

Gate City Youth Soccer League

U11 & U12 Programs

The Gate Youth Soccer League (GCYSL) believes that every young athlete can benefit from the opportunity to play organized soccer in a team setting. Our desire is to be able to offer U11 and U12 programs for both highly competitive players, as well as those who require a more developmental experience. The competitive programs are intended to provide the environment and instruction required to prepare players for competition at the highest levels.

The league will form U11 and U12 teams which provide three distinct levels of play, following the guidelines outlined below. These levels of play are Competitive 1, Competitive 2 and a Club Development Program (CDP). These are also known as Comp 1, Comp 2, and CDP.

The competitive program does not guarantee playing time. However, having the ability to establish three levels of play will allow players to be placed in situations that will generate opportunities to better distribute playing minutes for all players.

Comp 1 Boys and Girls

Comp 1 competitive level teams are single age group teams (age pure) from Under 11 thru Under 12 and are formed through league-wide evaluations. The Comp 1 program is GCYSL's highest competitive soccer level and is designed for those players who have a greater interest and commitment in both tactical advancement and tuning of their technical skills. Their teams may compete with teams a greater distance away, and may also participate in state, regional, and national tournaments. Comp 1 team players will be selected through an evaluation process.

- *Coaches are often "D" or higher licensed*
- *All players will receive playing time*
- *More travel can be expected for this level of competition*

Comp 2 Boys and Girls

Comp 2 competitive level teams are single age group teams (age pure) from Under 11 thru Under 12 and are formed through league-wide evaluations. Comp 2 teams form a competitive program which is designed for those players who have an interest and commitment toward advancing their skills. These players compete in leagues that may involve traveling to areas

outside their league of registration and may participate in one or more tournaments.

- *Coaches are expected to be "E" or higher licensed*
- *All players will receive playing time*
- *Travel will be involved.*

Club Development Program (CDP)

Club Develop Program or CDP players are assigned to teams which place a large emphasis on player development and soccer enjoyment. Every player can play CDP, irrespective of the skill level. Player evaluations will be utilized to fill CDP team roster slots.

CDP team games are normally held in Pocatello but may also include local recreational jamborees and fun days which consist of tournament style of play.

- *Coaches are expected to be "E" or higher licensed*
- *All players will receive playing time*
- *Travel may be involved.*

Practices

The Comp 1, 2 and CDP teams for their respective age groups will practice together. This will allow for an adequate number of players to have effective scrimmages and practice sessions. There will be 2 or more practices weekly in addition to games.

Movement of Players Among Teams

The head coach may move players between the three levels of play. Players from a Comp 2 team can play on a Comp 1 team and vice versa as necessary so that a team has an adequate number of players to compete in any particular game. Moreover, if a Comp 1 or 2 team go to a tournament and need an additional player (s), the coach of that team can invite players from the CDP program. In addition, during a season, coaches of the Comp 1 and 2 teams for a particular age group can elect to move a player from Comp 2 to 1 or vice versa depending on how a player is doing.

Division Determination

There will be evaluations conducted before the spring seasons. The time of evaluations will be advertised and open for both club and non-club players. The evaluation process may also include evaluation of players during other soccer programs such as street soccer, soccer camps and / or clinics that are

attended by Gate City Soccer League Officials or coaches. Players may also be evaluated during the official season.

Player Evaluations

A player evaluation will be filled out for each player and reviewed by the U11 and U12 Head Coaches. Based on the evaluations the head coaches will make roster recommendations to the U11 and U12 Program Director for approval.

Players will be evaluated in the following areas:

(Lists below are not all inclusive)

Technical Skills

- *Player's ability to use both feet controlling the ball*
- *Dribbling*
- *Passing*
- *Shooting*

Physical Ability

- *Player's agility*
- *Balance*
- *Power*
- *Quickness*
- *Fitness level*
- *Power*
- *Strength*

Character

- *Player's leadership*
- *Composure*
- *Sportsmanship with his teammates and opponents*
- *Concentration*
- *Attitude*
- *Commitment*
- *Pride*

Tactical Skills

- *Player's ability to read the game*
- *Provide offensive and defensive support*
- *Speed of play*

Coaches will assess each player in those categories using a 5-point scale. 5=excellent, 4=very good, 3=good, 2=average, 1=below average. Player evaluations shall be completed at the end of the evaluation period and at the end of the season so players can see whether they have improved in the eyes of their coaches and to look at areas where they need to improve.