



Tryout and Club Information

South Bay Force is a competitive club fielding teams that play at the highest levels of Southern California soccer.

The goal of the club is to provide players with the tools necessary to develop and reach their potential as soccer players. We focus on teaching technical skills, especially composure on the ball under pressure; tactical intelligence with an emphasis on possession; tenacious individual and team defending; and a committed work ethic.

Our focus on player development is seen in the recent selection of eleven of our players for Cal South's winter Olympic Development Program (ODP) pool --- an "all star" recognition -- and the invitation of five to the US National Training Center. At least seventeen recent alumni are playing in college and two play in MLS.

We offer our own goalkeeper training, run a program to prepare interested players and parents for the college recruitment process, and spend significant effort developing our coaching staff.

Coaching Staff

The club's curriculum is implemented by one of the best coaching staffs in Southern California. The staff consists of current and former NCAA coaches, current US national team staff, former D-I collegiate players, current and former Olympic Development Program coaches, and former professional players. All hold US Soccer Federation coaching licenses and many hold the top "A" license.

Success on the Field

The club is by many measures the most successful soccer club in the South Bay. While we don't emphasize winning games at the younger ages, the results of our approach can be seen in the success of our older teams. This year four SBF teams played in Coast Soccer League's Premier Division, the LA area's top bracket for U16 - U19 teams. That's the most of any team in the South Bay and tied for 1st among all greater LA clubs. Our GU16 team won a national championship. In partnership with Orange County's Pateadores, SBF is the only team in the South Bay to have a team in US Soccer's elite Development Academy circuit. Our players have participated in US National Team trials and all major player identification programs (Olympic Development Program, US Club Soccer Id2 Program and Adidas ESP). Our teams regularly play in the major college showcase events.

Although our younger teams focus on player development rather than results, our GU12 team is currently ranked #6 in the country at GotSoccer.com and others have achieved noteworthy success in League and State Cups.

Player and Family Commitment

Club soccer requires a significant time commitment from players and their families.

The soccer season for U9-U13 players begins in March and continues through February of the following year (for U14 it is March through the following April). Most teams take a short break during the early summer months (June or July) and during the December holiday season.

During the summer, most teams play in several weekend tournaments. Teams also participate in State and National Cup competition in February or March. These games are spread across Southern California.

Coast Soccer League play, with one or two games per weekend, begins in September and continues through December. Travel for CSL games can be significant, especially for teams in the higher brackets where opposition is spread across the six county greater LA area. In the Bronze brackets, teams are much closer together.

Costs

A soccer club costs a lot to run, and while our fees are in line with other top level clubs in Southern California, they are significant. Player dues are used to pay for coach compensation, field rental (artificial turf fields cost \$100 - \$200 per hour), coaching management, insurance, league fees, field maintenance, and specialized trainers. For this, players receive 140 or more hours of training, 17 or more Coast Soccer League games including the season-ending tournament, many hours of coaching at tournaments, insurance, and the opportunity to participate in additional specialized training. Club fees do not cover uniforms and related apparel. Each team also pays for its own tournament fees, CSL referee costs, and other expenses -- this amount is calculated and handled by each team's manager, not the club.

Your coach or team manager can fill you in on the costs for your age group, and these are also available via our online registration system.