



SUNNYVALE ALLIANCE SOCCER CLUB TRYOUT Q & A

WHY SASC? SASC prides itself on having an established positive culture in the SUNNYVALE community that provides quality coaching and competition.

WHAT IS THE TRYOUT PROCESS? 9v9 and younger players attend club sponsored tryouts and are selected for teams based on a variety of criteria by our professional staff. Contact teams directly for 11v11 teams.

WHAT TYPE OF COMMITMENT IS THERE? Players are expected to make all practices and games. If there is a reason for missing events, you must let your coach know.

IS THERE A VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT? Yes. Our club relies heavily on volunteers. SASC requires 3 hours of volunteering by the family for each player in the program.

HOW LONG IS THE SEASON? Approximately 4 months. Usually, Spring March 1 – June 15 and Fall Aug 1 – Nov 15. Exact dates vary due to rescheduled games, tournaments, and club tryouts. For example, teams playing in NorCal State Cup may train over the winter months. Higher level teams may choose to train year round with short scheduled breaks.

WHAT IS THE PRACTICE SCHEDULE? All teams practice at least twice a week for 90 min., daylight permitting, at SSC or in the SUNNYVALE area. Higher level and older age group teams may train more.

HOW MANY GAMES ARE THERE? About 8-10 league games, plus scrimmages, & tournaments.

ARE THERE GAMES ON SUNDAYS? Yes. Games are played both on Saturdays and Sundays. The distribution varies from team to team and from season to season.

WHEN WILL THE GAME SCHEDULE BE KNOWN? Tentative schedule comes out about a week before the first game.

CAN THE SCHEDULE OF GAMES CHANGE? Yes. Unlike the recreational program, the game schedule can change throughout the season.

CAN THE GAMES BE SCHEDULED AROUND MY CHILD'S SCHEDULE? No. Games are scheduled around field availability, coach availability, and opponent availability. There is no room to take a single player's schedule into account.

WILL THE TEAM PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENTS OR CUP PLAY? It depends on the team and commitment level. Each team is different but you can generally expect to play 1 or 2 tournaments.

WILL THERE BE TRAVEL FOR GAMES? Yes, expect to travel for away games anywhere from Salinas to San Francisco though most games are local to SUNNYVALE.

HOW MUCH PLAYING TIME WILL MY CHILD GET AND WILL MY CHILD PLAY DIFFERENT POSITIONS? Provided a player fulfills the participation, punctuality, and effort commitment requirement of the program, coaches will endeavor to play each player for a minimum of 50% for every game over the course of the season. In order to promote balanced and complete development, players will be exposed to multiple positions on the field. Once the players move to the 11v11 game, there will be more specialization and playing time variability – especially teams playing at the highest level.

CAN MY CHILD PLAY WITH OTHER SASC TEAMS IN THE SAME AGE GROUP? Players may have opportunity to guest play with other teams depending on player availability and other factors.

WHAT ARE RED, WHITE, BLACK, AND SILVER TEAMS? Red is considered our highest level team with the most talented and committed players, then white, black, silver & gray.

WHAT IS THE ROSTER SIZE PER TEAM? It varies from 10-13 per team for younger teams. 13-20 for 11v11 teams.

DOES SASC HAVE PLAYER MOVEMENT? Yes, players can be moved from team to team, up or down, during or after each season based on their development.

CAN MY CHILD PLAY WITH THEIR FRIENDS? It depends on their age and skill level. Players will be placed on teams where they can develop and grow based on their skill level within their age group.

ARE THERE EXTRA PRACTICES THEY CAN ATTEND? The club runs academy and GK training during the season.

ARE THERE CLUB CAMPS MY CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE IN? Yes, check our website.

ARE THERE WINTER AND SUMMER PROGRAMS? Yes, check our website.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR THE SEASON? Club registration plus coaching fees for the Juniors Program (9v9 and younger) is \$750-\$850, depending on the season, plus per team incidentals (\$150-\$250 depending on team activity level) for each season. Fees for NorCal State Cup playing teams will be higher. Older and higher level teams may have different or higher fees.

DOES THE CLUB HAVE FINANCIAL AID? Yes, for families who qualify for financial aid.

WHEN WILL WE KNOW THE RESULTS? You will hear within one week of the final tryout date.

SASC Annual Calendar:

January - Forming of Teams, Futsal, Winter Programs / Training

February - Spring Registration

March – Spring Practices Begin

April - Spring Season Starts

May – End of Season

June – District Cup, Tryouts, Fall Registration

July - Club Camp / Training, Uniform Ordering

August - Club Camp / Training, Fall Practices Begin

September - Fall Season Starts, Medina Tournament

November - Season Ending, District Cup, new uniform ordering begins

December - Tryouts, Confirmation of Teams, Futsal play begins