



2018/2019 TRYOUT INFORMATION

2018 Arsenal Colorado TRYOUT SCHEDULE

2008 Girls & Boys

May 29 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Goalkeepers TBA

2007 Girls & Boys

May 29 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Goalkeepers TBA

2006 Girls & Boys

May 30 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Goalkeepers TBA

2005 Girls & Boys

May 30 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Goalkeepers TBA

2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 Girls

May 29 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Goalkeepers TBA

2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 Boys

May 30 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Goalkeepers TBA

**All tryouts held at FCSC Complex.

New Player Orientation Meeting

An orientation meeting for all new players and their parents will be held prior to tryouts. Information regarding coaching philosophies, tryout procedures, level of parental and player commitment, and estimated costs will be discussed.

Tuesday, May 1:

7:30 p.m. New Player Orientation
(any new incoming players)
8:30 p.m. 2008 Tryout Registration

Location: Senior Center

Birth Year Trainings

Arsenal Colorado is preparing for the 2018/2019 seasonal year by holding Birth Year Trainings (BYT). These sessions are to aid in the player identification process for the coaching staff prior to our official tryout dates. The objective for the BYT's is to allow athletes to play against and with players of the same birth year over multiple days. These BYT's are for all current Arsenal competitive, PDL and recreational players and are open to any players outside the club.

BIRTH YEAR TRAINING

2008 Boys and Girls

May 8th 4:15-5:45 pm
May 10th 4:15-5:45 pm

2005 Boys and Girls

May 9th 5:45-7:15 pm
May 11th 5:45-7:15 pm

2007 Boys and Girls

May 8th 5:45-7:15 pm
May 10th 5:45-7:15 pm

HS Boys: May 14th

04 & 00/01: 4:00-5:30 pm
03 & 02: 5:45-7:15 pm

2006 Boys and Girls

May 9th 4:15-5:45 pm
May 11th 4:15-5:45 pm

HS Girls: May 17

04 & 00/01: 4:00-5:30 pm
03 & 02: 5:45-7:15 pm

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WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER TRYOUTS

Player Notification

The coaches in the age group will notify all players by phone within 72 hours of end of tryouts. The order of notification will start with Academy first and conclude with players not selected for a team. Coaches are instructed not to leave voice mails. For younger players, coaches are instructed to speak to the parents first. If you will be out of town, please leave a mobile number or e-mail address where you can be reached.

Team Formation

Arsenal Colorado will form as many teams as possible within each age group based on the number of players that participate and the abilities of those players. Tryouts for all teams will be held jointly so that all coaches have an opportunity to evaluate all players.

Player Fees

Arsenal CO registration fees include an annual FCSC Club affiliation fee, and a seasonal registration fee, covering CSA team registration, referees, field rental and maintenance, administration, and coaching. The exact amount a family will pay in player fees will be determined cooperatively among the team coach, team manager, and team parents as part of the process of forming and approving the team's annual financial statement. Player fees include uniforms (usually used for 2-3 years), tournament entry fee and travel, indoor soccer, and other team events.

During 2017/18, U11 player costs were \$900-\$1,100 in the Fall season, which included a one-time uniform fee of \$225 and one-time \$100 affiliation fee, and less in the Spring, depending on team level and the additional choices each team made. Arsenal CO does have a need-based scholarship fund, with applications due at the beginning of each season.

State League Competition

Arsenal Colorado teams compete in the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA) state league. The CSA League is comprised of the Champions League and the Centennial League. The Champions League consists of the top teams within the state and includes the P1, P2 and P3 divisions. The Centennial League ranges from Elite through Bronze and clubs have the freedom to place teams wherever they feel is a competitive fit.

Common Parent Questions

Q: I've heard that the kids that coaches "know" have a better chance of making the top team, but we just moved to Fort Collins. What should we do?

A: The coaches want to have all players grouped on teams with other equally-skilled players; every child is evaluated equally.

Q: What are the qualifications of the Arsenal coaches?

A: Arsenal Colorado coaches are required to have a minimum of a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) D coaching license or equivalent. Additionally, coaching and playing experience is taken into consideration when assigning coaches to specific teams.

Q: Why should we choose the Arsenal program, instead of another Club?

A: The objective of tryouts is to group players of like ability and since Arsenal Colorado supports multiple teams at all age groups, we have the distinct advantage of enhancing player development due to the club's size. When the level of talent in a training group (team) is tight, player development can occur at an accelerated rate. As Arsenal Colorado believes player development is first and foremost, it makes sense to choose the club that can help your child accelerate their development as a soccer player. Additionally supporting multiple teams in each age group allows for every individual to mature and develop at their own rate and find that correct level and competitive fit within the program.