

To: All potential Irondale high school boys soccer players  
Re: Tryouts and the upcoming season

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Greetings soccer players,

It is my pleasure to invite you to play soccer again this fall at Irondale. The season is fast approaching and will be soon be upon us. I am very excited to get back into another season of Irondale Soccer. I am anticipating 4 levels of play again this year. The following is important information you need to know if you plan on coming out this year.

First of all, in order to be able to begin practicing with the program, you must fill out and turn in the proper paperwork with the school. Forms can be found on line at [www.moundviewschools.org/irondale](http://www.moundviewschools.org/irondale) : click on athletics and scroll down to “athletic sign up forms. There are some things for you and your parent to sign, as well as paying the activity fee (\$190), or fee waiver form if your family qualifies. A commonly overlooked item is the physical you must have on file. Make sure you have this completed early, so if you need to schedule an appointment with your doctor, you can do so before the season begins. A physical is good for 3 years, so if you had one as a freshman, you’ll need another one before your senior year. Don’t let this detail keep you from missing any tryout time. Forms must be turned in to the activities office before you can participate. Once your registration is complete, they will give you a yellow slip which you will need to bring to the first day of practice. The activities office is open the week of August 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. Check with the office for times.

Tryouts this year will be from 3:00-5:00 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm each day of the opening week and will be held at Irondale this year. The start date is Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts will be Monday through Wednesday. Instead of the evening practice on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have a mandatory player/parent meeting for all players and at least one parent/guardian. We will cover details of the season as well as go over chemical awareness topics. Following that meeting there will be a brief meeting for all varsity players and parents. At that meeting, we will discuss details about our 6<sup>th</sup> annual varsity team camping trip, which is August 22-24.

I hope you will be in shape and prepared to work hard during tryout week. Players who arrive with good conditioning and good touch on the ball will be at a huge advantage. Also, if you plan on buying new cleats, break them in before the season starts. Also make sure you have shin guards with the NOCSAE stamp on them to be legal. Without approved shin guards, you cannot participate.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me by phone or e mail. I look forward to seeing you at tryout week!

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