



Parent Guide for 2020-2021 Select Team in Absence of Tryouts

This document serves as an additional resource for parents seeking a select soccer option to help in getting back to the game for the 2020-2021 year. With soccer activity suspended until July, the traditional June tryouts/player bids process for clubs to determine select teams is no longer an option. Iowa Soccer had to develop a substitute process for member clubs across the state to use in place of tryouts in determining their select teams. As the state-level organization entrusted to support the game, our goal in developing the process and timeline was to help families get back to the game while minimizing new processes for clubs to navigate. At the end of the day our responsibility is to help prop up the game and while there is no perfect solution in a pandemic scenario none of us have ever experienced, we ask for your understanding that our intentions come from a good place – we want to help families and we want to help clubs and look forward to seeing the game played again soon! Thank you.

So that as a family you understand the timeline, allowances and what is not permissible with the substitute tryouts process, please carefully review the information below. Details and recommendations below follow detailed information released to Iowa Soccer Member Clubs on May 14 regarding a substitute process; and on May 28, clubs received a detailed guide to help them stay within the timeline and permissible activity.

2020-2021 Seasonal Year: Age Group & Gender	Intention to Play * Registration Window	Club 'Work' Dates**	Invite to Play *** (formerly Bid Day)
11U-19U Boys and Girls 2010-2002 Birth Year Players	Clubs are permitted to accept registration through Friday, June 12	Saturday, June 13 thru Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17 No earlier than 8am <i>Parent/guardians have until 8pm to accept or decline</i>

***Intention to Play Registration Window – replaces “tryout registration”**

During this window a player registers for the club he/she has a desire to play for in 2020-2021. On the “Invite to Play” date, June 17, parent/guardian will receive a notification from the club regarding selection/placement. A club may open registration at any time and must close it by the end of the day Friday, June 12.

****Club 'Work' Dates**

Between Saturday, June 13-Tuesday, June 16, clubs will be able to make selection and/or placement decisions and organize their communications. During these dates, clubs are not allowed to imply or offer an invitation to play to any player or player’s family.

*****Invite to Play Day**

Replaces “bid day” On Wednesday, June 17, clubs may communicate decisions/invitations with a player. Communications can come no earlier than 8:00am from the club, and parent/guardian/guardian and player must accept or decline the Invitation to Play by 8:00pm June 17.

INTENT TO PLAY TIME PERIOD: NOW THRU JUNE 12, 2020

What can parent/guardians do before the Invite to Play day of June 17?

1. Parent/guardians must not contact and/or attempt to persuade other families and players to participate at any club, current or new, at any point during the “intent to play” window and Invite to Play day. It is up to each individual family and the player to make an independent decision based upon their needs and desires.
2. Parent/guardians must complete the club’s “intent to play” procedure for 2020-2021. Most clubs will use an online registration posted on their public website; however, a parent/guardian is permitted to contact a club official to confirm that club’s “intent to play” process. Allowable contact includes email, text, phone. In order to preserve a

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paper trail, recommended contact is completing/submitting an intent to play form (online, cloud, paper), email or text (in that order). Phone calls are discouraged as documentation is left open to interpretation.

3. It is crucial for parent/guardians to complete and follow the club's "intent to play" procedure by the deadline of June 12. This will allow the club time to consider and offer an option to your player on Invite to Play day of June 17.
4. Parent/guardians who want information about a new club because they are relocating or their current club no longer offers the desired programming should contact club(s) of interest via email or phone to acquire program information. The parent/guardian should share that the need for a new club is due to relocation or absence of programming at current club.
5. Parent/guardians that have a player in search of a new club not due to relocation or absence of programming should, out of courtesy, notify their current club of their desire to submit an intent to play elsewhere. As well, parent/guardian may choose to disclose the club their player participated during the 2019-2020 seasonal year with any "intent to play" they submit for 2020-2021.
6. In the event a parent/guardian is seeking a new club, he/she may send prerecorded footage of their player to any new club during this time.

Time Period: Club Work Days – June 13 – June 16

What can parent/guardian/guardians do during the Club Work Days of June 13-16, 2020?

1. Be patient. Allow time for clubs to make appropriate plans and decisions for the 2020-2021 seasonal year.
2. Be understanding. Formation philosophy is at the discretion of each club. If there are questions, Iowa Soccer recommends contacting the club for more information. Reminder: Club officials cannot offer any player prior to June 17, 8:00 am.

Time Period: Invite to Play date – June 17 and beyond

What can parent/guardians do on the Invite to Play day of June 17?

1. Parent/guardians can accept only *one* invite to play from *one* club on June 17 for each of his/her player(s).
2. If you are declining an "Invite to Play", please notify the club on June 17 or as soon after that date as possible.
3. Understand the invite to play you receive is valid through 8:00pm that day. However, if your family needs more time or information you should reach out directly to the club for assistance on a possible extension.
4. Parent/guardians of a player that declines all invites to play may contact another club via email or phone after officially replying to each club they have received an invite to play from that they are declining the invite to play.
 - If you do not receive an invite to play: First confirm with the club and do not assume that your player has not been invited. Technology can sometimes present issues and notices sent may not be delivered.
 - If the parent/guardian has confirmation that a club is not extending an invite to play, the parent/guardian may contact other clubs to acquire information about their programming.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we move through a difficult time.