
4. Tryout fee onsite is \$80 **(PLEASE AVOID!)**
5. This fee is the fee to attend the tryout process. This will not off set your 2020-2021 registration fee
6. Player must wear shin guards, shoes, bring water bottle, and inflated ball
7. Arrive 45 minutes early on night 1; 30 minutes on night 2
8. Parents may not be on the tryout fields!!!

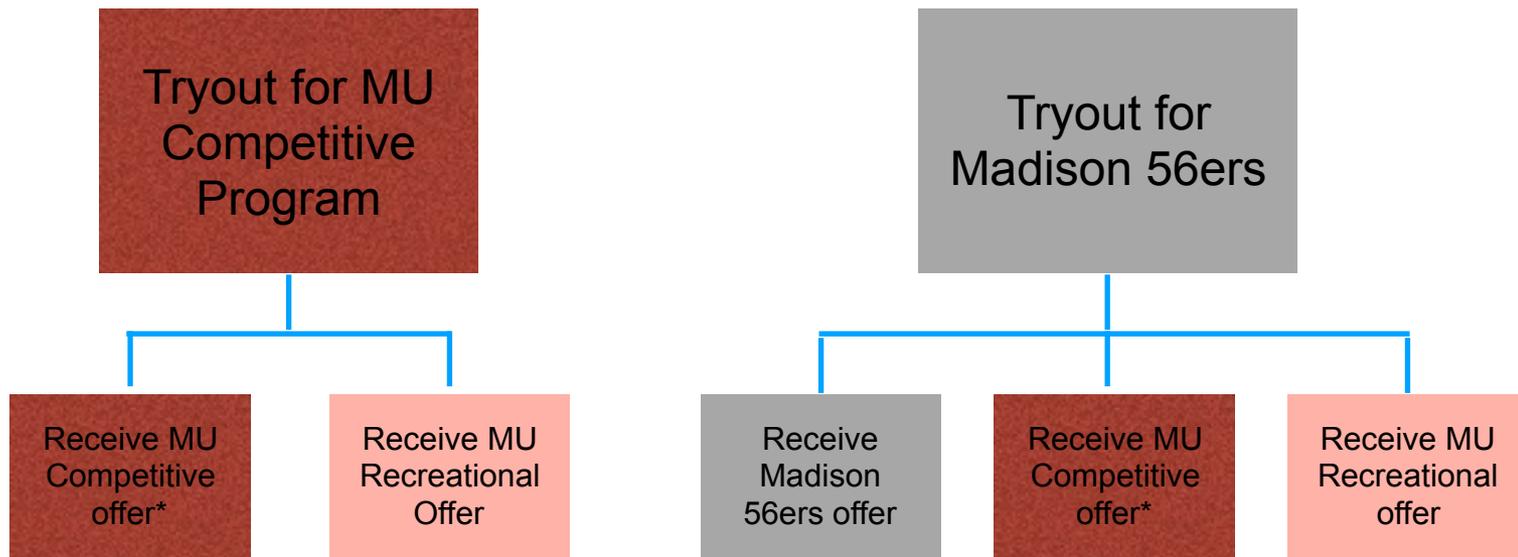
# Evaluations

1. MU players evaluated by independent evaluators provided by 56ers, MU age group coaches, MU tryout assistant, and MU director
  - A. Each player is seen by 8-10 evaluators over the course of 2 day process
  - B. Evaluations compiled with TOP priority to place players where they will best be successful on the pitch
2. Players are evaluated on:
  - C. Athleticism/Athletic Ability
    - Players speed/strength on and off the ball, agility, quickness, etc.
  - D. Technical Skill
    - Players skill/comfort level with the ball. Ability to dribble, pass, receive, shoot, head, and juggle the ball
  - E. Tactical Ability/Awareness
    - Players understanding & ability to problem solve tactical situations on and off the ball
  - F. Mentality
    - Players ability to work hard, help their teammates, and lead on/off the field

# Team Formation

1. MU age group coaches, MU tryout assistant, and Director compile all evaluations including evaluations from player's previous coach (if they played within the club)
2. Players placed within MU program or possibly Regent program
3. MU & Regent are committed to having a place for every player to play
  - A. We will work together, when necessary, to place players.

# How it works



\*\*\*MU and Regent make every effort to offer a place for a player to play. You may receive an offer from Regent after MU's competitive teams are full\*\*\*

# What happens after Tryouts

1. This by far the hardest part of the process
2. They will have friends who make 56er/MU team and notified earlier on the weekend
3. Why are players sometimes waiting to hear about placement?
  - A. 24 hour (some families respond within an hour, some take full 24 hours)
  - B. Working together as an Alliance to form teams (takes time to coordinate)

# The Offer Process

1. You will hear from MU with either an competitive or recreational offer
  - A. If your player is NOT getting an offer to our competitive program, after those teams are formed, we will begin to offer for our recreational program
2. Please know what offer you will accept BEFORE the offer date and respond quickly
3. U11-U13 MU Competitive offers will be June 20-23 (56ers start June 19)
4. U14-HS Competitive offers will be July 2-4 (56ers start July 1)
  - B. You may not hear from us right away. Please be patient! You will hear from us one way or another. If you do not hear from the club by Monday June 24 (U11-U13) or July 5 (U14-HS) please reach out to Molly at [middletonunited@gmail.com](mailto:middletonunited@gmail.com).
  - C. It may be the case you receive an offer from Regent
5. Offers are sent via email directly from the coaches
  - D. You have 24 hours to respond to your offer
    - If you do not respond within 24 hours, your offer WILL go to another player
  - E. Coaches will follow up with a phone call if they don't hear from you via email
  - F. Please take this timeline seriously
    - For every hour you delay your response, there is a child who is not hearing from us
  - G. Offers will contain directions to accept/deny, the birth year, coaches name, and specific team (Red, White, Black)
  - H. Accepting an offer with MU Competitive Program
    - Must be within 24 hours (sooner is greatly appreciated)
    - Must be in writing via email (acceptance response in email to coach)
    - Your offer is not considered accepted until registration with MU Demosphere system/payment has been made
      - A \$25 late fee starts to accrue 48 hours after the offer was given

# What happens after Try-outs

1. Remember what you are agreeing to if you wish to commit to a Competitive or Premier team:
  - A. Our family is committed to the higher costs.
  - B. Our family is committed to the increased hours of participation.
  - C. Our family is committed to finding and the hiring of a coach.
  - D. Our family is committed to increased travel to games and tournaments.
  - E. Our family is committed to participating with new players each year “all new friends”
  - F. Our family is committed to traveling to a new practice location
  - G. Our family is committed to traveling to our home games.

# Ways to help through this process

1. Listen and learn more about the process so you can explain what to expect, and what the choices are for the kids and parents.
2. Encourage your player to attend the U-10 mock tryouts (run similar to actual tryouts)
  - A. Boys May 12th 6:00-7:15pm (Settlers Prairie)
  - B. Girls May 12th 4:45-6:00pm (Settlers Prairie)
3. ASK QUESTIONS!
4. Prepare your child for the process and the selection part of the process
  - C. Prepare them for every option & for their friends to make a different team