



Rancho Cordova Youth Soccer Club

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Frequently Asked Questions

(Answers to many of the questions we receive from our players and their families)

NOTICE: Only partial registration refunds are given after May 31st. No refunds will be given after August 31, 2011. There is a \$5 processing fee for all refund requests.

Q: When does the Recreational season begin and end?

A: All U-6 teams will begin play the middle of August and finish their seasons the week before Halloween in October. All other age groups will begin their seasons in September and finish their season at the end November. Check the website for specific dates.

Q: When will we know what team our child has been placed on, and who the coach is?

A: Coaches are given their rosters in the last half of July, so you can expect a call from the coach by the end of July. In some cases, we are still recruiting coaches or a coach may be on vacation, which could delay the call. Please email the club if you have not been contacted by August 1st.

Q: When and where are the games played?

A: All league games are played on Saturdays.
Under-6 teams play all their games in the Rancho Cordova, Mather, Anatolia and Gold River areas.

U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14 teams play their games within ARYSL boundaries (Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Orangevale, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, Sierra & Sunrise)

U-16 and U-19 teams play their games in the greater Sacramento area. Possibly U12 & U14 Select (Division 3) Teams play their games within District 6 Metro League boundaries (South to Elk Grove, North to Chico, West to the Fairfield-Solano area and East to South Lake Tahoe)

Approximately half of a team's games will be played at their home field (home games), with the remaining games (away games) played elsewhere within their playing league.

Q: When and where are practices held?

A: It varies and is dependent on the coach's discretion. Most teams practice 1-2 times weekly, at the same field. Recreational teams can begin their practices anytime after August 1.

Q: What is a seeding tournament?

A: It is a mini tournament that enables the league to rank/rate teams, thus allowing for scheduling similarly skilled teams as opponents. Our U-8 through U-14 girls & boys participate in a league seeding tournament, on a Saturday, towards the end of August.

Q: When will we get our schedules?

A: The games have to be coordinated at the league level and the seeding tournament results have to be evaluated before schedules can be made. Coaches usually receive their schedules just before the first game in September. The initial schedule is only for the first half

of the season, as teams are again ranked and re-seeded after five games for a more even level of play.

Q: What equipment will my child need?

A: Uniform:

Rancho Cordova Soccer Club Jersey (black/green & white/green)
Black soccer style shorts
Black soccer style socks
Shin guards (**mandatory** for games & practices, for safety)
Soccer cleats (for safety and traction)
Water bottle (for games and practices)

Q: How to purchase a uniform?

A: Uniforms may be ordered (payment required also) at any of our early walk-in registration dates during March and April. Uniforms ordered during early registration will be given to your player(s) coach to distribute at your first team practice/team meeting. After early registration you must order online at ranchosoccer@gmail.com. You need to send a check to our po box with the child's name, age group and size. You will receive confirmation once we receive payment and the uniform will be handed out by the coach.

Q: How do I get my child on a particular team or at a particular practice field?

A: We have 1 volunteer registrar, responsible for registering approximately 1000 players. We do our best to honor all requests and we will only try to honor request during early registration. Most players are placed on a team that practices near their school, or on the team they were on the previous season. There are limitations on field locations that may prevent players from practicing on a field near their school or home. Many coaches receive requests from a greater number of players than there are available slots on the team. As you can see, the registrar's job is complicated and stressful, and their contribution is invaluable to the club. The only way to guarantee your child is on a particular team is to be the coach of your child's team!

Q: Who do I contact if I have a concern or question?

A: Your coach is your first point of contact. Any problem he or she cannot resolve will be referred to the appropriate board member. You may also email the club at ranchosoccer@gmail.com. A board member will contact you back as soon as possible. Please remember that all coaches, assistant coaches, team parents and board members are volunteers, with busy schedules (just like yours!).

Q: What is "Select" soccer?

A: All of the teams in the league are recreational teams, which means that they are made up of a cross section of all players registered in their age category. Select Soccer is the next level up from standard, recreational soccer. The players attend try-outs, and are "selected" to be on teams. Coaches have more experience, and more training. The level of play is more challenging. The teams often attend several tournaments over the season and play more than 10 games. League play takes place in a wider geographical area. Rancho Cordova Soccer Club offers select teams for both boys and girls age U-10 and up. Our select program offers a more challenging level of play for experienced, skilled players. Select teams can begin practices after June 1, usually enter one or more weekend tournaments over the course of the season, have different select club uniforms, and can play in a more expansive district. Select soccer can be a bit more expensive, but most select teams hold fund-raisers to offset these costs. If your child is ready for a more challenging level of play, bring them out to tryouts.

Q: How do I become involved in the soccer program?

A: Just give us a call or email the club! The club always needs assistance with field maintenance, referees, coaching, age coordinators, fund raisers, and field days. Please

volunteer your time whenever you can, remember, ***it's for our children!*** Don't forget to checkout ***In the Net*** (the official newsletter of the Rancho Cordova Soccer Club)