



## **Welcome to SD Force FC!**

Thank you for your interest in San Diego Force Futbol Club. We appreciate your time and effort in learning more about our organization and having your child try out for an opportunity to join our club. Our mission is to be the premier youth soccer organization in San Diego County providing quality services to our players, coaches, administrators, and our families.

We consider ourselves to be ambassadors of the game of soccer. We develop soccer skills at all levels of play and establish comprehensive programs that build character and empower our players to become responsible adults. To that end, we seek players and families that share our passion for the game of soccer and our commitment to our community and the long-term growth and development of each player.

We have included additional materials in the enclosed packet to tell you more about our program.

Sincerely,

SD Force FC  
[www.sdforcefc.com](http://www.sdforcefc.com)

# Tryouts

Welcome to the San Diego Force Futbol Club competitive tryouts! Thank you for taking the time to have your child attend our soccer club's tryout. We know you have a very busy schedule and time is precious. The club administrators are very excited about the future of the organization and hope that you can be a part of it. We realize that there are many options out there and appreciate that you have made the effort to be here.

Tryouts have the obvious purpose of giving the San Diego Force FC coaches the opportunity to evaluate your child. Secondly, and equally important, tryouts give you a chance to evaluate our club, observe the coaches on the field, and interact with existing club members. If you have any questions during this tryout, please don't hesitate to ask a club representative.

With our club's size, we have the luxury of focusing on individual players and developing their individual skills. We seek to field competitive teams that perform at the highest level while recognizing each player is an important contributor towards that goal.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT AT TRYOUTS**

The coaches have a relatively short period of time to evaluate potential players. We respectfully ask that you allow the coaches to focus on the players during the entire tryout session. Please do not ask for the coach's evaluation during the tryout period. While tryouts can be an understandably nervous time, please try to stay relaxed and encourage your child to have fun.

This year the evaluation process will consist of one kick around for the younger age groups.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER TRYOUTS**

You should expect a phone call from the head coach of your child's team within 1 week of the conclusion of tryouts. All tryout participants will receive a phone call. If your child has been selected for the team, a subsequent team registration meeting will occur later in January or early February.

# Competitive FAQ

**What is the difference between competitive soccer and recreational soccer?**

Competitive soccer requires an increased level of commitment by both families and participating players. The level of competition is increased and players are coached by professionals.

**How many players will be selected for each team?** There will typically be no more than 12 players on a roster for teams in the U7-10 age groups (7v7), 14 players on teams in the U11-U13 (9v9), and 18 players in the U14-U18 teams (11v11).

**Is my child good enough to make a team?** If there are enough children in any age group to form more than one team, both “A” and “B” level teams will be formed. Force FC registers teams for leagues based on ability, so all teams will find an appropriate level of play.

**What is the time commitment for competitive soccer?** Practices usually begin in April for most teams. Practices are held at various locations throughout 4S Ranch and surrounding communities. Practices will be held 2 to 3 times a week and will last 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Days and times will be determined by the coach.

**How much playing time will my child have?** Playing time is earned in competitive soccer. All children will play, but the actual amount of playing time is determined by the respective head coach.

**What position will my child play?** Coaches will determine the best position(s) for each player for the team and player development.

**How much does it cost to play competitive soccer?** Please see the Player Cost section in the folder.

**Why does competitive soccer cost substantially more than recreational soccer?** The main reason is competitive soccer is run by professional soccer coaches, many of whom have advanced coaching licenses. Recreational soccer is often coached by volunteers with little training or coaching experience.

**When does league play begin?** League play begins in early September and runs through mid-December. League games are played on Saturdays and some Sundays. The older teams (U14-U19) play a more condensed schedule with games on Saturday and Sundays due to the high school season beginning in late November. The Force FC teams play in the Junior Development League (JDL), Presidio League (including San Diego Developmental academy (SDDA)), Southern California Developmental Soccer League, and for elite teams, the National Premier League.

**How long is the season?** The length of the competitive season is approximately 10 months, starting at the time of the team's first practice through to State and National Cup tournament play. The competitive season includes summer tournaments, league play in the fall and post-league tournaments and typically State or National Cup held in January or February.

**Where do we play?** All Force FC home games are played on fields in 4S Ranch and surrounding communities. Away games will be played at the home field of your opponent in your division. They will most likely occur in San Diego.

**Can players who do not live in 4S Ranch play on Force FC competitive teams?** Yes. Our competitive program welcomes any individual who can contribute and embrace our club philosophy.

**Does my child have to try out each year?** Yes. Tryouts are held annually and each child must go through the tryout process.

# Player Cost

The cost of participating in the competitive program consists of registration fees and team costs. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due upon registration (please see registration fee below). This deposit will be applied towards the player's club fees. **Registration fees must be paid in full by the time league play begins or playing privileges may be suspended or revoked.**

Registration fees cover all league fees, field usage, field crew and maintenance, coach's fees, team pictures, administration costs, referee fees, insurance costs, summer camp, and skills clinics. Unlike other clubs that add on additional fees for clinics and camps, these are included as part of your registration fee.

Birth Year	Total Club Fees Paid in Full	Total Club Fees Paid in Installments	Non-Refundable Fee Due at Registration	Installment Due Mar 1, 2021	Installment Due Apr 1, 2021	Installment Due May 1, 2021	Installment Due Jun 1, 2021	Total Club Fees
2014	\$1,350	\$1,400	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$200	\$0	\$1,400
2013	\$1,550	\$1,600	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$50	\$1,600
2012	\$1,700	\$1,750	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$200	\$1,750
2011	\$1,800	\$1,850	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$300	\$1,850
2010	\$1,850	\$1,900	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$1,900
2009	\$1,850*	\$1,900*	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$1,900
2008	\$1,900*	\$1,950*	\$500	\$400	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$1,950
2007	\$1,900*	\$1,950*	\$500	\$400	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$1,950

Birth Year	Total Club Fees Paid in Full	Total Club Fees Paid in Installments	Non-Refundable Fee Due at Registration	Installment Due Aug 15, 2021	Installment Due Sep 15, 2021	Installment Due Oct 15, 2021	Total Club Fees
2006	\$2,000*	\$2,000*	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,000
2005	\$2,000*	\$2,000*	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,000
2004	\$2,000*	\$2,000*	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,000
2003	\$2,000*	\$2,000*	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,000

*\*Players competing in the Development Player League (DPL) and National Player League (NPL) are required to pay an additional \$300 to cover league related costs*

**Additional Player Fees** Players competing in the Development Player League (DPL) and the National Player League (NPL) will pay an **additional \$300** to cover fees associated with play at those levels of competition. The club is expected to provide a professional match day experience for all players and spectators. The added fees will pay for: the extended playing season; additional coaching commitments; standardized facilities setup and usage; athletic trainer fees for all home matches; and other costs beyond the fees paid for by other competitive teams in the club. The board has worked to ensure the player fees are commensurate or lower than what other clubs competing in the same leagues are required to pay in this area.



**Uniform: Each player is responsible for the purchase of uniforms.** Optional and additional items can be purchased including a team warm-up, backpack, additional socks or shorts.

Player Registration:

- A registration link will be sent to all participants, link will be used to upload all documents (Cal South Form, Birth Certificate and picture) and payments.
- Only appropriate forms of payment accepted will be debit card or credit cards. Additionally, payment may be made by check mailed to the Club's mailing address.

**Team Fees are NOT included in Registration/Club Fees** and may include tournaments, coach's travel per diem and coaching cost outside of contract. Team Fees are divided evenly among each player on the team. In preparation of league play, most teams participate in two or more pre-season tournaments and one or more post-season tournaments. The Presidio and State Cup tournaments are held after the completion of league play in January and February. The cost per player per tournament averages approximately \$50. *If a player is unable to play in a tournament, they are still responsible to pay their share of the tournament fees.* A league approved coach per diem will be required for any tournament or league game played outside of San Diego County. The specific tournaments are determined by your coach with input from player families. Teams are encouraged to fundraise to help offset the team costs. Each team will need a parent to volunteer as a Team Manager and Team Treasurer to assist in coordinating communication, registration for tournaments, and associated team financial responsibilities. If you are interested in one of these positions, please let the team coach know you are interested.