Welcome to Celtic Rangers FC

PLAYER HANDBOOK
What does our patch stand for?

Utah Celtic FC
(Girls Teams)

This club has both Irish and Scottish roots. The Braided “knots” or “plait work” around the outside were used historically as ornamentation for Christian monuments and manuscripts. The four leaf clover represents “good luck.” Each leaf symbolizes something important. The first leaf is faith, second is hope, third is love, and fourth is luck.

Utah Rangers FC
(Boys Teams)

Another team with Scottish roots. The RFC stands for Rangers Football Club. They actually have another crest - with a lion! That crest is used by the media and is on their merchandise and club documents. Historically, the motto for this club was “Aye Ready” or “Always Ready”.

We bring the Celtic and Rangers together as a unified force within the club and our community!

Jersey Information - Girls

Colors: Green Black and White

U8/U9/U10 Girls - $126.00

U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 - $198.00

*Green socks are interchangeable with Home, Away and Goalie Kit options.
Jersey Information - Boys

Colors: Black, Blue and Red

The Rangers are on a new uniform cycle this year. There is an X-League package that can be purchased for U8, U9 and U10 aged athletes and a Competition Package that can be purchased for all U11-U19 athletes.

HOME - Blue, Black, Black
AWAY - White, White, White
OPTIONAL - Black, Black, Black

What do we stand for?
We believe in 5 core Pillars of Success:

1. Be Blue Collar
   To be blue collar requires effort. Nothing is given. Every result is a team effort.

2. “We” before “Me”
   The value of the team comes first.

3. Be the solution, not the problem
   If you see a problem present a solution. Find solutions to solve problems.

4. Take Ownership
   Contribute to the team. It’s not about you, its about what you can do as a group.

5. Do Not Concede
   To concede is to admit that you can no longer win. Even though some losses may come, please realize that a loss can be a win in that it is a teaching moment highlighting areas that need strength. All experiences are for your development.

How do I order a Jersey Kit?
You will need to log into the Team Gear TUO Store. There is a link from our website. Go to www.celticrangersfc.com and click on “Purchase a Jersey.” Please write down the user name and password that you create! You will use this log in again if you need to purchase additional required uniform items.
**Style of Play**

Our Style of Play is focused on the following characteristics:

- Play low pressure, pressing to the center of the field to win the ball.
- Defend in 2 Blocks. The back 4 and the middle 4.
- Look to go forward quickly and unbalance other teams that we play.
- Defend with numbers behind the ball.
- Focus on “possession football”

**Registration with UYSA**

Registration Instructions

Registration will open on May 29, 2018.

In order for UYSA to set up the league games for your child, and provide liability insurance coverage, you will register through the UYSA website.

1. Go to the UYSA Celtic Rangrs FC Registration Page: celticrangerseast.affinitysoccer.com
   - Click on the “Registration” Tab in the top RH Corner.
   - Click on the “Player Registration” Box
   - **Sign-in**
     - If you already have a UYSA account then enter your user name and password.
     - If you can not remember your user name and password you can follow the prompts to reset it.
     - If this is the first time you have ever registered a child with UYSA, you will need to “create a new account”. (You will first be prompted to enter parent information. Then you will go to a page to enter information for your child/children.)
     - If it isn't accepting your user name and password, you can create a new account and then it will match you to your previous account.
   - If you see your child’s name in the table, click “Continue”. If you do not see the name, you will need to add it by clicking “Add Player.” Then hit “Continue”
   - Click “Register a Player” next to your child’s name.
     - In the first drop down box that you see in the next window, please select “Competitive.” if your child is U13 or higher
     - If your child is U8 - U12 please select “X-League”
     - Then, click “Continue”
   - Read all waivers and put a check mark in each box to indicate that
You agree.

- The insurance policy is offered through the state office and is not required to join our club.
- Go to the payment window.
  - The amount due is the amount of state fees due to UYSA. (Please see a table below explaining fees for each age group).
  - League Fee
  - Legacy Field Fee
  - State Registration Fee
- Print your registration form and mail it to this address:
  1545 East Center Creek Drive
  Heber City UT 84032

We are so excited to welcome you and your child into the Celtic Rangers FC family. We’re here to help! If you have any questions, please call (435) 503-1818 or email info@celticrangersfc.com.

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Registration with Blue Sombrero or Celtic Rangers FC Website
Registration Instructions

This is the new software system that we are using to manage payment for training and development fees and club dues.

1. When your child makes a team. They will receive a congratulatory email from this system.

2. You will already have an account with Blue Sombrero because this is the account that you created when you registered your child for tryouts.

3. After paying your fees with UYSA, you will receive an email reminder to log into your account to pay the dues. You may pay in full or you may select a payment plan option.

   Follow the prompts in the welcome email!
Club Fees

*These amounts do not include uniform fees and UYSA State Fees.

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Payment Plan:
10 Month payment plan is available with payments from July - April ($57.00 per month.)

**U11-U15 - TOTAL $600.00**
**Teams ranked lower than D2.**
Club Dues: $250
Training Fees: $350

Payment Plan:
10 Month payment plan is available with payments from July - April ($60.00 per month.)

**U11-U15 - TOTAL $825.00**
**For Teams ranked D2 and higher.**
Club Dues: $250
Training Fees: $575

Payment Plan:
10 Month payment plan is available with payments from July - April ($83 per month.)

**U16-U19 - TOTAL $600.00**
High School Athletes:
If you decide to play soccer for a high school soccer team, you will still need to tryout for the club in May and get registered.

Whether or not you choose to participate in high school soccer, the payment plan remains the same.

Girls HS Athletes:
Payment Plan option for the following months: July, November - April ($86 per month)

Boy HS Athletes:
Payment plan option for the following months: July - January ($86 per month)

Team Fees

*Any additional Tournaments that Coaches and Teams decide to support will be an additional cost to the fees listed in the table and will be collected by your team manager.

*For any travel tournaments, please be advised the families are responsible for their own travel fees and will contribute to the cost of the hotel room for the coach.

Tournaments

*Participation in a tournament is an important part of any soccer players’ development. Quick games in a short time, with opportunity to advance, allows a quick analysis of team strengths, weaknesses and highlights game play strategy.

*The club has one required tournament for each athlete. The Utah Cup Tournament in August is the Celtic Rangers hosted tournament.

Club Fees, cont.

**We offer payment plans as a courtesy to you. If your account is left “unpaid” due to a new credit card or any other reason you will be charged a monthly late fee of $25.00 for every month that the account is not up to date.
Game Day Information

Please refer to the picture above to know where to sit during your child’s soccer games.

Team Volunteer Responsibilities

A great club is made up of great parents. When parents are willing to invest in the experience of their child the result is incredible! This year we are requiring a parent to be a Team Manager, Member of the Events Committee or Member of the Marketing Committee. If teams wish they may assign some of the other positions to willing parents to create a great soccer experience for your team.

Team Manager

The team manager operates under the direction of the Club Manager.

* Oversees other team volunteer positions.

* Aids the Coach with Communication about Team Practices—times and dates. This communication must be delivered by Sunday night for the upcoming week.

* Aid the Coach with communication about Games. Sending the team details on location address and times, and reminders about uniforms.

* A representative for the team to the Board of Directors with team/club needs.

* Manager will oversee the team uniform purchases and distribution.

* Assist with the creation of tournament rosters.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Manager operates under the direction of the Director of Fields and Equipment. These responsibilities may also be fulfilled by a Team Manager.

* Set up the team canopy for each game—both home and away - when it is needed (bad weather or hot conditions.)

* Helps parents and players understand where they should be sitting on the sidelines. (Please see Game Day Information Picture on previous page.)

* Create fun ways to encourage the team to leave the
facilities used in better condition than when the team arrived.

* Ensuring that the field is ready for play—goals are staked down and four corner flags are on the field.

Marketing/Photographer

The Marketing Committee Member operates under the direction of the Director of Marketing.

* Aid in Social Media Campaigns and updates on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

* Take one action shot of each player on the team for each season.

* Takes a head shot of each player before July 1st.

* Takes one team picture per season.

* Assist with Tryout advertising - social media, placement of tryout signs and banners and distribution of flyers to the local communities.

Fund-raising and Sponsorship Committee

This committee member will service under the Director of Fund-raising and Sponsorship.

* Lead team fund-raising efforts as approved by the club to help cover team costs.

* Elicit one business to be a club sponsor. (We will provide a sponsorship packet available to assist with this project).

* Coordinate any team fund-raisers to help raise money for soccer expenses.

(These must be approved by the club.)

Events Committee

The Events Committee will operate under the direction of the Director of Events.

* Plan, Organize and Participate in all Club Events (There will be one testing day per year – around Halloween.)

* Plan, Organize and Participate in the Club End of Season event and any other club events.

Tournaments/Camps

This committee member will operate under the Director of Tournaments.

* Oversee and plan all club tournaments (i.e. the 3v3 Live and Utah Cup in August.)

* Help coordinate team bonding and activities for teams during summer tournaments. (i.e. team lunch)

* Oversee and plan the Stoke City camp or host one of the trainers from England.
Assistant Parent Coach
This committee member will operate under the Director of Coaching and must be approved by this person before he or she will be placed on the roster. UYSA requires at least two licensed coaches on each team.

*Must hold a minimum of an E License from UYSA.
* Support head coach and other assistant coaches with all game day events.
*Support the head coach as much as possible with support during training.
*Model premier parent behavior.

Videographer
This committee member will operate under the Director of Video Technology.

* Please film a minimum of two games during the Fall Season and two games during the Spring season.
*Upload videos to the club Google Photos account for team members to review and analyze.

Olympia Field House Rep
This person will serve on a committee to explore and organize different training facility for the club to use during the winter months.

Club Communication

Club Emails
Every week you will receive an email from Celtic Rangers FC. This email will outline any club events and games happening during the upcoming week. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a correct email address in your Blue Sombrero account in order to receive the information. Email us at info@celticrangersfc.com if you are not receiving the communication.

Team Communication
We have had great success using the GroupMe App for Team Communication. This is a free app that allows all participants to participate in a large group text through the app without overloading your phone with text messages. If your phone is not able to use this app, your team manager and coach will most likely rely on weekly email communication. You will receive a weekly email or Group Me message from a coach or manager confirming your training schedule for the upcoming week by Sunday Evening.

**Please remember to use professional texting etiquette when using this app. If you can not attend a practice or game or have a personal issue, message the coach privately. The messages on the group app are for communication to the entire group and we desire to keep communication positive.**

**It is also recommended that your account be under your name with your child’s name in parenthesis.**
Commitment

Please understand that if you are on a premier or select team, you are committed to play on that team for one year. Not showing up to practices and games due to finances, poor grades or a change of plans will not honor the commitment you have made to the club and to your teammates. Parents are encouraged to use this soccer experience as a life lesson. We discourage parents from withholding game or practice participation as a method of discipline. The action will penalize the whole team - not just your child. Please communicate with the coaching staff regarding any athlete concerns. We are happy to help.

Cancellation Policy

Your child has committed to this program for one soccer year—from June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019. No drops or transfers will be processed without Board Approval. UYSA state fees are non-refundable and any approved cancellation at any time during the soccer year will result in a $250.00 cancellation fee. Registrations determine available roster spots. No roster changes will be made unless UYSA paperwork has been completed and signed.

Game Day - What you need to know

*You have a responsibility to attend all games with your team. Due to roster sizes, any missed games may result in a negative result for your team.

*Plan to arrive at your game location at least 1 hour (away games) or 45 minutes (home games) for warm ups and to ensure you are at the right location.

*Sit in the designated parent area

*Make sure your child has shin guards and cleats.

*Get in the habit of bringing both the home and away jersey to EVERY game. This way you will have the ability to change if needed.

*Bring water!!!

*Half Time Treats and Snacks are not necessary. It is the responsibility of the parent to manage food for their child. If a parent desires to share food with the team in celebration, it is recommended that this be done after the game has ended and with coach approval.
Training - What you need to know

*Your child needs to be on time dressed and ready to go. Please be respectful to our coaches and trainers. Their time is valuable.

*Please wear your training jersey every time! (This is the shirt you received at tryouts)

*Coaches and Trainers desire to keep the schedule as consistent as possible; however, there are times that days and times will change. Please be flexible and do what you can to support the announced training schedule.

*Your child should have a ball, water, proper footwear and adequate clothing (weather) at every practice.

*If you are unable to make practice you will need to inform the coach and the manager privately. This is about personal responsibility, respect and commitment. Communication is very important. If for any reason a coach or manager can not contact you or do not hear from you for a 6 week window, you may lose your roster spot.

Additional Training Opportunities

**Olympia Rec Program**

U4-U10 Athletes (not currently registered in competition play)

Cost: $75-$95

When: Fall - mid August to October  
      Spring - April to mid May

12 sessions (6 weeks) of training and games.  
Usually held on Thursdays from 6-7 and Saturdays from 10-11.

Register at www.olympialions.com

**Olympia Training Academy**

U5-U10 Athletes (not currently registered in competition play)

$40/mo. It is a year-round program.

You must commit to a minimum of three months and then your contract in month to month.

4 one hour training sessions a month  
Two blocks a year

Group Sizes: Min 5 - Max 8

Automatically registered in Rec program for Fall and Spring

Register at www.olympialions.com

**Private Training**

U8-U19 Athletes

Please see www.olympialions.com for current private training packages
Be a Premier Parent

1. Give your child unconditional love, no matter what happens on the field.
2. Talk to your children about their experiences in sports.
   - Check in weekly
   - Listen more than you talk
   - Be a parent, not a coach
3. Remember the reasons to play sports outside of winning.
   - Fun, fitness, fresh air, commitment, camaraderie, teamwork, perseverance, goal setting, the thrill of competition, and enhanced self-esteem... these are all benefits of play in sports.
4. Beware of going overboard
   Here are eight common signs that you're overboard as a sports parent. You:
   1. Find yourself talking more about your child's sport than your child.
   2. Are highly critical of your child's coach.
   3. Talk to your child more like a coach than a parent (i.e., always giving advice, instruction, and critiques).
   4. Constantly tell your child to practice more.
   5. Seem more emotionally invested in the sport than your child (i.e., you get more upset than he or she does about a lost game or performance mistake).
   6. Get a great deal of status and prestige from your child's athletic accomplishments.
   7. Believe that if your child just tried harder he or she could be successful at sports.
   8. Aren't hearing what your child is telling you (i.e., "Mom, I don't like when you stand behind me and tell me what to do." Or "Dad, it makes me nervous when you come to my games").
5. Be a role model for good sportsmanship

Why Sports Parents Make All the Difference

Parents frequently ask me, "How can I make sure that my child has a good experience in sports? What's the secret?"

Some parents believe the secret is finding the right coach. Others say it's all in how she gets along with her teammates. Still others believe the secret is to match him with the sport that best fits his personality and temperament.

Yes, coaches, teammates, and the sport he plays matter. But the most critical factor in whether the forty million sports-playing children love their sports experiences or hate them is the behavior -- both public and private -- and the attitude of their parents. This fact surprises many parents.

Certainly, outside people and outside factors matter, and yes, these outside influences do contribute to shaping your child. But there's no doubt about it -- parents always have had, and always will have, the most significant influence over their kids. What you think about your child is more important to him than what anyone else thinks. If your daughter feels, "Mom and Dad are proud of me," that is more significant than acceptance from a coach or peer. But if your child feels, or even gets a hint, that Mom and Dad love me more when I play well or when I win, then that puts her under a lot of pressure. Kids who feel too much pressure to win don't enjoy sports. These are the kids who either quit youth sports or wish they could.

Comments adapted from:
101 Ways to Be a Terrific Sports Parent: Making Athletics a Positive Experience for Your Child Kindle Edition by Joel Fish
The Ride Home
BY JOHN O'SULLIVAN

One of the saddest things I had to do as a Director of Coaching for numerous soccer clubs was conduct exit interviews, meetings with players whom had decided to leave the club. Children quit sports for a litany of reasons, and my job was always to see what we could learn, so we could improve the experience for other children.

When I got these players alone, and asked them “what was your least favorite moment in sports?” I often got a very similar and sad answer: the ride home after the game.

It has always amazed me how a moment off the field can have such a detrimental effect on it, yet when we think about it, the toxicity of the ride home makes perfect sense. Emotions are high, disappointment, frustration, and exhaustion are heightened for both player and parent, yet many parents choose this moment to confront their child about a play, criticize them for having a poor game, and chastise their child, their teammates, their coach, and their opponents. There could not be a less teachable moment in your child’s sporting life then the ride home, yet it is often the moment that well intentioned parents decide to do all of their teaching.

One of the biggest problems on the ride home is that a simple question from you, often meant to encourage your own child, can be construed as an attack on a teammate or coach by your child. As Bruce Brown states in his book Teaching Character Through Sport, “athletes do not need adults to question their actions, the actions of other players, or the coach’s decisions concerning strategy or playing time.” A simple comment such as “Why does Jenny get all the shots?” may be meant to construe to your child that you think she is a good shooter who should also take shots, but is interpreted by your daughter that “Jenny is a ball hog!” Questions such as “Why does Billy always play goalie” or “Why does your team always play zone?” can just as easily undermine the coach’s authority, and again cause confusion and uncertainty for your child.

Many children indicated to me that parental actions and conversations after games made them feel as though their value and worth in their parents’ eyes was tied to their athletic performance, and the wins and losses of their team. Ask yourself whether you are quieter after a hard loss, or happier and more buoyant after a big win. Do you tend to criticize and dissect your child’s performance after a loss, but overlook many of the same mistakes because he or she won? If you see that you are doing this, even though your intentions may be well meaning, your child’s perceptions of your words and actions can be quite detrimental to their performance, and to your relationship.

One of the things that Coach Brown urges parents to be a source of confidence and comfort in situations such as when your child has played well in a loss, when your child has played poorly, and especially when your child has played very little or not at all. Even then, it is critically important that you do not bring the game up for them, as uninvited conversations may cause resentment in children. Give them the time and space to digest the game and recover physically and emotionally from a match. When your child is ready to bring the game up and talk about it, be a quiet and reflective listener, and make sure she can see the big picture and not just the outcome of a single event. Help her work through the game, and facilitate her growth and education by guiding her toward her own answers. Kids learn a lot when they realize things such as “we had a bad week of practice and coach told us this was coming” Most importantly says Brown, remember that your child always loves hearing you sincerely tell them “I love watching you play.”

The only exception to the above ‘Ride Home’ rule is when your child engages in behavior that you would not accept at home, such as spitting, cursing, assaulting an opponent, or disrespecting a coach or authority figure. In these cases you should initiate the conversation, not as a parent to an athlete, but as a parent to a child. Even then you must be careful and considerate of the emotions of the match, and choose your words wisely. Deal with the issue, and then put it to bed; do not use it as a segue to a discussion of the entire game.
Not every child is the same, and some children may want to discuss the game on the way home. My advice is let them bring it up, and let them end the conversation. If you are unsure, ask your kids whether they want to talk about the game, and honor their feelings and their position on this issue. There is nothing, aside from the unacceptable behavior mentioned above, that cannot be discussed at a later time. The best part is, you will likely have a far better conversation about it hours after a game, instead of minutes.

As many youth sports are entering the season of playoffs and state championships, emotions are higher than ever, stress and pressure are more prevalent, and it is crucial that you let the Ride Home belong to your son or daughter. They will thank you for it one day, that I promise.

**Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports?**

One of my friends asked “Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports”? Well I have a confession to make; I don't pay for my kids to do sports. Personally, I couldn't care less about what sport they do.

So, if I am not paying for sports what am I paying for?

- I pay for those moments when my kids become so tired they want to quit but don't.
- I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are "too tired" to go to their training but they go anyway.
- I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined, focused and dedicated.
- I pay for my kids to learn to take care of their body and equipment.
- I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good team mates, gracious in defeat and humble in success.
- I pay for my kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that placing or title they'd hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.
- I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.
- I pay for my kids to respect, not only themselves, but other athletes, officials and coaches.
- I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.
- I pay for my kids to be proud of small achievements, and to work towards long term goals.
- I pay for the opportunity my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create lifelong memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am.
- I pay so that my kids can be out on the field or in the gym instead of in front of a screen...

...I could go on but, to be short, I don't pay for sports; I pay for the opportunities that sports provides my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment!
Winning in Youth Soccer

Everyone likes to win. The objective of a game is to win. Whether a sport, board game or video game. A singular focus on winning is problematic though, as it minimizes or completely ignores individual player development. So how can we have sufficient emphasis placed on winning without sacrificing individual player development?

There are various ways to win a soccer match. Everyone is familiar with the lucky chance goal, or the first time in a century type of 'player error' that results in a loss. There are coaches that hang their hat on teaching the athletes to play the game a certain way while others coach solely for results. Some coaches win games by recruiting the best athletes. Other coaches look for mismatches or other variables that have little to do with development and everything to do with personnel.

So which approach is best? What do you as a parent want out of a soccer club? Do those wants change based on age? What measuring stick can be used by our athletes to determine whether they are ready for competition and when should we expect them to be hitting their stride in their soccer development?

Which approach is best? Development focused or Winning focused? If you get the chance to talk to Academy coaches at professional clubs around the world and even here at RSL, they will tell you they have no desire to go after “wins” at the youth level. This is because their sole focus is developing players for the Professional stage. They are less worried about a win-loss record and are much more interested in individual athlete development. They are investing into the player individually, because they see that their job is to develop the athlete to be a first team player or to sell them off to another club. In order to sell them off to another club they need to create value. That value is created solely in the development of the individual athlete.

There are differences in the European system and the system in the US. In truth the US system is still attempting to establish itself. Regardless, the current nuanced difference in the game as it pertains to the US comes down to the process of getting noticed. How can one best be noticed? In the past there was significant emphasis placed on the high school game. Interestingly, the High School scene is becoming less and less significant in respect to athletes getting noticed and progressing to the next level. Athletes entering High School are faced with a choice to continue playing for their club, where their development has been tracked and measured, or playing for one of three possible teams; Freshman, JV, or Varsity aimed at different age groups. The quality of development opportunity for athletes must therefore be evaluated. These athletes ask themselves the question. Is it better for my development and my goals to continue with my club, find additional private training, or play for a Freshman, JV or Varsity team? The answers to that question are so vast due to each individual situation. An athlete may want to play on Varsity only and see the JV and Freshman team as not worth risking their personal development. An athlete may want to play on a team with a sibling or friend. Athletes may want the social and fun aspect of the HS team. Athletes may also not be interested in HS at all. Knowing and setting personal goals is an important step for an athlete. If your athlete has not set goals for what they want out of soccer. Please have them take time to do so now. Then after each season have them review and adapt their goals with their current perspective in mind.

Getting noticed through HS is not the common route for soccer players. College coaches do frequently attend the largest state-wide High School tournaments state by state. However, if you are not an athlete playing in the finals for a school in the top division in the state (6A) there is very little, if any, likelihood you will be seen. By far, athletes are identified through the club setting because of the sheer length of time the athlete is with the club. The HS season is 2-3 months of the year whereas athletes are training year round with their clubs prior to HS. One of the issues in today’s environment is that youth coaches will often specifically develop their kids for HS, or College. The issue with this development method is it falls short of meeting the appropriate benchmarks that would enable the athlete the best opportunity to fulfill their dreams. If an athlete’s dreams and goals are bigger, they need to be in a development program that aligns with those dreams. Only then are they placed in the driver’s seat to choose
High School, College or Pro if the opportunity presents itself. The point of all of this really is that athletes can decide where they choose to play, and what kind of experience they want to have. Athletes should be encouraged to go obtain their goals and dreams, and provided the pathway that most effectively leads to those goals. Athletes are allowed to change their dreams and goals. Many do. Today they have more control and more choice than ever before.

Development or Winning?
For athletes age 5-12 the development focused approach is best. Some will suggest we have created a monster by placing far too much emphasis on winning in the youth game. Our club agrees very much with this sentiment. However, the purpose of the game is to win. Leagues have been set up that arrange kids by a win loss record starting as young as 7 years old. If kids are continually losing they will need more encouragement and perspective as to the reason and purpose behind their training and hard work. At these younger ages, a coach must find a delicate balance with getting results from the match and getting results from the athletes themselves. The ideal scenario, and the one our club espouses first is “getting results from the athlete”. At these ages, the door to who can participate in soccer should be very broad and wide. Nearly every child that wants to participate in soccer at these ages should be accommodated. This is for the purpose of developing youth athletes. The ideal scenario for our club is to have 1. At least 15 athletes dialed in and ready to train. And 2. At least 2 teams deep so we can have a smaller roster for the top team and a more full roster for the second and add itional teams. This scenario allows for a broad delivery of quality hand in hand with skill level alignment. This enables all athletes to develop at a more appropriate pace.

Players in this country must become more familiar with the ball. If they can choose to do that while young, fantastic. If they choose when older it just means they have to put in more time each day to get to where they hope to be. From our youngest players at U5 on up, skill development must take center stage in order to provide a technical vehicle for our kids to develop. As parents exploring commitment and activity level with respect to the age of our children we should consider that if they are not well on their way to mastering technical skills of soccer by the age of 14 they will very likely have little to no chance at playing at future levels.

In the US soccer system there is a lot of emphasis placed on the team and how that team is doing. Parents will often chase good teams around for their kids rather than focusing on good development. The culture has created clubs that want “good teams” coaches that want “good teams” and parents that stop at nothing to make sure their child is on a “good” team. This behavior has been bred out of a culture that desires to be #1 in everything, and places extreme value on that. Unfortunately, not even every team in premier league can be #1. This desire to have good teams in addition to the misplaced focus on being #1 has created a “must win” attitude that loses sight of creating winners. Winners are created through the process of development. Winners are created through setting goals and re-evaluating. Winners are created through giving their all in every match and striving to become their best, and hoping that ‘their best’ results in ‘the best’. These are all measurable and achievable for every athlete. All athletes can be winners every match and every season regardless of the score line or division placement. We expect all our athletes to be winners.

You have our commitment that development precedes winning.

The variance in skill level among athletes in general, throughout the state, is negligible at the U8 and U9 age. We are focused on development of our youth. Our development academy begins with the 5 year olds and has played a significant role in ensuring that benchmarks are being met in order to be ready to enter the competitive years, whenever they choose.

In our club we are not worried about the day to day win loss record of a team. We emphasize to our coaches and trainers that very fact. Of course we celebrate when teams, coaches and athletes are able to reap the fruit of their hard work. It is very natural to do so. However, we also celebrate the consistent dedicated effort of a youth coach or trainer that delivers excellent sessions and inspires the youth to better their game every day, win lose or draw.
For the purpose of development, and dedication to the individual athlete, our club provides the Olympia Rec Program for ages 5-10, Olympia Academy for ages 5-10 (a year round training compliment to the Rec Program), Peak Academy Private Training for ages 11 and up, as well as Peak Academy College Prep for 14 and up. These products were all created to enable a clear pathway for athletes in pursuing their dreams. Not everyone will be ‘the best’, but everyone can be ‘their best’. That every athlete, coach and parent within our club may embrace this foundational purpose is our greatest desire.

Important User Names & Passwords
Use this as your REGISTRATION Checklist!

☐ 1. UYSA Registration - celticrangerseast.affinitysoccer.com
   -This registration confirms your roster spot.
   -You will need a copy of your child’s birth certificate and a picture on hand.

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☐ 2. Team Gear International - TUO Store
   -This is the area where you place the order for your uniform kit. If you wish to purchase anything from the Team Store or additional “Gear”. You will go here. You will receive an email to create an account and purchase your uniform.

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   -This is where you pay dues to the club and select your volunteer position.

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