



COLORADO FUSION SOCCER CLUB

YOUTH SOCCER FOR DENVER & AURORA

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U10 to U11 Transition Options

Hello Parents and Coaches,

We are looking forward to having your child advance to U11 soccer next fall and continue in our Academy Program. Our goal is to provide great options for your child to continue playing soccer at a level that is most appropriate for them and to ensure that they continue to have fun, develop as players and enjoy all the benefits of the world's greatest game. From the most competitive and dedicated player to the player who simply wants to continue playing with friends, we have a program that is right for every child.

We hope that the following information will provide you with answers that will help you make the best decision for your child.

Why stay with the Colorado Fusion Soccer Club?

- **The Fusion Philosophy**

The Colorado Fusion age appropriate curriculum focuses on technical training that will enable our players to compete in different soccer environments, whether it is at the club or school level, select team soccer or a pick-up game in the park.

We train our coaches to create an atmosphere where winning is important but player development is paramount. Games are used to continue the player education process, rather than being the sole barometer of success. Coaches are expected to develop a passion for soccer in every player, measure their performance and provide regular feedback on their progress toward age specific exit goals. Our training will prepare our players to perform at their highest levels, develop a strong work ethic, learn to function as part of a team and develop a positive self-image that goes beyond winning and losing. We aim to prepare our players for lasting success on and off the field.

- **Community Club**

Our teams are community based and home grown, and they reflect the full diversity of our community. We believe strongly in making soccer accessible to everyone who is interested in playing. Our programs are affordable and our grant program provides need-based financial support for those players who lack the financial means to play soccer at both the competitive and developmental levels.

- **Loyalty and Consistency**

Our coaches are carefully selected and embrace our club philosophy. Many have been coaching with Fusion for many years and enjoy developing our players as athletes and individuals.

- **Facilities**

Our facilities are second to none with practice fields at Lowry Sports Complex in Denver and Olympic Park in Aurora. Aurora Sports Park, one of the best soccer facilities in the United States, hosts home games for most of our teams.

Playing Options

Your child has several playing options as he or she moves on to U11 soccer. Competitive teams offer highly motivated, dedicated and skilled players the opportunity to compete at three levels (Premier, Classic and Challenge) with other Colorado teams. Our developmental teams provide options to meet each child's desire for competition, ensure a good fit for all skill levels and provide varying opportunities to play close to home or to travel throughout the metro area and front-range.

Competitive Teams

These teams will be formed at the Player Placements, May 31st - June 2nd. Competitive soccer involves U11-U18 teams and rosters consist of 14-18 players. Players compete within their own age groups and participate in Colorado Youth Soccer leagues involving mostly games in metro Denver but may include front-range travel.

Colorado Youth Soccer will schedule a total of 18-20 games during the fall and spring seasons. The CYS leagues are divided into three levels of competition: Premier, Classic and Challenge. Our teams are trained by licensed paid coaches, 2-3 times per week with games on Saturdays. Multi-sport athletes may arrange with their coaches to miss one practice per week in order to keep participating in other sports. Players may request placement with friends on Advanced II teams only. The registration deadline for competitive teams is June 10, 2011.

Advanced I Mundial	1 st Team	\$1255 per year*	3 practices at Lowry Sports Complex	2-4 tournaments per year
Advanced I Copa	2 nd Team	\$1255 per year*	3 practices at Lowry Sports Complex	2-4 tournaments per year
Advanced II Cosmos & Dynamos in Aurora Gunners & Metros in Denver	Regional, community based in Denver and Aurora	\$780 per year*	2 practices at Aurora and Denver Parks	2-3 tournaments per year

* These fees are for the 2011/2012 year and include Colorado Fusion fees, CYS fees, referee fees, all field fees, team equipment fees and coaches' fees for both fall and spring. **Tournament fees and expenses and uniforms are not included.** Individual teams may choose to participate in optional additional training, camps and may incur other expenses that are not covered by Fusion fees. Required uniform cost is approximately \$275. When you commit to a Colorado Fusion competitive team, you are committing for two full seasons, fall and spring.

Players are placed on competitive teams based on ability. Technical skills, athleticism, work rate, determination and level of interest in the game of soccer are some important criteria used to evaluate players. Player placements are held every year and player movement between teams is available between fall and spring seasons.

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 18 players. The number of players trying out usually exceeds the number of available roster spots. If your child is not offered a spot on a competitive team, we will make every effort to find the right spot for your child on one of our in-house developmental, inter-league or Option 1 teams.

Developmental Teams

There are several opportunities for your child to continue playing U11 soccer at the developmental level. The registration deadline for all developmental teams is **July 8, 2011**.

Option I Teams

1. This is a more competitive developmental opportunity in a league where Fusion teams play against other developmental teams from the front-range area. This league has two levels of competition (Gold and Silver) and schedules ten games per season.
2. 8 v 8 or 11 v 11 soccer; rosters consist of 14-18 players
3. 10 league games per season including 5 away games; single season play available
4. \$225.00 for the year (Fall/Spring); \$170.00 for a single season
5. \$50.00 Option 1 fee
6. \$50.00 for the mandatory club uniform (if needed, available at Soccer Stop)
7. Train 2 times a week for 75-90 minutes

Inter-league Teams

1. These Fusion teams play in the SW quadrant of the Metro Denver Inter-league. This league has two levels of competition (Gold and Silver) and schedules eight games per season.
2. 8 v 8 or 11 v 11 soccer; rosters consist of 14-18 players
3. 8 league games per season; single season play available
4. \$225.00 * for the year (Fall/Spring); \$170.00 * for a single season
5. \$50.00* for the mandatory club uniform (if needed, available at Soccer Stop)
6. Train 2 times a week for 75-90 minutes

8v8 In-House Teams

1. Our in house 8 v 8 league provides an opportunity for all kids to continue having fun playing soccer and to get all the benefits associated with the sport. This format allows children more touches on the ball in a fun and age-appropriate environment.
2. 8 v 8 soccer; rosters consist of 10-14 players
3. 8 league games per season; single season play available
4. \$225.00* for the year (Fall/Spring); \$170.00* for a single season
5. \$50.00* for the mandatory club uniform (if needed, available at Soccer Stop)
6. Train 2 times a week for 75-90 minutes

Our Coaches

Competitive team coaches are licensed paid coaches.

Developmental team coaches are volunteer coaches or in some cases coaches receiving a small stipend who will be trained and supported by the Fusion Staff, and will be provided with the Adidas Alliance Curriculum as a training resource.

We look forward to working with you to continue your child's soccer education. Please feel free to contact Harald Heinrich, our Director of U11-U14 Academy programs, if you have additional questions: harald.heinrich@coloradofusion.org.

Events for current U10 players:

TU, May 31st

4:30-6:00 pm: Girls' Player Placement

6:30-8:00 pm: Boys' Player Placement

MO, May 16th & May 23rd

5:00-6:00 pm: Girls' Kick-around at Lowry Sports Complex

6:15-7:15 pm: Boys' Kick-around at Lowry Sports Complex