



PDA-Florida Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is your registration process? Is it really important to register for tryouts in advance?

Yes, it is imperative that all players register in advance for the tryouts as our entire registration and communications process revolves around our online system. As a matter of fact, players that are not pre-registered for tryouts will be held up at the check-in and forced to register for the tryouts prior to stepping on the field, which may cause them to miss some of their tryout.

This is critical to all that we do in PDA & ensures that we have the appropriate number of evaluators for each age, lets us directly communicate with players/families as to any changes during tryouts and becomes the central registration point for accepting a position on a team and setting up a player's online payment plan (several options). The system is also key to the formation of contact rosters for each of the teams in the club. For those with existing accounts, be sure to ensure all contact information is updated.

Do I have to register my child for NPL ID Days AND 2015-16 Competitive Program?

All children U11 & Up must be registered for both programs. NPL has a different governing body – US Club Soccer and under US Club we can hold NPL ID Days earlier. Our regular tryouts are mandated by FYSA (Florida Youth Soccer Association) and must be held after last weekend of State Cup, which normally falls after the Memorial Day weekend. It is imperative for teams doing Region Cup, State Cup or participating in any FYSA sanctioned tournaments to participate in FYSA Tryouts. The teams we form will abide by the rules of each governing organization.

Is it true that a player must tryout at age, even if they have played up for many years?

Yes, this is true. It does not mean that a player will not play “up” as we are always about challenging players. However, tryouts are the one time of year where players are expected to attend the tryout on age. It gives a good baseline for the player at least once per year to see where they are at against their age. This standard is for ALL players, boys & girls. If a player's on age tryout date is different from the older age they have played at in the past, the player **MUST** attend the on age date, but can attend the separate older tryout date as well. Players may even be moved between ages during the tryouts themselves as the coaches see fit, but every player must begin the tryouts on age.

When will be notified whether or not we are on a team? It always seems to take longer than expected?

There will be a very significant difference in how we conduct the onsite pre and post tryout procedures to more fairly communicate to players and families. This will allow immediate feedback

which is key to a better experience whether it is at our club or in moving to another if it is not the right fit here. This process is also listed on the Tryout Tab of our website.

PRE-TRYOUT PROCEDURE

1. Players must Pre-Register for tryouts. To pre-register [click here](#)
2. Player Check-In will start one hour before your tryout session:
 - o You will verify all player and parent contact information is correct
 - o You will receive your tryout number
 - o You will have a photo taken for your player pass
 - o PDA Staff will then send you to the correct field
3. **One Parent/Guardian is required to attend tryouts. If your son/daughter is selected for a team, you will need to be present to accept their position on the team.**

POST-TRYOUT PROCEDURE

1. At the end of each night of tryouts, players will be grouped into 3 distinct groups:
 - o Selected – You have been selected for the team this year.
 - o Need 2nd Evaluation – Coaching staff would like to see you again before making a decision.
 - o Not-Selected – You were not selected for the team this year.
2. Upon being selected for a PDA competitive team, you will be directed by your coach to the on-site registration area to complete your team acceptance and player commitment form.
3. You will then receive an email with further instructions and details to complete your registration for the 2015-2016 season.

Will the price to play go up?

Yes, but very minimally though to meet costs of NPL league fees and 3rd training session for U13's & above, as well as increased costs of other leagues. This is a VERY critical point of emphasis for the club as it is very intensely focused on investing all of the resources into the organization towards developing better players and growing the game.

Costs for the 2015-16 Year are the following:

U13-18 Boys & Girls- \$1295.00

U11-12 Boys & Girls- \$975.00

U9/10 Boys & Girls- \$780.00

U8/10 Academy- \$480.00

Each of these will have multiple options of payment plans available through our online registration system.

You mention a payment plan what are the different options & how do you access them?

Upon selection for a team, each player will be sent an Acceptance email or they can simply log directly into their account and accept their position on the team. After they accept the position, they will then go through the registration process of our online system and complete payment. The payment is the last page of the registration process and includes a drop down menu to select your payment plan (several options, including up to 10 interest free monthly installments).

What types of payments are you accepting?

PDA Florida is accepting all major Credit Cards, Debit Cards and American Express. With increased costs and amount of time of processing checks we will be accepting Credit/Debit Cards only.

My address changed, I updated my address, but my credit card was rejected, what can I do?

If any of your billing information changed while you are on active payment plan, you need to contact our Club Administrator Immediately and update your information. If any of your billing information changed, we will need your Credit Card Number, expiration date and new billing address, even if the only change was a single digit in your zip code.

Some of us are in bad situations and can't afford to pay this much and are scared to get involved in competitive soccer? Are there opportunities for financial assistance?

We have always been much lower than competitive clubs in the greater Orlando & Jacksonville areas. We are still below the average of these markets in our area which is amazing considering the highly licensed and experienced coaching staff we have assembled. However, we realize this will be tough on some and much like PDA- NJ, we are extremely committed to growing our scholarship program to ensure that committed and qualified players never lack the opportunity to grow in the game in our area. We will continue to put an intense focus on these through sponsorships and in utilizing PDA's current methodologies as it is very important to the organization. This includes our highly successful 24 Hour Soccer Marathon fundraiser, which was a great success in its first 2 years for us. There is a Financial Assistance Application posted on our homepage: www.pdaflorida.org Under the "Club Info". 2015-2016 Financial Assistance Application can be found here.

Are the uniforms staying the same this year?

Unfortunately, Nike retired our current uniform kit and it is no longer available anywhere in the country. We did everything we possibly could to have a minimal impact on our families. White uniform kits will remain the same, but blue kit will have to be purchased for this year as well as a training jersey and will be ordered directly by players through our provider, Ewing Sports. Information will be provided to everyone once this is operational and ready for ordering. Everyone must have the mandatory kits for the season. If you already have parts or all of the mandatory kits, you do not need to re-purchase these items. Ewing sports will also sell Spirit Wear online as well.

Are players really supposed to wear their official gear all the time?

Players are required to wear official Nike training gear to all training, matches and any PDA official events. We are part of the Nike Premier program and as part of the extensive benefits of the program; we are required to wear these items. This will be strictly enforced by staff, directors & coaches.

What are the commitments for the program? We have other things at times?

This is a year long commitment to the program and to your specific team. The projected leagues, tournaments, showcases and other events are reviewed with by each team by the coach and players/parents right after tryouts at a team meeting. All of the hard work in training is built towards performance at these events and simply missing them is not an option. We understand there are

illnesses and emergencies and family vacations. However, make it a priority to actually put these events in your calendar and plan around them. For any challenges, be sure to communicate well in advance.

What are the U8 & U10 Academy Programs?

These programs are “In-house” programs in which players that show commitment as well as promise as players are brought together into an environment to really foster technical growth. They will be based out of St. Augustine and Palm Coast and play festival events and an in-house schedule that fosters the building of an extremely technical foundation for later in their development cycle. This program has been highly successful to date in building solid technically sound young players.

I hear there will be 3rd training session take place for the PDA teams, is it true?

NPL Standards are dictating 3rd training sessions for all participating club teams. 3rd session will not necessary be held with your child’s team. It will be more technical/tactical with combined age groups at a location closer to your home to reduce travel. If you leave in Palm Coast or to the south you will travel to Indian Trails Complex. If you leave in Jacksonville/St Augustine area you will travel to Gamble Rogers Fields.

NPL (National Premier League) Information:

- The FPL (Florida Premier League within the National Premier League umbrella) is the highest level of competition available in Florida and is made up of the top clubs throughout the state.

FPL Clubs:

PDA Florida, Kendall Soccer Club, Weston FC, Orlando City, West Florida Flames, Boca United, Space Coast United, Jacksonville FC, Tampa Bay United, Chargers Soccer Club, Florida Kraze Krush, FC America, FC Florida, IMG Academy.

- PDA Florida will have a team compete in the FPL at the U13-U18 age groups for boys & girls.
- FPL is expanding to the U12 age group for the 2015-2016 season in which we will look to compete where appropriate.
- The FPL league schedule is similar to our current league schedule with games played in the fall and the spring portions of the year.
- Travel is limited as away games are played on back to back days in similar locations or at a neutral site to reduce travel.
- Only the top team in each age group at PDA Florida will play in FPL. All other teams will play in our regional leagues.
- FPL league play will eliminate calendar congestion and provide meaningful games and the appropriate game to practice ratio.
- FPL status will provide our players increased access to US Club Soccer's id2 National Identification and Development Program, including Player Development Programs (PDPs), which works closely with U.S. Soccer staff regarding player identification, and player and coach development.

- Winners of each FPL age bracket qualify for the NPL National Championship Event.
- PDA Florida teams will now have access to NPL Showcase Events for exposure to college coaches including the Boys and Girls NPL Showcases, the Surf Cup Showcase and the Jefferson Cup Showcase.
- PDA Florida will host FPL Identification Days for all current PDA FL players as well as for any player interested in becoming a member of the club.