



Rogue Valley Soccer Club Competitive Soccer Program Ages U11-U14

The U11- U14 Competitive Soccer Program is geared toward developing the individual technical skills and team tactical awareness needed to be a successful player. Although many think that a competitive soccer program's success is defined in terms of games won or lost, RVSC's approach is different. The U11-U14 age groups present a critical time in our player's physical cognitive and psychological development as both young people and young players. As such, it is important to not become mired in wins and losses. Success at these age groups should be defined by the players' ability to reach certain technical and tactical milestones. I am confident that if we dedicate ourselves to developing the necessary skills, the wins and losses will come as our players mature and move into their high school years.

Tryouts

Competitive teams are formed thorough open tryouts, which will take place this year on Saturday May 30th and Sunday May 31st at the new soccer fields at US Cellular Community Sports Park. Times will be posted at RVSOCCKER.COM by the end of next week.

Each year players must tryout to be considered for competitive soccer. Just because they were selected the prior year, does not mean that they will be selected for this coming year. Likewise, just because a player was selected as a premier player last year does not gauruntee premier status for the coming season.

Selections will be based on evaluations conducted during the tryout process. Eighty percent of the roster is based strictly on the evaluator's scores. The other twenty percent will be determined by discussion between the Director of Coaching, the evaluators and the coach of the team. When at all possible, we will not have coaches evaluating their own players.

Premier/Classic

Premier teams will play in a statewide league with 14 games.

The Fall Session will run from September 13th-November 15th

The Spring Session will run from February 14th – March 22nd and will be followed by Presidents Cup or State Cup and Rogue Valley Cup.

Classic teams will play an 8 to 10 game season in the fall and another 8 to 10 game season in the spring, followed by Rogue Valley Cup.

U11

This year, there will not be a Premier and Classic team for the U11 Age Group. We will select a “player pool” for this age group. All players selected to the pool, will train together “academy style.” The emphasis will fall heavily on technical skill development with the introduction of basic team tactics. Games will be played throughout Southern Oregon with travel limited to no further than Roseburg and Klamath Falls. Each weekend, we will divide our pool of players into teams for games. Teams will be formed in an equitable fashion throughout league play so each weekend players will be with a different group. Players will be given the opportunity to try different positions, including goalkeeper through out the year. Our goal each weekend will be to utilize the skills that have been mastered in previous training sessions. Wins and losses are inconsequential. This age group will play in an 8v8 format. There will be a statewide Presidents Cup and State Cup tournaments. At this point, we will form teams to compete at the appropriate level.

U12

For this year, U12 will have both classic and premier teams. The premier team will play in a statewide league, which will require some travel as far as Portland. The classic team will play locally with travel as far as Roseburg.

Even though there is a premier and classic level team at this age group, the emphasis should still remain similar in nature to U11, in that technical development is paramount, followed by increased tactical instruction. Game results are still secondary, but naturally become a little bit more important. During league play players on both levels should be given an opportunity to play different positions regardless of the effect on the outcome of the game. That being said, in PQT’s, CQT’s, State Cup/Presidents Cup, lineups will be determined by where a player will best help the team.

U13/U14

The U13/U14 age groups represent an opportunity to place greater emphasis on tactical development. A large emphasis should still be placed on developing technical skills. Again, there will be a premier team playing statewide and classic teams playing locally.

At the premier level, while game results are still secondary the importance is increased. Coaching decisions will be made with a game result in mind. However, when making these decisions, the question of “what is best for the player?” should be asked.

At the classic level, game results remain secondary to technical and tactical development.