



# Somerset Hills Soccer Club



## ~Tryouts for 2007-2008 Season~

We are pleased that you are considering Somerset Hills for your soccer player(s). We wish everyone success. The Somerset Hills Soccer Club travel program provides players looking to make a greater commitment to soccer an opportunity to play in a more competitive environment. By playing with other better skilled players, a good player can enhance his/her chance for greater skill development.

Playing on a SHSC travel team requires a year long commitment by the player and the family. Practices begin in late August and typically meet two times per week. League play involves 10 games (5 home and 5 away) and will run from September through November. In spring, the season follows the same time frame from mid-March through the first week in June. While games usually take place on Sundays, rescheduled games could occur on Saturdays and mid-week. Players should also expect to enjoy tournament participation which usually fills an entire weekend, most often on holidays such as Memorial Day, Labor Day or Columbus Day weekend.

The Club utilizes professional trainers for all travel teams. These trainers represent various local soccer organizations as well as some individual soccer professionals. They organize and run all practices and will be present to coach at most games. Although these professional trainers are employed by the Club and assigned to the teams, we have found that each team needs to have a committed, parental manager. The parent/asst.coach will be responsible for good communication between the club, team members and trainer. The parent/asst.coach will facilitate the team registration and communication with opponents regarding game times, location and directions. This job can be shared with other volunteers. There are several teams that have a parent head coach while maintaining a trainer.

The cost involved for participation is approximately \$375 per season plus uniform costs. Some teams decide, upon the approval of two-thirds of the players' families, to pay additional amounts to fund extra training, tournament play, or other costs not covered by the team's budget allotment. The fee is paid at the beginning of each fall and spring season. Need-based financial assistance is available and can be obtained by completing a financial assistance form.

The Somerset Hills Soccer Club has been in existence for over 35 years. We have strived to maintain strong, competitive teams while filling our rosters with players from the Somerset Hills area. Movement between teams is possible as players develop at different rates. These tryouts are our effort to properly place players on teams based on their performance on the tryout nights. In addition, trainers and coaches will have input into the final team selection, since actual season performance is equally important.

Players can expect to hear of the club's decision by June 3rd. Notification will be a call from the parent/coach of the team. If you would like to participate in the role of parent/asst.coach, please let the person in charge of registration know or contact Jane Boyer at [travel@shsc.net](mailto:travel@shsc.net). Thank you for bringing your soccer player to our tryouts. We hope it will be a positive experience for him/her. If you have any questions, please go to our website at [www.shsc.net](http://www.shsc.net) or call the Soccer Club at 908-204-9204.