



**South Mississippi Soccer Club
2021-22 SMSC Elite Team Tryouts & Formation FAQs**

TRYOUT REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN IS REQUIRED. PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHECK IN AT THE FIELD.

Players must complete the online form and waivers to be eligible for SMSC Tryouts.

DATES: May 3-20, 2021 – see schedule online at www.smscsoccer.com
Registered players will be sent a schedule and it will be posted online at www.smscsoccer.com

WHERE DO I TRY OUT ?

If you live in Jackson County, you will try out at Ocean Springs Sports Complex. Players who reside in Harrison or Hancock County, or who wish to try out for SMSC Elite Blue U13 to U18 (Premier) teams, will try out at Gulfport Sportsplex.

2021-22 SMSC ELITE SELECT AGE GROUPS:

U9 and U10 for players born in 2011 and 2012

- U11** Born in 2011
- U12** Born in 2010
- U13** Born in 2009
- U14** Born in 2008
- U15** Born in 2007
- U16** Born in 2006
- U17** Born in 2005
- U18/19** Born in 2003 & 2004

ANY ATHLETE IS WELCOME TO TRY OUT.





TRYOUT FORMAT

Teams will be selected during two evaluation sessions. Where possible due to the numbers of players and quality of performance, more than one team will be formed. Players will be assessed on Technique, Insight, Personality and Speed (TIPS) and assessed by a small panel of coaches.

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED ?

9U and 10U Elite Development League

EDL Teams will be formed following the May ID events. Players will attend ID events at Gulfport Sportsplex or at Ocean Springs. Teams will be formed with regional geography as a priority with six boys and six girls teams the target for the 2021-22 program.

11U and 12U Team Formation:

Teams will be formed regionally. Players based in Harrison & Hancock County will attend tryouts at Gulfport Sportsplex. Players based in Jackson County will attend tryouts at Ocean Springs Sports Complex. Teams will be formed on an A and B basis within their regions.

13U – 19U Team Formation:

Jackson County – players will try out locally at Ocean Springs Sports Complex. Players wishing to try out for SMSC Elite Blue (Premier) are invited to attend the tryouts at Sportsplex. SMSC will use the tryouts at OSSC to identify potential Premier players and will also issue in person recommendations.

Players residing in Harrison or Hancock County will attend tryouts at Gulfport Sportsplex.

Questions ? Please contact our Technical Directors ...

[Kevin Carmichael](#), U9 & U10 EDL

[John Charman](#), SMSC Elite U11 & U12

[Nick Middleton](#), SMSC Elite U13 & U14

[Chris Handy](#), SMSC Elite U15-U19

[Jessica Maddox](#), SMSC Elite Jackson Co, Goalkeepers





HOW WILL TEAMS BE NOTIFIED ?

Team lists will be posted online at: www.smscsoccer.com

Following team selection, teams will have a parent meeting in a timely manner to provide team specific information on the 2021-22 season. EDL teams will have a specific parent orientation managed by club staff.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM COSTS ?

U9 and U10 ELITE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE – PROGRAM FEES TO REGISTER

SMSC Elite EDL Select program fee is \$225 for 9U,10U*

*U9&U10 registration includes all team fees and is an inclusive price.

** All SMSC Elite players are responsible for uniform purchase.

SMSC ELITE PROGRAM FEES U11-U19

SMSC Elite Select program fee is \$245 for U11-12U

- Payment plans available

SMSC Elite Select program fee is \$325 for U13+.

- Team fees (for event registration, etc) will apply in these age groups.
- Payment plans will be available.
- Players will need to confirm their spots and complete registration by June 1st, 2021.

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FINANCIAL AID:

SMSC awards Financial Aid based on need and not athletic ability. Financial Aid forms are available online at <https://www.smscsoccer.com/select> Deadline for early consideration is July 15th, 2021.

FUNDRAISING:

SMSC will be holding several club based fundraising events during the 2021-22 cycle. Our annual Duck Derby is once again scheduled for September at Gulf Islands Waterpark – and this allows players to fund travel and team expenses through the club. SMSC will also be holding a ‘Draw Down’ and a 5KM FunRun at Centennial Plaza, SMSC’s Official Housing and Hosting Partner.

UNIFORM PURCHASE:

Once teams are selected, your manager will submit your roster with numbers to the club. This will be uploaded to soccer.com and you will receive an email directly telling you it is time to order. **ONLY NEW**





PLAYERS will need to purchase a uniform in 2021-22. Our current uniform will still be in use. SMSC maintains an online store that allows you to order your uniform directly to your home. You will also have other options such as club backpack, sweatshirts, tshirts, adult spirit wear and tracksuits. Uniform purchase must take place in a timely manner and parents should expect the process to take 14 days from order to delivery.

