

2010

The STARS Excel Program & Tryout Information
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First of all we would like to welcome you to the CCV STARS Soccer program. Hopefully you will learn more about the CCV philosophy and tryout process. Secondly, we would like to inform you of the many questions about the program so you can fairly evaluate joining our Soccer based family.

Tryout dates & times - 2010/2011 Season – For BOYS and GIRLS:

**** Please note: June 12th, will be the last tryout date for U15/U16 Girls****

4/10/10		4/24/10		5/15/10	
U7-U11	9-10:30 AM	U7-U11	9-10:30 AM	U7-U11	9-10:30 AM
		U12-U15	11-12:30 PM	U12-U17	11-12:30 PM

6/5/10		6/12/10		6/19/10	
U7-U11	9-10:30 AM	U16-U17	8:30-10 AM	U13-U17	8:30-10 AM
U12-U17	11-12:30PM				

6/26/10	
U13-U17	8:30-10 AM

2010-2011 Soccer Season (Age/Team Name Key):

Age	Team/ Year of Birth	Birth Date Range
U7	'04	8/1/03-7/31/04
U8	'03	8/1/02-7/31/03
U9	'02	8/1/01-7/31/02
U10	'01	8/1/00-7/31/01
U11	'00	8/1/99-7/31/00
U12	'99	8/1/98-7/31/99
U13	'98	8/1/97-7/31/98
U14	'97	8/1/96-7/31/97
U15	'96	8/1/95-7/31/96
U16	'95	8/1/94-7/31/95
U17	'94	8/1/93-7/31/94

NOTE: All age groups above reflect the age of the child at the beginning of the soccer year (August 1, 2010).

For example, if your child's birth date is November 11, 2000, then he would be considered u10 age and his team age bracket would be considered an '01 which stands for 2001.

1) STARS Soccer Program:

- EXCEL (Competitive soccer with a developmental & love for the game focus)
 - ✓ ages 6-17 boys & girls
- UNITED (Recreational soccer with basic soccer development and enjoyment as a primary focus)
 - ✓ ages 4-16 boys and girls (pre K to sophomore in high school)

2) EXCEL Tryout & Program Summary

- **Over a 2-3 month period we offer several tryout or placement opportunities.** We believe in grouping “like level” players so that each can enjoy and grow with soccer while improving their self esteem. The tryout groups/levels have the following naming convention (assuming that there are enough kids in an age group):
 - ✓ Black (Top Level)
 - ✓ Red (Mid Level)
 - ✓ White (Developmental Level)
 - ✓ Silver (Intro Level)
- **Key Elements for grouping players are:**
 - ✓ Character
 - ✓ Personality & Passion for soccer
 - ✓ Skill & Athleticism
 - ✓ Overall Tactical awareness
- **Season Length (approx.)**
 - ✓ All EXCEL player practices formally begin the week of August 10. The regular league season and post cup play typically ends:
 - ✓ U7-10 March 15
 - ✓ U11-14 April 15
 - ✓ U15-18 May 1 (if competing in State Cup)
 - ✓ The length of season also depends on your level (Black, Red, White or Silver).
 - ✓ Additional academies, camps and tournaments can extend the season beyond these dates.

➤ **Leagues & Major Tournament Participation**

- ✓ All EXCEL teams play in the AZ State League or in the AZ Open League
- ✓ All play between 10-14 league games (fall & winter)
- ✓ EXCEL Black & Red teams (u11 & older) are expected to play in the USYA National (State) Cup Championship series in Arizona (March-May; depending on age) and or the AZ State OPEN Cup (March).
- ✓ EXCEL White and Silver teams can optionally participate in the State OPEN Cup in March.
- ✓ Most Black & Red teams, u11 & older, will participate in an additional 3-6 tournaments throughout the year, and of these, 2-4 might require out of town travel.
- ✓ White and Silver teams, u11 & older, will typically participate in 3-4 local tournaments a year and perhaps one tournament will require out of town travel.
 - U7-10 Black & Red teams will typically play in 2-4 tournaments per year, of which perhaps 1-2 could be out of town.
 - U7-10 White and Silver teams will typically play in 2-3 tournaments per year and possibly not even travel out of town.

➤ **Seasonal Practice Guidelines**

- ✓ U7-18 teams practice 2 times minimum per week/60-90 minutes each practice.
- ✓ Elite level teams may practice up to three times per week.
- ✓ Additional practice opportunities will be available on a select and volunteer basis.
 - Speed, Strength & Agility training
 - Open Play Nights
 - Practicing with another team in the same age group, with an older team, or with a cross gender team, i.e. girl practicing with a boy's team.

Note: These are examples of ways elite and passionate players can attain more soccer development without incurring additional costs.

➤ **Professional Training**

- ✓ Required for every EXCEL team at least one time per week and possibly up to 3 nights for teams coached by one of our Certified CCV Pro Staff.

➤ **Academy & Camp Participation**

- ✓ All EXCEL players are encouraged to participate in the summer (May/June) STARS Academy.
- ✓ Additional camps (both local & residential) are available as options throughout the summer.

➤ **Tryout (Placement) Process & Fee**

- ✓ Fee – One time \$10 fee for each tryout participant. Player gets a T-shirt & some training/games and covers facility and administrative costs.
- ✓ The tryout process is the primary method to “place” players onto appropriate level teams.
- ✓ This process continues over a 2-3 month period and allows both the player/family and the club to assess and hopefully agree on the level of play that best suits the player at a given time. CCV is always willing to adjust the player and the level as it makes sense throughout the year with payer and parent cooperation.
- ✓ A player will always have a “primary” team, but may also be asked to be a part of a second team that might challenge and enhance that player’s ability further (multi-roster). This could be a different team in the same age group or another age group.
- ✓ In most cases a player only pays one set of “team” fees when acting in a “multi-roster” situation. This is typically only done in cases where a player has mastered his primary level and needs further challenge from the next level.
- ✓ Notification & Timing: Coaches are asked not to complete their rosters until the last tryout/placement date. A formal announcement could be made to all parents at that time and also by posting the placement decisions on the CCV Web Site within one week. In select cases a player may be notified by the coach of an early placement. It is possible that a team or age group may delay their roster decisions due to unique circumstances.
- ✓ Acceptance: When a player is notified of his/her placement, he or she is asked for a written (email or letter) commitment along with the CCV registration fee within one week to their coach.

➤ **Financial Commitment Guidelines**

- ✓ Major Expenses:
 - Registration - \$180 (u7); \$200 (u8-18) - Includes AYSA registration, secondary insurance, facility use, league, player and team fee & referee fees. If registration fees are paid online, an additional \$10 processing fee is added.
 - Adidas Uniform – We maintain the same uniform for 2 years. 2010 is the start of a new cycle. Thus, this year, 2010, we will all purchase new uniforms which will last us for two years.
 - New Adidas “Custom” Home Uniform and Away “Regista” Uniform- Cost for 2 complete game kits (2 jerseys, 2 shorts and 2 socks) are approx. \$130 per player.
 - Adidas warm-ups (top & bottom) are recommended; \$50-60.
 - Adidas back pack is recommended for approx. \$35.
 - Professional Training Fees – paid by team
 - Per player approx. \$35/month (one session per week); \$70/month (two sessions/week) – fees are subject to change.
 - Pro training is paid 8 weeks in advance by the team to the club.
 - An additional fee for Strength, Speed & Agility training will be approx. \$5-10 per week per player for those players/teams participating.

- Tournament Entry Fees – Paid by team sponsors, fundraisers, or split up equally between parents.
 - Typical tournament fee is \$300-500 per team; age and level dependant
 - Average cost per player is typically \$35.
- Travel Expenses – For out of town travel and overnight stay, each player pays their own fair share of the T & E. Players share in covering the cost for coach/trainer travel expenses if coach's child is not playing on the team. That can be approx. \$30 per player per traveled tournament.
- ✓ Typical costs by age groups for the above expenses (EXAMPLES below)
 - U7-8 \$660-1060 per year (typical season is 7 months) – ave. per month is \$90-150.
 - U10 \$835-1120 per year (typical season is 7 months) – ave. per month is \$115-158.
 - U12 \$995 per year (typical season is 8 months) – ave. per month is \$122.
 - U14 \$1020 per year (typical season is 8 months) – ave. per month is \$124.

Note: example of what is included in U10 annual fee estimate – new uniform (2 game kits); warm-up, back pack, registration fee, 1 to 2 nights pro training per week, payment for 4 local tournaments, league and state fees, referee payments, etc.

- ✓ Scholarships
 - CCV wants to open our soccer family to anyone who wants to be a part of our mission. The club is self funded and therefore cannot meet the financial needs of all players without significantly raising fees.
 - To request a hardship scholarship, please complete the CCV Scholarship Form (available at CCV Front Office)
 - This would only cover a portion of the registration fee. The balance of the need would need to come from the team in way of fundraisers, corporate sponsorships, etc.
 - All players are expected to pay something, and not limited to the actual expenses incurred by CCV for state and league associations.
 - CCV SHOOT FOR THE STARS Tournament – all members are expected to contribute at least two (2) hours per family to supporting the tournament.
 - Additionally, scholarship players/families are asked to contribute 4-8 hours during the weekend when they are not playing or during the tournament preparation or takedown.

- ✓ **Payment**
 - Registration – due one week after placement and commitment (approx. July 10th). Done through the team manager.
 - Uniform – done online via the CCV web site through the team manager direct with Eurosport. See STARS web site for more information.
 - Pro Training – paid by the team (from individual collections) to the club 8 weeks in advance. See section 5 for more detail.

- **Loaning of players** (Player Commitment)– CCV does not support the loaning of CCV players to teams outside the CCV Excel and United Programs. Please see guidelines and policy for this in Coaches Handbook.

- **More Than A Game Program**
 - ✓ All players will be expected to participate in three non-soccer activities throughout the year:
 - Trading card - Character development program – 3-5 minutes per week in a team setting done by the coach.
 - MTAG Certificates each week given out by the coach.
 - Service project (with team) – once per year for one weekend or equivalent.
 - Prayer at practice and games.
 - Sportsmanship routine at the end of each game.
 - ✓ CCV is open to any and all players in the community that want to participate.

