



Arsenal Colorado Player Development League (PDL)

Arsenal Colorado: a bit of history...

- Established youth club in 1978
- 45 years of soccer excellence & tradition
- National recognition and respect
- Opportunities for thousands of kids in Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming to play competitive & recreational soccer



Club Coaching Staff



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Director of Coaching – U5 –U10 Rec/PDL



Program Includes

- ❑ Experienced, Professional Coaches
- ❑ Individual Team Development Plans
- ❑ Options for competition in CSA's Front Range League (FRL) or Arsenal Colorado PDL Home League
- ❑ Ability based team formation for travel teams
- ❑ Home teams based on geographic location of home and school preference
- ❑ Experienced, professional goalkeeper training
- ❑ Team training sessions run by staff coaches
- ❑ Opportunity for multiple state-wide tournaments
- ❑ On-going team assessments
- ❑ Written player evaluations (seasonal)
- ❑ Intra-club scrimmages



PDL Philosophy

- ❑ The league is designed to give players a more consistent level of play and coaching within the recreational division of the club
- ❑ An introduction and pathway to the competitive culture and mindset while still keeping an emphasis on fun
- ❑ Travel teams/players compete against numerous clubs across the state in the FRL
- ❑ Home teams/players have the ability to take a natural step towards competitive soccer without the full commitment to a travel team



Player Evaluation...

- All Travel players will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - **Technical Abilities** (dribble, pass, shoot)
 - **Tactical Awareness** (decision-making, creating space)
 - **Athleticism** (speed, fitness, agility, coordination)
 - **Psychology** (attitude, effort, coach-ability)



Travel Team Evaluation Process

- Players play small-sided games
- Separate goalkeeper evaluations
- Players play in front of impartial evaluators
- Players will be placed with players of like-ability on day 2



BYT's and Tryout Dates

- Birth Year Trainings (BYT's) at Warren Park

- 2014 Boys: May 1st & 3rd 4:15 - 5:30

- 2014 Girls: May 1st & 3rd 5:45 - 7:00

- 2015 Boys: May 2nd & 4th 4:15 - 5:30

- 2015 Girls: May 2nd & 4th 5:45 - 7:00

- Tryouts at Fort Collins Soccer Complex

- 2014 Boys: May 22nd & 23rd 4:30 – 5:45

- 2014 Girls: May 22nd & 23rd 6:00 – 7:15

- 2015 Boys: May 17th & 18th 4:30 – 5:45

- 2015 Girls: May 17th & 18th 6:00 – 7:15



Travel Team Player Placement

- Coaches will meet for 'Player Placement' directly after the evaluations
- Contact her/his player choices by phone ASAP
- All Player Notifications will be made by May 26th
- Any player evaluated for a travel team who is not selected will be guaranteed placement on a home team.

One family's delay in decision-making affects everyone, please be prepared to accept your invitation!



Home Team Process

- Teams will be formed in mid-June, players will be contacted by coach by mid-July
- Home teams are formed based on player/family desire
- Players will be assigned to home teams after registration closes
- Home teams are formed by geographic location and school preference



League Structure

- ❑ Colorado Soccer Association (CSA) - Front Range League (FRL)

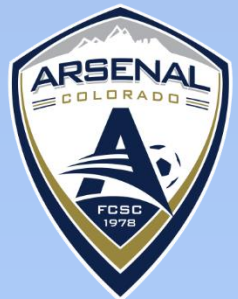
-Consists of travel teams only

- ❑ Premier-
- ❑ Gold-
- ❑ Silver –
- ❑ Bronze-

- ❑ Arsenal Colorado Home League-

-Consists of home teams only

- ❑ Boys division
- ❑ Girls division



CSA Front Range League (Travel)

Season : 16 games

- 8 in the Fall / 8 in the Spring
- 8 games home (Complex) and 8 away
- “Away” may be anywhere along the Front Range

Fall:

- League season begins *late August OR after Labor day
- Ends early November

Spring:

- League season begins mid-March (games over spring break)
- Ends mid-May

** All dates are subject to change – per CSA*



Arsenal PDL League (Home)

Season : 16 games

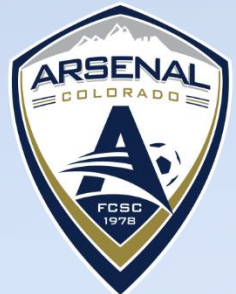
- 8 in the Fall / 8 in the Spring
- Home games at complex and away games may include Greeley, Cheyenne, or Windsor

Fall:

- Season begins after Labor Day
- Ends last weekend of October

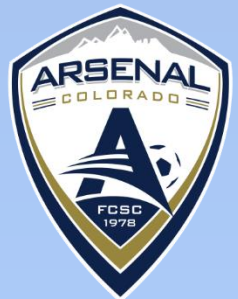
Spring:

- Season begins last weekend of March
- Ends late May



Tournament Play

- *Most HOME teams play in a minimum of one tournament during each season (Fall/Spring)*
- TRAVEL teams participate in a maximum of two tournaments per season (Fall/Spring)
- Costs for tournament entry is additional to player registration fees for both Home and Travel teams



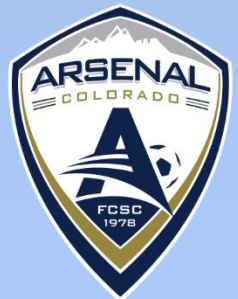
Program Overview

- Staff-run training sessions
- Age group lead training sessions by Directors
- Goalkeeper training
- Opportunities for training/playing up
- Summer/Winter Camps/Clinics (optional)



Player Expenses (due to team)

- **Exact amount:** determined by the team coach and parents as part of the process of forming and approving the team's annual financial statement.
- **Team fees include:** costs for equipment, tournaments, social activities, and coaches expenses (Mileage reimbursement, etc)



Player Fees (due to club)

- Current (2023/24) Registration Fees: *(fees subject to change)*

U9 Home \$330 per season

U9 Travel \$435 (Royal, Blue, White) per season

U9 Travel \$465 (Academy, Gold) per season

U10 Home \$330 per season

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- Uniforms: *(fees subject to change)*

\$75 Required uniform (includes) two-Jerseys, shorts, socks
(ordered through soccer.com)



The *goal* of evaluations is to...

Allow coaches the opportunity to fully evaluate every individual ...



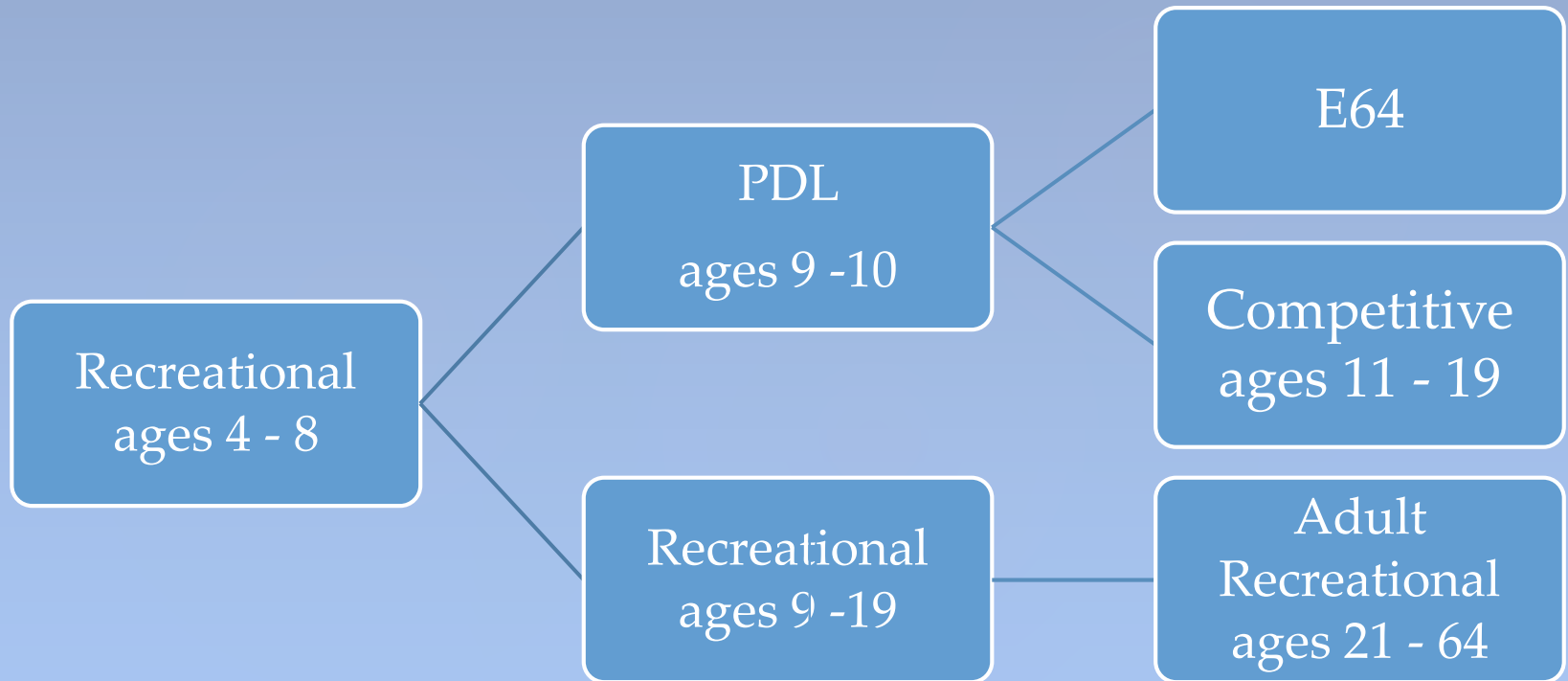
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Players achieve maximum development!



Development Pathway



Registration

BYT / Tryout Registration: online www.soccerfortcollins.org

⚽ **Cost:** \$10 for training shirt – all players must register online in advance. Shirts will be provided at first BYT session.

Program registration:

⚽ **Travel:** after teams are formed (players have accepted spots) a registration link will be sent for players to register.

⚽ **Home:** registration for home teams will open on May 24. Registration link will be sent to players and posted on home page of website.





Your questions, please ...

Thank you for the *privilege* of working
with your family!

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