



BAC Travel Soccer Program

Parent Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This FAQ recaps what we covered in the Rec-to-Travel info sessions in October 2025 and how to take next steps.

How competitive is the Travel Program?

- Travel soccer provides a competitive environment, structured training, weekend league matches. It is a natural progression for REC players ready for the next level.
- Focus is player development first, with age-appropriate competition and expectations.
- Club snapshot this fall: just over 300 travel players across 24 teams, supported by about 60 coaches between head and assistant.

Who is a good fit for Travel?

- Children who love soccer, want more touches, and handle coaching well.
- Families who can commit to most practices and games and communicate conflicts.

What is the weekly commitment?

- Typically, two practices on weeknights and one game on the weekend.
- The duration for each season, Fall and Spring, is approximately 10 weeks.
- Some age groups will have trainer-led sessions or optional skills clinics.

Can my child play other sports?

- Yes. However, when a player joins a BAC Travel team, they are making a commitment to their coaches, teammates, and the club. Players are expected to attend scheduled practices and games to ensure team cohesion and development. If a player is unable to meet this expectation due to other commitments, families should discuss this with the coaching staff and BAC Leadership before the season starts.



How are teams formed?

- By age group and player evaluation, with the goal of placing kids where they can develop and enjoy the game. We balance roster sizes for meaningful playing time and a positive team environment.

When are tryouts?

- Tryouts will take place in May 2026 for team formations starting in the Fall 2026.

Can my child join for Spring 2026?

- Possibly. Some age groups may have spots but an evaluation will be required. Futsal training starts November 2025 and winter training starts in January 2026. This is a good time for coaches to evaluate interested players if you are interested in joining for the Spring 2026 season.

How do we request an evaluation?

- Reach out to TravelProgram@BedfordAC.com to express interest and to be added to futsal and winter training. BAC will have coaches evaluate players during those sessions and follow up.

What is the approach to playing time?

- Younger ages emphasize learning and development across positions with broad playing time. As players get older, minutes can vary based on attendance, effort, readiness, and game needs. Coaches will communicate clearly.

Will my child be locked into one position?

- At the younger ages, players learn multiple positions to build a full game IQ. Goalkeeper development is introduced in a supportive way. For older age groups, players will develop a primary and secondary position and eventually settle on a primary role based on readiness, team needs, and coaching feedback.



How far are away games?

- Most opponents are in neighboring towns (e.g. Merrimack, Londonderry, Amherst, etc.) within a reasonable drive. A few dates may be farther depending on the league schedule.

What uniform/gear is required?

- Cleats, shin guards, and a properly sized ball. Uniform kits are required for league play. We will share ordering details each season.

What does it cost?

- Fees vary by age group and training plan. The club publishes the current fee schedule each season. The cost for the Spring 2026 season is \$190 for U8-U10, \$245 for U11-U12, and \$300 for U13+, plus uniforms. Futsal, winter training, and summer camps are optional and fees are separate. Financial assistance may be available.

What if my child is new to soccer or unsure?

- Start with futsal and/or winter training to try it in a low-pressure setting. Coaches can give feedback on fit and next steps.

How do coaches communicate?

- Expect team email or group messaging for season updates, schedules, location changes, and weather cancellations.

What are the expectations on the sideline?

- Positive support for all players and respect for referees.
- Let coaches coach, let players play, and cheer for effort and teamwork.

What if we need to withdraw or miss a chunk of the season?

- Club refund and credit policies apply. Contact the BAC registrar for details.
- Communicate planned absences early so coaches can plan rosters.



Who do I contact with questions?

- Please contact BAC Travel Program at TravelProgram@BedfordAC.com

How do we take next steps?

- Please contact BAC Travel Program at TravelProgram@BedfordAC.com to express your interest. Watch for futsal and winter training session dates as well as May 2026 tryout registration information. For additional information, please visit our website at <https://bedfordac.com/>.