



# COLORADO FUSION SOCCER CLUB

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## Here are some frequently asked questions for new players to Fusion U11 Competitive Soccer

### 1. What is competitive soccer?

Competitive soccer involves U11-U18 teams. Players compete within their age groups and participate in Colorado Youth Soccer leagues involving front-range travel. The players compete in 18-20 games during the fall and spring seasons for the U11-U14 age groups. The CYS leagues represent the highest levels of competition. The teams are trained by licensed paid coaches 2-3 times per week with games on Saturday. Competitive teams participate in 2-4 tournaments per year.

### 2. When is Player Placement?

Player placement for U11 players will be Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>. 11 Girls will meet from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and U11 Boys will meet from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start time to check in. For updated information and the location, please visit our website, [www.coloradofusion.org](http://www.coloradofusion.org).

### 3. Is there anything I need to do prior to Player Placement?

Yes, you should register for Player Placement online by going to [www.coloradofusion.org](http://www.coloradofusion.org). Registration for Player Placement is available now through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nothing else is required until the Player Registration meeting to be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. How can my U10 player be seen by coaching staff before Player Placement?

Colorado Fusion offers the Predator Program (requires registration) as well as kick-arounds for our U10 players before player placement. U11 player placement will be run by Fusion developmental staff who has observed the U10 players all year. Dates and times for the Predator Program are posted on our website at [www.coloradofusion.org](http://www.coloradofusion.org). Kick-arounds will familiarize players with the format of the player placement event and are scheduled for Fridays, 6-7:30 pm on May 8, 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lowry Sports Complex

### 5. How are players placed on teams? How many teams will be formed? How large are the teams?

Players are placed on teams based on ability. Technical skills, athleticism, movement off the ball, work rate and level of interest in the game of soccer are some important criteria used to evaluate players.

The number of teams formed depends on the number of qualified players and committed parents. The typical roster size can be anywhere from 14 to 17 players. The number of players trying out usually exceeds the number of available roster spots. In case your child is not being offered a spot on a competitive team, we will make every effort to find a spot for your child on one of our in-house developmental or intermediate Option 1 teams.

### 6. How is player placement different from tryouts?

The word "Tryout" implies that players are selected based on their performance at a 90 minute tryout event. That would not be the most accurate and fair process. We evaluate Colorado Fusion players throughout the year. Those staff and team coach evaluations help us plan our teams for the following year. The player placement event confirms who is actually interested in playing competitive soccer and provides non-Fusion players with an opportunity to join a Fusion team. Player Placement is open to anyone.

### 7. How soon will we know if we made a team?

Players will be contacted by their team coaches within 48 business hours after Player Placement. The players will have 24 hours to respond to their coaches and accept a spot on a specific team.

### 8. Should I register my child for developmental soccer before tryouts to ensure he/she has a spot if a spot on a competitive team is not available?

No. Since the registration date for developmental soccer is not until after player placement, you will have plenty of time to register your child by July 11.

### 9. What are the differences between the advanced teams? What is the cost, time and tournament commitment?

Mundial	1 <sup>st</sup> Team	\$555 per season*	3 practices at Lowry	2-4 tournaments per year
Copa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	\$555 per season*	3 practices at Lowry	2-4 tournaments per year
Gunners, Metros, Cosmos, Dynamos	Regional	\$337.50 per season*	2 practices at Aurora and Denver Parks	2-3 tournaments per year

\* These fees are for the 2008/2009 year, the fees include Colorado Fusion fees, CYS fees, referee fees, field fees and coaches' fees for **both fall and spring**. Indoor fees, tournament fees and expenses, uniforms or other team expenses are not included. Required uniform cost is approximately \$275. When you commit to a Colorado Fusion team, you are committing for two full seasons, fall and spring.

**10. What is the commitment involved? Do players have to give up playing other sports?**

Every player is expected to participate in all team activities, including practices, games and tournaments. The commitment to playing competitive soccer with Colorado Fusion is for a full year, August through June.

Players are not expected to give up playing other sports. However, multi-sport athletes need to work out conflicts with their team coach since playing time is based, in part, on regular participation in practices and team events.

**11. When does the season begin?**

The season begins with the first practice at the end of July. There will be at least one pre-season tournament before the start of Fall 2009 league play. Fall league play typically begins on the last Saturday before Labor Day. The season will continue through mid- November.

**12. How can I offset the cost of the program?**

Fundraising is available to help offset the cost of being in the competitive program. Grocery certificate programs, work at local sports venues and team based fundraising efforts can defray the cost of playing competitive soccer. We also offer a payment plan. The club will explain the payment options at the time of player placement.

**13. Will there be player movement after the beginning of the season?**

Player movement is designed to place players on teams where they will receive the appropriate challenge required for their optimal development. Up and down player movement will take place year round and requires the program director's approval.

**14. Who will be U11 coaches for next year?**

**Boys**

<b>Mundial</b>	Premier	<b>Mark Healiss</b>	USSF C Candidate	720-839-0604	<a href="mailto:Mark.Healiss@lfg.com">Mark.Healiss@lfg.com</a>
<b>Copa</b>	Classic	<b>Chris Bartley</b>	USSF D	720-790-1226	<a href="mailto:Harecut15@aol.com">Harecut15@aol.com</a>
<b>Gunners-DVR</b>	Challenge	<b>Jena French</b>	USSF C	720-261-0365	<a href="mailto:Jena.French@ucdenver.edu">Jena.French@ucdenver.edu</a>
<b>Cosmos-AUR</b>	Challenge	<b>Tony Jones</b>	USSF D	303-513-0262	<a href="mailto:ajones9107@msn.com">ajones9107@msn.com</a>

**Girls**

<b>Mundial</b>	Premier	<b>Oran Smith</b>	USSF D	720-934-8670	<a href="mailto:osmith@nlpcorp.com">osmith@nlpcorp.com</a>
<b>Copa</b>	Classic	<b>Ryan Finch</b>	USSF D	Contact Trey Harrington	<a href="tel:303-399-5858">303-399-5858 #110</a>
<b>Gunners-DVR</b>	Challenge	<b>TBA</b>			
<b>Cosmos-AUR</b>	Challenge	<b>TBA</b>			

**15. What are the birthdates of U11 players?**

AGE GROUP	BIRTHDATE	FORMAT	ROSTER SIZE	BALL SIZE	GAMES DURATION	ALLOW FOR GAMES
<b>U12</b>	8/1/97-7/31/98	11 V 11	13-18	4	2 X 30	1.5 HOURS
<b>U11</b>	8/1/98-7/31/99	11 V 11	13-18	4	2 X 30	1.5 HOURS