



# EVALUATION INFORMATION BOOKLET



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- **How is Competitive different to Rec?**

The Competitive Program is coached by our professional staff coaches. All coaches follow an age appropriate curriculum, and are coached by trained staff members with soccer specific education. Our Competitive program focuses on individual development over winning, with an open mindset to learning. This approach greatly benefits youth players in all aspects of their growth, including their school studies. It is a long-term development pathway, appropriate to age and covering the 4 pillars of technical, psychological, physical, and social development. Competitive teams practice within a set style of play, with individual player elements and team playing concepts.

- **Do I need to come to both Evaluation sessions?**

We recommend that all players come to both sessions. An evaluation is a snapshot of any players current level of play, so the greater the exposure we have to the player, the better chance of an accurate evaluation of the current level. If you cannot make a session we need to know ahead of time.

- **How many players are on the team?**

Each age group is different based on USSF mandated roster sizes. The mandated sizes are for game days, so additional Training Pool spots, and squad spots for older teams are available.

U8 Training Pool – Unlimited, Fremont YSC development program

2012 and 2011 – Game Day Roster 14

2010 and 2009 – Game Day Roster 16

2008 and Older – Game Day Roster 18 (4 additional squad spots)

- **Have I made the team, and when will I find out?**

Evaluation results will be posted online, TBD depending on how the current situation develops. We aim to select every player, but this depend on the number of spots available on rosters.

- **Will I always be on the team I'm selected for?**

Fremont YSC has a club culture; the coaching staff are continuously working together to make sure players are playing in teams where they are with players of similar ability. If a

players development changes then we will place players accordingly. This decision is made by the coaches with final confirmation made by the DOC. Through this club culture we create an environment where coaches work for the best interest of the player, and will at the right time provide opportunities to guest play and open practice with other teams when appropriate.

- **What's next after the Evaluations?**

Following the Evaluations the results will be posted online. We will then be hosting the parent meetings, here you will receive practice information, understanding of our club culture, and information on how to register for the new season. Before the season begins there will be developmental stages meetings, with setting of expectations.

**Meeting Schedule:**

TBD, depending on the COVID-19 situation and the rules and regulations in place around grouping of people in social situations, and also the date in which evaluations will be able to be hosted.

- **Who's the coach?**

Coach's assignments will be available at the time of the parent meeting.

- **When does training start?**

Training begins on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The training calendar is available online, and will also be presented at the parent meeting.

- **When do I receive the practice schedule?**

The practice schedule will be made available at the parent meeting, the week following the evaluations.

- **Is there a Registration cost and Training Fees?**

Yes, there is an initial registration fee, only once per season (a 12-month period), then Training Fees are split up in to installments through a subscription. Excluding uniform, there are no other fees throughout the season. Fremont YSC covers any tournament entry fee, and for the older teams all State Cup entries. You will not be asked for any additional fees.

*All club events are optional in participation.*

- **Is there Financial Aid**

Yes, we have a financial aid application which you can apply for following the evaluation results. We do not want any player to miss out on playing due to financial

reasons, and we will never turn a player away for this reason. Your application is confidential from your coach and other team representatives and is worked on together with the club to find the best possible solution.

- **How often do we train?**

Black teams – 3 nights a week

Blue teams and Training Pool – 2 nights a week

We have an open training policy available to all of our players. This means you can attend other teams practice sessions, contact the coach of your team and ask for an appropriate session that your player can attend during the week either as an alternative to a conflict or as an option for additional practice. The coach and DOC will confirm the open session availability.

- **What uniform do I need, and where do I get it from?**

SoccerPro is our exclusive supplier of the Fremont YSC uniform, provided by Adidas. All players must wear the Grey training top with black shorts to all practices. Players on teams will need the game day uniform which consists of 2 full uniforms, home and away (dark grey, and grey/blue/white). Uniforms are on a 2-year agreement, changed on every odd

numbered season, i.e. 2021/22 season is the next change. Additional attire is available and optional, but Fremont YSC attire must be worn to practices. In the event of wanting to wear jackets to practice, this needs to be the Fremont YSC jacket (any black training pants will suffice).

- **Will we play games?**

Yes, the Competitive teams U9 and older will be entered in to the league. Generally, 8 to 11 games, played in Fall and Spring. The training pool is a practice only program, but still consists of plenty of free play.

- **When are the games?**

We receive the schedule 10 to 16 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season from the NorCal playing leagues. We as coaches then work with the opposition to schedule these games. Generally played on Saturday, there are occasions when games will be played on a Sunday. We do expect all players to be committed to playing in these games.

- **What bracket will we be in?**

The DOC will make the decision based on feedback from the coach. Brackets are a redundant method of evaluating a player's level of play. Anyone can apply for any bracket.

Since the pay to play model, brackets have been used for collecting trophies and marketing. Teams that focus on winning will enter 'lower brackets' to collect trophies and use this for their social media page. Other teams will enter 'high level' brackets to advertise and recruit players. Development and winning cannot co-exist, they are 2 ends of a spectrum. We will enter teams in to a league in which we feel players can develop in, but we cannot control others. We measure our success by the individual development through their comfort on the ball and willingness to be in possession and take risks, and how they progress in reference to the player elements needed.

- **I want to play high school/college, so need exposure, will I only get this in high level brackets?**

No, the best way for exposure is for players to research the school they want for education and location, then to attend their ID Camps. This is the only way you are guaranteed exposure to the right coaches. There will be coaches at showcases and occasionally games, but you will never guarantee which coach and from which school, and will they be watching you. Check out our partner, iSoccerPath, for information on the college pathway.