



## Welcome to FC Boulder!

The information outlined below is outlined to provide information on the 2017-18 U.S. Soccer Development Academy season.

### **Development Academy Placement Event**

Age Groups, Dates and Times (All sessions on 5/5, 5/12 and 5/30) at Pleasant View Sports Complex

**April 28, May 5, 12 and Tuesday, May 30**

4:15-5:15PM – U12 Boys (players born Jan. 1, 2006 and younger)

5:30-6:30PM – U13 Boys (players born Jan. 1, 2005 and younger)

6:45-7:45PM – U14 Boys (players born Jan. 1, 2004 and younger)

1. Please **arrive at least 15-30** minutes prior to the scheduled starting time in order to check in, receive identification number for the sessions, and prepare for the session.
2. Players are to keep the same ID # for all placement event dates. If lost, please report upon check-in.
3. Players should wear a white t-shirt to each placement event.

### **Team Placement Notification**

Initial rosters for the 2017-18 season will be announced by June 1, 2017 and can change prior to the freeze set date by U.S. Soccer- usually early August 2017.

Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the final on-field placement sessions (after 5/30), each player will receive a phone call or e-mail from an FC Boulder coach indicating team placement. Players will have 12 hours to accept or decline their roster spot. Please note the following:

- **Players may receive notice at the field or via a phone call prior to the conclusion of the placement event with notification of their placement.**
- Players that are not in good financial standing with the club will not be assigned to a 2017-18 roster until arrangements are made with the FC Boulder office to address outstanding payment.
- The Player Commitment Contract and the Commitment Fee (payable by credit card, cash, or check), are due with player registration on June 5th, but no later than June 8, 2017.
- Applications for Financial Assistance (FA) are due no later than June 8, 2016. Application materials are available at: [fcboulder.com/registration-forms](http://fcboulder.com/registration-forms).
- All rosters for our Development Academy Teams will be formally set by August 1, 2017.





**For the 2017-18 season, we will form teams with the following guidelines set forth by U.S. Soccer from the 2016-17 season:**

**U12/2006**- Pool of minimum 24 players, max 26. Two game day rosters of 12-13 players.

**U13/2005**- minimum 16, max 20. Game day roster max 18.

**U14/2004**- minimum 16, max 20. Game day roster max 18.

**FC Boulder has the ability to label a player Full-Time or as a Developmental Player (DP).**

A DP is a “bubble player”, is eligible to train with the Development Academy teams and can play in up to six (6) games for the Development Academy team. A club can have an unlimited number of DPs at U12 (2006), six (6) at U13 (2005) and six (6) at 2004 (U14); however, the coach-to-player ratio and other factors will dictate the number of DPs that are included in the Development Academy programming.

Reference the Development Academy FAQ’s for more information.

### **Player/Parent Handbook, Expectations, and Requirements**

FC Boulder’s Policy Manual, which outlines expectations of both FC Boulder players and parents, is available online at [fcboulder.com/registration-forms](http://fcboulder.com/registration-forms). The policy manual contains information regarding FC Boulder policies, procedures, commitments, and expectations. All players and their families are expected to abide by and support the policies and procedures included therein. If you have additional questions, using the communication channels identified in the Policy Manual, please contact the Director of Development Academy, your team coach, or the FC Boulder office.

All players are expected to meet a high standard of behavior and commitment. **Players are expected to attend all practices and all games and events.** All players should be prepared to be available and play in events that may fall on weekends, holiday weekends, including Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, Spring Break, and/or others.

### **2017-18 Registration Fees**

- U12/2006 \$2,750.00
- U13/2005 \$3,450.00
- U14/2004 \$4,150.00

FC Boulder registration fees cover a large range of costs for the year. Many other clubs have a lower initial registration fee, but require families to “pay-as-you-go” with respect to coaching stipends, camps, indoor training, etc. At FC Boulder, many of these hard costs are factored into the player registration fee including, for example: coaching stipend, pre-season (August) team camp, all





associated travel costs (flight, hotel, van, food), winter indoor training, Regional and National tournament registration fees, some team apparel, video analysis, overhead costs (field rental, referees, U.S. Soccer player fees, office expenses, etc.) and more. The above fee does NOT include a backpack, uniform and the international trip planned for the 2004 and 2005 teams in 2018.

### **International Trip**

The players on the 2004 and 2005 teams will have the opportunity to embark on an international trip Barcelona, Spain, March 23-April 1, 2018. This experience will include trainings at a professional club, friendly matches, sightseeing, a pro game- most likely the Nou Camp, and much more! Estimated cost, all-inclusive (flight, hotel, food, game, etc.), is estimated to be \$2,600.00 per person. More info will be shared as we finalize details. Ideally we would like this to be mandatory but recognize certain limitations for some families. Therefore, this trip will be strongly encouraged, but not mandatory but we will need a minimum of 38 paying people to attend (combination of players, parents/chaperones and coaches).

### **Club Commitment**

In support of the growth of our club and organization, each family is required to commit two (2) hours per competitive player during the 2017-18 season (fall/spring) in support of Club events/tournaments. There are several ways to complete this commitment (e.g., supporting a club sponsored tournament, event or club sponsored fundraising event). Prior to an event, a request for volunteers will be sent by email or through team managers. Individuals may register online for a particular event until all required slots are filled. Many support opportunities do not require knowledge of soccer. Supporting individual team objectives does not fulfill this requirement.

Families can also choose to “opt-out” of their commitment with a \$50 opt-out fee billed at the time of registration.

### **Payment Plans**

Registration fees may be paid in one lump sum at the time of registration, or spread out over four (4) or six (6) months depending up on the age group of the player. Payment plans include a \$50 fee for processing. Annual registration fees are non-refundable, except in the case of documented injury, family relocation outside of Boulder County, or otherwise approved extenuating circumstances.

1. **The first payment required upon placement/commitment to a team will be \$500 payable at registration.** This payment is non-refundable and non-transferable. Once paid, this fee is deducted from the remaining balance of registration fees.
2. Families opting for a payment plan will pay the remaining balance in 8 monthly payments.





Monthly payments are made directly to the Club via credit/debit card or post-dated checks submitted at registration. Automatic, on-line payments may be set up through Got Soccer. Automatic payments will run on the first day of each month. Personal checks or money orders should be made payable to FC Boulder and submitted at registration – be sure to include the name of the player in the memo line. The player name is also the “account number” for automatic bill pay. We strongly encourage setting up automatic recurring payments.

- A \$25 fee will be charged for a check that is returned for non-sufficient funds, or a declined credit/debit card. Monthly fees are considered late if not received in the office by the sixth day of each month and a \$25 late fee may be added.
- Unless other arrangements have been approved by FC Boulder, failure to pay your monthly fees within five days of fee payment due date will result in player ineligibility. Players will not be eligible to participate in team practices, games and tournaments until payment issues are resolved.

### **Financial Assistance**

FC Boulder’s Financial Assistance program supports families that meet eligibility criteria. A completed Financial Aid Application, along with the \$150 Application Fee, is **due by June 8, 2017**. A written decision will be emailed/mailed from the Financial Assistance Committee with details about any financial aid award offered by the Club. The first payment for Financial Assistance recipients will be July 1, 2016. The \$150 Application Fee will be applied to the first payment due FC Boulder.

Questions concerning Financial Aid, extended payment plans, or player payments please contact Adam Hayes at [adam.hayes@fcboulder.com](mailto:adam.hayes@fcboulder.com).

### **Mandatory Uniform Package**

The FC Boulder Uniform Package is **NOT** included in the cost and is purchased through **soccer.com**. The required Competitive Uniform Package includes three game jerseys, two pairs of game shorts, two pairs of game socks, and three practice t-shirts. Goalkeepers are required to purchase training t-shirts, game shorts, and game socks, and an FC Boulder Goalkeeper jersey that is available through **soccer.com**. Goalkeepers who also play on the field must purchase game jerseys.

**Additional required uniform items for the DA include:** warm-up jacket, warm-up pants and backpack. All items are available through **soccer.com**.

### **To order your uniform**

Shortly following team registration, players/parents will receive an email from **soccer.com** with instructions and a link to order uniforms. FC Boulder assigns uniform numbers. All uniform pieces will be shipped directly to your mailing address submitted at **soccer.com**.





If you misplace or lose your uniform order link, you may place your uniform order by phone to 1-800-967-8326 ext. 2. DO NOT use another player's uniform order link.

### **Trainings**

We are currently finalizing training times and locations. However, our general guidelines and expectations:

- All teams will train a minimum of 3x a week, with 2004's training a minimum of 4x a week per U.S. Soccer Development Academy guidelines.
- A fourth or fifth training session or team function may occur. They can include: on field training, positional training, nutrition talks, psychology sessions, video analysis or another team event.
- All players should be available within 24 hours' notice if schedule changes are made.

### **Important Dates**

July 30: Team Fundraising Dinner, Administration and Futsal Event at Sports Performance Center

July 31: Team Camp and training begins

Aug. 5: Community Service Day, Rosters officially due to U.S. Soccer

Aug. 7-10: All DA retreat to Winter Park, CO

Early Sept: Games begin

Mid-October: Regional Event for 2004 and 2005 Teams (San Diego)

Mid-November- Dec 15: Futsal Session I

Dec. 16 – Jan. 15: OFF

Jan. 16- Feb. 2: Futsal Session II

Early Feb: Regional Futsal Event

March 23-April 1: International Trip for 2004's and 2005's to Barcelona, Spain

March-June: Games

Mid-June: National Event 2004/U14 (most likely in Southern CA, IN, TX or FL)

### **2017-18 Coaches**

#### **Academy Director- James Wagenschutz, USSF 'A', M.S., CSCS, CAFS**

- 2006 (U12): Luis Swisher, USSF 'A', PDL Head Coach and David Carver, USSF 'C'
- 2005 (U13): Kyle Lineberger, USSF 'B', Boys DOC
- 2004 (U14): Leigh Veidman, USSF 'C'

### **Other information**

- All Development Academy Players will undergo annual Impact concussion testing.
- Any foreign-born players must contact FC Boulder Director of Development Academy, James Wagenschutz, to discuss FIFA clearance protocols. [james.wagenschutz@fcboulder.com](mailto:james.wagenschutz@fcboulder.com)

