



COLORADO FUSION SOCCER CLUB

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Junior Academy Newsletter

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FALL SEASON BEGINS

We would like to welcome back all the Junior Academy players and extend a warm welcome to all of our new players. Players ranging from four to eight years old have created teams such as the "The Monkfish", the "Purple Ponies", to the ever popular "King Cobras". They are all unique in their make up but all have one goal in mind, to play soccer and have fun!

The success of the soccer season depends on simple things. Are the goals set up for the games? Are the fields lined? Are our schedules accurate? These things are areas where the club provides the support, but there are things that families can do to ensure the season is successful.

Attend practices. Coaches volunteer their time to create and run practices and depend on all the players to attend.

Be prepared. Come to practice on time and be ready to play! Bring the proper equipment; shin guards, a size 3 ball, water and proper attire for the weather.

Remember to pick up your player after practices on time.

Communicate with the coach. If you are going to miss a practice or a game, please let the coach know.

Attend the scheduled games. Be there ready to play when the coach asks you to arrive. Have your child dressed in his/her uniform. Don't assume there are plenty of players available for the game and make other plans. The game is the best teacher and your player will gain valuable experience from playing the game.

Volunteer your time and energy to the team. Ask the coach what you can do to help with the team. Making phone calls, setting up phone trees, etc will make the job of being a coach much easier.

Have fun and appreciate the game. Remember your player is doing the very best he/she can and really is there to have fun. A smile on your face will help create a sense of pride and accomplishment which will keep everyone "in the game".



Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop

Colorado Fusion will offer all of our coaches the opportunity to participate in the PCA Double-Goal Coach Certification program. This program will introduce the core principles of Positive Coaching:

- Redefining winning
- Filling the emotional tanks of players
- Honoring the game

This program provides the tools and concrete measures to implement the PCA approach in all Fusion coaching at every level. Our goal is 100% participation by our coaches.

The program will be held at the Big Bear Ice Arena in Lowry, 8580 E. Lowry Blvd near the Lowry Sport Park, on Sunday September 14, 2008. Sessions will be held from 9 to 11 am, 1 to 3 pm, and 4-6 pm.

The program is free to all coaches but we ask that all coaches pre-register by linking to the PCA site on our website.

We look forward to seeing you all and join our efforts to create an environment in which players and coaches will all benefit!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sept 3 | Free Age Group Training U5 & U6 Aurora Players 5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park |
| Sept 6 | Games begin! |
| Sept 10 | Free Age Group Training U7 & U8 Aurora Players 5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park |
| Sept 14 | PCA at 9am-11am, 1pm-3pm & 4pm-6pm Big Bear Ice Arena |
| Sept 17 | Free Age Group Training U5 Denver Players 5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park |
| Sept 24 | Free Age Group Training U6 Denver Players 5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park |
| Oct 1 | Free Age Group Training U7 Denver Players 5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park |
| Oct 8 | Free Age Group Training U8 Denver Players 5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park |
| Oct 25 | Last Scheduled games for Junior Academy |

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLAYERS' CORNER

FREE AGE GROUP TRAINING

Colorado Fusion Soccer Club will hold free age group training sessions in September and in October. The training sessions are designed to give specific age groups an opportunity to train together. This training is conducted by our Junior Academy staff coaches and high school age players and is free to all our players. We welcome all team coaches to attend and become involved with the training.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Group</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Wed, Sept. 3 rd | U5 & U6 Aurora Teams | 5pm– 6pm |
| Wed, Sept. 10 th | U7 & U8 Aurora Teams | 5pm – 6pm |
| Wed, Sept. 17 th | U5 Denver Teams | 5pm – 6pm |
| Wed, Sept. 24 th | U6 Denver Teams | 5pm – 6pm |
| Wed, Oct. 1 st | U7 Denver Teams | 5pm – 6pm |
| Wed, Oct. 8 th | U8 Denver Teams | 5pm – 6pm |

Location:

Lowry Sports Complex - 8400 E Lowry Blvd, Denver. All sessions will be conducted on Turf Field #2. This field is on the east side of the complex and is the second turf field from the east end.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Games schedules are posted on the website. The first team listed is the **HOME** team and will wear **RED**. The second team listed is the **AWAY** team and will wear **WHITE**.

A map of fields can be found by linking to the Fields section of our website. Fields will be clearly marked on the back of each micro goal.

COACHES' CORNER

We recommend that mid-week you contact the opposing coach. The club has provided every coach with a coach list with phone numbers and email addresses. Confirm time, location, and as well as team colors. This will help prevent problems on game day which sometimes cannot be solved easily. The coach list will also be posted on our website under the Junior Academy page. This list will provide email addresses only.

Occasionally a game schedule will be changed at the club level. When this happens an automatic email will be generated to the coach/team contact informing them of the change. Be certain to communicate this change(s) with your team members well in advance of the scheduled game.

Your team should arrive about 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Please start and stop your games on time. The entire schedule can be thrown off very easily by just one time slot starting late or running behind.

Please make certain to clean up your area before leaving the game field. Orange peels, snack wrappers and other litter should be picked up. Please remind your families to do the same.

Additionally, please remind families to park safely and legally surrounding the parks.

FIELD MARSHALLS

The club will have staff on hand at all three of our game locations. Amy Duba will be at the Aurora Sports park, Nick Bartley will be at Crestmoor Park and Maggie Mistovich will be at Lowry Sports Park. All three are there to assist you and your team.

WORD SEARCH

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