



PASC Quarterly Fall 2015

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WELCOME TO THE PALO ALTO SOCCER CLUB

20th Annual PASC Tall Trees Tournament

The board would like to thank everyone that put in so much time organizing and preparing before the tournament, marshaling or refereeing or helping in any way during the tournament. Club volunteers provided a great face to the Club and we have received many positive comments from visiting teams, which bodes well for continued success in years to come.



Thank you for making the tournament our most successful ever. We especially want to thank the 98B Blue team. The team went far beyond the call of duty. The 98B Blue boys trained as marshals trainers before the tournament, helped with Saturday and Sunday setup at all fields, marshaled, covered many referee slots. All this volunteer effort was done with a great attitude.

With the tournament expansion to 160 teams held entirely in Palo Alto this year, Tall Trees created a challenge for our

volunteer organization. The tournament utilized 19 fields across 5 sites, nearly 900 referee slots and hundreds of hours from volunteers.



We welcomed teams from throughout the Bay Area including a fair number of AYSO teams.



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We are still calculating the bottom line after all expenses are tallied, but we do expect we will be in a great position to continue supporting new club programs and our scholarship program.

PASC Implementing US Soccer Initiatives

The following is a summary of the information recently provided regarding the implementation plan for the US Soccer initiatives.



First, regarding the change in the classification of age groups from the School Year (August 1-July 31) to Calendar Birth Year (January 1-December 31), leagues are mandating changes starting in Spring 2016 season. PASC plans to implement these changes in the same timeframe. Tryouts based on birth years up to the 2002 birth year are scheduled. For teams primarily comprised of 2001 and older players teams will adjust to birth year in the Fall 2016 season.

Players are asked to tryout for teams based on their birth year rather than based on their current team's age group. The tryout schedule that will take place from Nov 16th - Nov 22nd is on the next page.

Second, regarding the format of play mandated by US Soccer, these formats would be implemented by PASC as follows in Spring 2016:

Birth year	Spring 2016 Team Formation		
	Division	Player numbers	Goalie
2009	U6	4v4	NO
2008	U7	4v4	NO
2007	U8	7v7	YES
2006	U9	7v7	YES
2005	U10	9v9	YES
2004	U11	9v9	YES
2003	U12	11v11	YES
2002	U13	11v11	YES

Each of these age groups will also have their own recommended field size and goal size and game rule changes. These changes are being implemented because they reflect the best practice for player development and fit with the direction of the club and the club style of play.

The Executive/Technical Directors and the DOC's are excited about the positive impact that will come from the new team sizes. At the same time we all understand that the calendar year change may be a challenging process. It is very clear though that there is no other option for our club and we must comply with the new guidelines. Fortunately, we have the right organization in place to make this change as seamless as possible.

For specific questions about tryouts schedules and logistics, please email Leena Gill, the Club's Tryout Coordinator at: secretary@pasoccerclub.org.

For questions regarding PASC's implementation of the new US Soccer Initiatives, which include age group and playing format or regarding club policy changes, please submit questions to: <http://goo.gl/forms/mtIDWhZC49>. These questions will reach the most appropriate Coaching Director and/or transition team member.

Tryout Schedule:



Palo Alto Soccer Club Tryouts for Spring 2016

Birth year	Boys			Girls		
	Date	time	location	Date	time	location
2009	11/16 MON	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield	11/16 MON	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football
	11/20 FRI	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield	11/18 WED	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield
2008	11/16 MON	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield	11/16 MON	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football
	11/20 FRI	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield	11/18 WED	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield
2007	11/19 THUR	5:30-7 PM	Mayfield	11/19 THUR	5:30-7 PM	Mayfield
	11/22 SUN	8-9:15 AM	Cubb Football	11/22 SUN	8-9:15 AM	Cubb Football
2006	11/16 MON	3:45-5:00 PM	Cubb Football	11/17 TUE	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield
	11/22 SUN	9:15-10:45 AM	Cubb Football	11/19 THUR	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield
2005	11/18 WED	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield	11/17 TUES	5:30-7PM	Mayfield
	11/20 FRI	4-5:30 PM	Cubb Football	11/19 THUR	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football
2004	11/17 TUE	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield	11/18 WED	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football
	11/18 WED	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football	11/20 FRI	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football
2003	11/16 MON	5:30 -7 PM	Mayfield	11/19 THUR	4-5:30 PM	Mayfield
	11/22 SUN	10:45-12 PM	Cubb Football	11/20 FRI	5:30-7 PM	Mayfield
2002	11/17 TUES	5:30-7 PM	Mayfield	11/19 THUR	3:45-5:00	Cubb Football
	11/22 SUN	9:15-10:45 AM	Cubb Football	11/21 SAT	2-3:30 PM	Mayfield

Elite Regional Training

Elite Regional Training Program hosted by Palo Alto SC, Juventus SC, and MVLA SC is well underway for our 2004 and 2005 birth year players.

The Elite Regional Training (ERT) has been designed to challenge our best players to train with other top players from Juventus and MVLA. It's a supplemental player training development program designed for players that wish to supplement their current club team training with a higher level training option. The monthly training sessions are tailored towards players who are serious about soccer and wish to attain a higher level of skill and excellence in order to take their game to the next level.

International Coaching Seminar

Palo Alto, Juventus and MVLA soccer clubs organized an International Coaching Seminar for Bay Area soccer coaches.



Edorta Murua, currently Universidad de Chile Director of Player Development, and previously at Atletico Bilbao and Atletico Madrid led the coaching seminar. Edorta's methodology has been proven to challenge coaches and help develop creative and adaptable players. His methodology has been adopted by top European teams to help them develop their top football talent.

Edorta Murua



We also had Gonzalo Fellay, Fitness Department Director for Universidad de Chile, and formerly with the Chilean National team under Marcelo Bielsa. Gonzalo discussed youth fitness needs in the modern game.

The seminar was held Saturday September 19th at Cubberley Community Center.



Field Update

El Camino Turf field near Stanford Shopping Mall is slated to open any week now. This will allow 2 lighted fields to be available during the Winter, as Mayfield gets new turf one field at a time.

Referee Update

The referee shortage in the Peninsula continues to be a challenge. Most clubs in the area struggle to fill all of the referee slots on the weekends.

An active youth referee crew is critical so the most experienced referees can focus on the oldest and most competitive age groups. Treating our youth referees well is critical to keeping our youth referees officiating rather than dropping out after a bad experience.

The leagues are being less forgiving to clubs regarding verbal abuse to referee families, players and coaches. Experienced referees have a choice to officiate at any club. Traditionally, PASC has been a club that has treated referees well and we want to continue that tradition so the best officials choose PASC games. You can do your part though positive cheering while letting coaches coach, players play, and referees officiate.

PASC Mission

Mission Statement: Palo Alto Soccer Club provides a competitive club soccer environment for our community's youth where they develop soccer skills and intelligence as well as a resilient character to excel within a team environment. PASC recruits and retains the highest quality coaches that instill the Club's core values:

-Build athlete's character through respect, teamwork, discipline and personal responsibility, valuable life skills on and off the field

-Impart a passion and love for soccer by encouraging individual creativity within a team environment

-Demonstrate a commitment to player development through collaboration across teams

-Serve as role models for sportsmanship and integrity

-Prepare select athletes for exposure and positioning into universities across the country.

THANKS,

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