



PRIDE SOCCER CLUB
Program Information Packet
2019-2020



ABOUT PRIDE SOCCER CLUB

Pride Soccer Club (PSC) was established 15 years ago responding to the need of a more competitive and developmentally focused youth soccer club in the area and started out with only a few teams. Since that time PSC has grown to one of the most successful and respected clubs in all of Ohio. PSC has developed teams to be able to compete on the State and Regional levels and has produced over 60 collegiate level players since 2014. PSC is comprised of around 600 players from ages 6 through 19 and has widespread membership with players coming from over 25 different school districts! The PSC Coaching Staff has over 35 professionally licensed coaches with 80% holding a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) National 'D' License or higher. The coaching staff is guided by the PSC training and coaching curriculum, which is based on United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and United Soccer Coaches guidelines.

PSC teams compete in multiple leagues and formats based on the developmental needs of the team which includes but is not limited to: Ohio Champions League (OCL), Central Ohio Premier League (COPL), Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL), Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League (BPYSL), Ohio South State League (OSSL), and Great Lakes Conference (GLC).

PSC is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, which is supported by player fees, donations, and fundraising.

Our overall goal is to provide an environment in which players can develop to their fullest soccer potential in addition to developing character traits that will impact them for life!

PRIDE SC CORE VALUES

- 1. All players have potential to develop**
- 2. Players are people who will impact their families, schools, communities and world**
- 3. Strive to do all things with excellence**
- 4. Soccer is a game meant to be enjoyed**

Pride Soccer Club

Expectations and FAQs

The Player, Team and Club

Once you commit to join PRIDE Soccer Club (PSC), you are part of the club, not just one team. Members of PSC agree to put the club ahead of the team. Although in most cases you will play on one team the entire season, you could be asked to play on another team during your membership. Club decisions will be made by the appropriate member of the PSC staff. Additionally, all players are expected to give a full seasonal year (July 1st – June 30th) commitment.

Expectations of the Individual Player

During the season the team and its players will participate in training sessions, league play and tournaments. Players are expected to arrive on time with required equipment (shoes, proper uniforms, soccer ball, shin guards, etc.) and be ready to train or play. If players will not be able to attend an event or will be late, it is expected that they let the coach know. Players are also expected to give their best effort at every event and have a positive, team-centered attitude.

Teams, Rosters, Playing Format, Guest Players

U7-U8 teams will play 5v5 or 7v7 (including GK) and will typically have one large roster and be divided into various teams for matches. U9-U10 teams will play 7v7 and have 9-14 players on each roster. U11-U12 teams will play 9v9 and have 11-16 players on each roster. U13-U19 teams will play 11v11 and have 13-22 players on each roster. When a team needs more players for a particular match or tournament event, players from other teams may be asked to guest play.

Playing Time

Playing time is decided by the coach. The club guideline for players U10 and under is a minimum amount of around half of the game. The guideline for U11 and older is a minimum of one-third of the game under normal circumstances. Coaches will determine how players can increase their playing time and communicate that to parents and players. Special circumstances such as tournaments, Ohio South State League (OSSL), Great Lakes Conference (GLC) and other competitions that restrict substitutions and also require better results for the advancement of the team may cause an increase or decrease in playing time.

Tryouts and Player Placement

Tryouts will occur at the end of each seasonal year (normally the Tuesday after Memorial Day) according to Ohio South Youth Soccer Association (OSYSA) bylaws. During tryouts players will be evaluated by the PSC coaching staff. Players will be evaluated on technical abilities, tactical abilities, physical abilities, and special qualities such as attitude, character and leadership. Players will be placed on teams according to their abilities and the needs of the team. If additional players are needed throughout the season, players can and will be added to teams after tryouts.

Length of Season/Time Commitment

U8-U14/U15 teams have a 6-month seasonal year, Fall (Aug-Oct) and Spring (Mar-May), with optional events during the winter and summer months. U15-U19 teams have a 4-5-month seasonal year, with events immediately after the high school season in late October through the end of November, then starting back up in the middle of February through the end of May with optional events in December and January. Some teams may have longer seasons based on level and additional tournaments.

League Play

PSC teams play in multiple leagues based on the age group, developmental needs and playing history of the team. PSC Directors and coaches will choose the leagues that will best help the team to develop, while also considering challenging them to play and advance to the highest level leagues. PSC teams currently play in: Ohio Champions League (OCL), Central Ohio Premier League (COPL), Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL), Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League (BPYSL), Ohio South State League (OSSL), and Great Lakes Conference (GLC).

Tournaments

Tournaments will be selected by the PSC Directors in cooperation with the coaching staff based on the level and needs of the team. When possible, PSC will send multiple teams to the same tournament. In general, teams that play in higher level leagues will be sent to higher level tournaments and/or higher divisions of tournaments.

Game and Training Locations

PSC trains and hosts home games in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Home games take place at CW Middle School and CW High School Stadium. The number of league games (home and away) is determined by the particular league, but typically there are 8 league games per season.

Tournament and League Travel

Teams will travel to tournaments that are both in Central Ohio and outside Central Ohio. In general, younger teams travel less and more than half of the tournaments we attend are in Central Ohio. Most of the out of town tournaments we attend are in the Dayton and Cincinnati areas, but teams may also travel out of the state based on the level and needs of the team. Travel for league play varies based on league, but younger teams stay within Canal Winchester and Central Ohio for league play more, while older, higher level teams travel more.

Hotels

In many cases, teams will travel to tournaments which require an overnight stay. Hotel decisions and reservations will initially be made by the club or team administrators. It is the player/parent's responsibility to finalize and confirm the reservations before the set deadline. The hotel reservations are made based on many factors and for the convenience of teams staying together, but ultimately it is the parent's choice whether or not they use the hotels that have been reserved for the team.

Coaching Staff

PSC currently has one of the strongest coaching staffs of any club in central Ohio with 80% of coaches having a National 'D' License or higher. Coaches will be chosen based on playing experience, coaching experience, coaching license level, personality and other qualities. Coaches will be placed to teams by the PSC Directors of Coaching according to the needs of the team. The coaching staff will work together to ensure all training sessions are covered by a qualified coach. In the event that a coach has another conflict and cannot make his or her team's training or game, another staff coach will cover the event. If no coaches are available, a qualified parent will be asked to cover. In most cases, coaches will be assigned to teams for the entire seasonal year. A list of current staff coaches is available on the PSC Website.

Coaching Decisions

Coaches will make decisions on game line-ups, positions, playing time, etc. Players and parents are expected to respect those decisions and players should put the team's interest ahead of themselves and fulfill the role they are asked to perform for the sake of the team. If parents have questions regarding decisions that were made during the game, they are to observe the 24-hour rule and wait at least until the next day to address the coach. Parents and coaches are always expected to address each other in an appropriate, professional manner.

Parents and Team Commitment

Parental support and involvement in the club are essential. If your son/daughter is selected and chooses to commit himself/herself to the PSC, your commitment is also necessary. If players are to make a commitment to the club and their team, parents must see to it that players attend all possible club and team functions. At times, conflicts cannot be avoided and other more important events will take precedence. The club requires your communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. When players are going to miss a training session or match, it is best to let the coach know at least a day in advance as they can plan accordingly.

Behavior Expectations

We expect our players, parents and coaches to possess characteristics such as respect, responsibility, discipline, leadership, dedication, and integrity. Coaches will instruct players to ignore adverse conditions, such as poor calls made by referees, foul language, rough play, cheating, poor weather, and negative behavior by opponents and focus on what they can control, such as their effort and attitude. Parents and players are to adhere to the PSC Fan Code of Conduct (on website). Your vocal support and positive encouragement are very much welcome on the sideline. However, no matter how good your intentions are, giving instructions to players or coaching from the parent sideline is not allowed. We also insist that parents refrain from addressing the referees, opposing players and coaches. Decisions regarding disciplinary actions will be made by the PSC Executive Director.

Uniform Policy

All players will wear the designated club Adidas uniform. Players will choose numbers from 1 to 40. If more than 40 players exist in an age group, then players will be given more numbers to choose from. Players on existing PSC teams retain priority in choosing uniform numbers. Uniforms will change every 2-3 years based on product style and availability.

Player Fees and Financial Commitment

Parents are expected to adhere to the financial policy outlined during the online registration process and follow the payment schedule set at the beginning of the season for their age group. If additional arrangements need to be made, parents are expected to contact the PSC Director or Administrator. Please see the player fee information on the PSC website. PSC is committed to keeping player fees at an affordable cost. If you research the fees of other clubs, you'll find that we offer the best value in Ohio.

Optional Events and Programs

Throughout the year PSC will offer optional programs such as winter training, futsal leagues and summer camps at an additional cost in order to aid player development. PSC will also organize events, such as lectures, clinics, team parties, etc that are optional.

Team Administrators

Each team will have a team administrator that will assist the coach in making sure all of the details of running the team, such as scheduling, referees, team communication, etc, are covered. It is the parent and player's responsibility to make sure your contact information is current so you can be reached for team and club communication. PSC is very appreciative of all the time and effort the team administrators and all volunteers give to ensure a successful season and quality experience.

WHY IS PRIDE SOCCER CLUB (PSC) THE BEST CLUB FOR YOU?

The PSC Culture

PSC strives to operate with integrity and excellence. We believe in an honest, player-centered approach in all things, including tryouts, player placement, league placement and coach assignment. We will give you an honest assessment regarding team placement and an honest estimate of the league/level a particular team. PSC will not make promises or give false information to get you to commit to a team. PSC is entering its 15th year as a club and we are comprised of several leaders and coaches that have been part of our organization since our very first year. We have very loyal and committed coaching staff who believes in our culture and our system of player development.

Proven Results

Over the last 15 years, PSC has consistently developed players and teams to reach higher playing levels each season. One recent example of this is from 2017 Ohio South State Cup. PSC had one Finalist and one Semifinalist in State Cup at the U17 and U18 age groups. Both teams were comprised of a core group of players who had developed within the PSC system for 6-7 years and both teams progressed consistently in their level of play over the course of 6-7 years in order to be able to compete at the highest level. This was a tremendous accomplishment and testament to the individual and team development that happens at PSC.

Attention to All Age Groups and Levels

PSC is committed to providing as much attention to U7 players as we do to U19 players. We will be intentional about assigning coaches to age groups they can teach, understand and communicate to in an age appropriate manner at younger age groups. We will also make sure older age group coaches understand how to prepare players for high school and college soccer. We will also provide as much attention and opportunity to teams that play at lower league levels as we do for teams that play in more competitive leagues.

League and Competition Placement

PSC will choose leagues and competitions that serve to develop and challenge teams in the most appropriate and realistic manner. We will not choose leagues and competitions based on opportunities to get more trophies or notoriety. At the older (U13-U19) age groups we will strive to play at the highest USYSA league levels – BPYSL, OSSSL, and GLC. If teams are ready to take the next step and have earned the right to play at the highest levels, we will place teams into those leagues.

College Connection

Since 2014 PSC has produced over 60 collegiate players. We have a lot of connections with college programs and coaches in addition to having 7 current or former college coaches on our staff. We understand the recruiting process and how to assist players in being recruited to the appropriate school if that is their desire. We also understand that college soccer is not for everyone, even for the most talented players and we will advise players to think first about their education and future and secondly about whether soccer fits within that plan.



Tryout Process and Player Registration 2019-2020

Tryout and Registration Process:

ALL PLAYERS (RETURNING AND NEW) must register online at www.pridesoccerclub.com for 2019-2020 tryouts.

Players will be offered a spot on a team based on their tryout evaluation and/or their performance during the past season.

ALL PLAYERS (RETURNING and NEW) may be offered a spot at the field, via email or telephone ANYTIME during the week of tryouts. PSC will try and contact all players by the Saturday of the tryout week.

When a player is offered a spot, they will be asked to either accept or decline the offer as soon as possible. To make this process as efficient as possible for 700+ players, electronic email offers will be the primary way offers are made, so there is a good chance you will NOT receive a phone call.

Parents are expected to check their email(s) during this process.

In order to fully accept, players must select "accept" in the online registration system, and then click to pay the deposit online.

Players who accept a position on a team will be asked to **UPLOAD registration materials no later than the Sunday** of tryout week.

Uniform Sample Meetings: (All Meetings at CW Middle School Cafeteria)

Player registration meetings are for trying on uniform samples so parents know correct sizes when ordering online.

NO PAPERWORK WILL BE TURNED IN DURING THE MEETING; ALL PAPERWORK WILL BE UPLOADED VIA STACK SPORTS.

US CLUB forms will be emailed to the Club Administrator.

Sunday, June 2

U8-U10 Teams: 4:00-6:00pm

U11-U12; U18-19 Teams: 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, June 9

U13-U17 Boys Teams: 4:00-6:00pm

U13-U17 Girls Teams: 6:00-8:00pm

Registration Items Needed To Secure Spot On a Team:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate: Needed for proof of age. Please make sure it is a copy. (UPLOAD VIA STACK SPORTS)
2. Photo ID: Smallest school picture of the player is needed for player cards. (UPLOAD VIA STACK SPORTS)
3. USYSA Player Membership Form: This is completed electronically in STACK SPORTS
4. US Club Membership Form: (ONLY for US CLUB TEAMS) (Email to the Club Administrator)
5. Medical Release Form: Needed for tournament play. This is completed electronically in STACK SPORTS
6. Non-Refundable Deposit of **\$250**. Make checks payable to Pride Soccer Club. Payment can also be made online in your Blue Sombrero Account.
7. **Failure to complete registration materials & deposit by June 9th will result in loss of spot on the team.**

- *Failure to turn in all items prior to or at the registration meeting can result in your spot being offered to another player*
- *US Club form can be found in the PSC Program Information Packet and Resource Center on website*

Uniform Ordering: Will be done online, see www.pridesoccerclub.com for complete instructions.

ALL PLAYERS MUST ORDER A NEW UNIFORM – we are moving to a Custom Kit

Tryout and Meeting Location: Canal Winchester Middle School, 7155 Parkview Drive, Canal Winchester, OH 43110



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2019-2020 Player Fees

Player Fee Includes: League fees (OCL, COPL, MOSSL, BPYSL, OSSL, GLC); Canal Winchester Recreation (CWJRD) fees for the providing and maintaining of game and training fields and facilities; tournament registration fees; professional coaching; coaching education expenses; coaching travel expenses; referee fees; PSC team camp (U8-U14 only); PSC administrative and operating expenses; goalkeeper training; parent/player clinics and lectures; College recruiting lectures and resources; other club wide events.

Player Fee Does Not Include: Summer camps, winter programs, additional tournaments beyond what is included in the player fees below, player travel expenses and uniforms

Age Group	Tournaments	Deposit*	Aug 1st	Oct 1st	Feb 1st	Monthly Option (Aug1st-Feb 1st)	Total Year Fees
U7-U8	0-1/Year	\$150	\$170	\$170		NO	\$490
U9	4/Year	\$250	\$225	\$225	\$225	YES	\$925
U10	6/Year	\$250	\$275	\$275	\$275	YES	\$1,075
U11-U12	6/Year	\$250	\$325	\$325	\$325	YES	\$1,250
U13-U14	6/Year	\$250	\$350	\$350	\$350	YES	\$1,300
U15-U19	4/Year	\$250	\$250	\$225	\$225	YES	\$950

* **Non-refundable Deposit is due upon commitment to the team or no later than Sunday after tryouts (June 2 or 9)**

* **Additional \$100 per player is required when the team plays in a second league (ie – OSSL, GLC)**

* **Additional \$400 per player is due for U15-U19 players who play club soccer in the fall instead of high school soccer**

* **If monthly payment plan is chosen, deposit is due upon commitment and 8 monthly payments will be due Aug 1st-Feb 1st**

* **\$30 discount when yearly fees are paid in full in cash at time of commitment**

- Late payments received 7 days after due date will be subject to \$20 late fee.
- Parents can opt to sign up for the automatic billing option during your original payment.
- Extra tournament fees need to be paid in advance of the tournament.
- Refunds for players who voluntarily quit will not be given. Refunds for players who are injured or have other special circumstances will be determined on a case by case basis, as outlined in the PSC Financial Agreement which is signed during online registration.

Mail and make payable to:

Pride Soccer Club, PO Box 764, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 or Make payment via your online account

Discounts

Multiple Child: \$60 deducted from second child's fees and \$100 deducted from third and fourth child's fees per year (excludes U8 players)

CWJRD: For parents that volunteer as a commissioner or board member for CWJRD

Volunteer: For team administrators, volunteer coaches, and other volunteer work

Scholarships: Available upon request, contact us and mail all forms before July 15th, 2019

Fundraising: Kroger Community Rewards Program, Nationwide Arena, PSC Golf Outing and other options.



PRIDE SOCCER CLUB UNIFORM GUIDELINES - 2019/2020

We are introducing a Custom Kit – all players are required to order

U7 –U19 Divisions

Required Pieces:

- Black Game Jersey
- White Game Jersey
- Black Game Short
- White Game Short
- 2 Pair White Game Socks
- 2 pair Black Game Socks
- 2 Grey Dri-Fit Practice Tees

Optional pieces:

- Backpack*
- Training Jacket* & Pant
- Pride Hoodie with number on back
- Black Practice Socks
- Pride Goalkeeper Jersey

*Embroidery is available to put the players name/number on their jacket & bag – very much recommended

Women's sizes are available in the Game Short, Training Jacket & Training Pant.

Jersey numbers are assigned by the Club Administrator

Uniforms are ordered online through Soccer Plus – parents will receive an email once the Online Portal is open. Families will have a two week window in which to order uniforms.

Uniforms not ordered in the window will not be guaranteed to be available for the first game & follow up with the Club Administrator is the parent's responsibility. There will be a \$25 fee for uniforms orders placed outside the June/July online window for players accepting June offers.

PLEASE check out the Pride website to see the actual pieces!!