



Boys Winter Tryouts for USSF Development Academy Teams

NOVEMBER

Welcome to the Boys Winter Team Tryouts at FC Portland and our second season with the U.S. Soccer Development Academy! FC Portland is very proud to be among the 80 U.S. clubs chosen to participate in this prestigious program and will field Development Academy Boys Teams in the U15/16 and U17/18 age groups. Additionally, FC Portland will select players for U15 and U16/17 Boys State Cup Teams that will compete in Winter League and State Cup play through the USYS/OYSA system. For additional information regarding tryouts for USYS Boys Teams, please see the FC Portland website at: www.fcportland.org.

What is the U.S. Soccer Development Academy?

The U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program is designed to improve the everyday environment for elite youth players and offer U.S. Soccer national team coaches the opportunity to scout players more effectively. Competition against other elite players in the region and throughout the country will also provide a better scouting environment for college and professional coaches. Development Academy teams will train in the best possible environment for elite-level players and will receive integrated oversight from both F.C. Portland and U.S. Soccer coaches. All U15 thru U18 boys are eligible to be considered for the U15/16 or U17/18 Development Academy Teams at F.C. Portland.

How do State Cup and Development Academy teams differ?

Players on FC Portland *State Cup teams* will continue to train on a twice-weekly basis and continue to compete in Winter League and State Cup play as members of the USYS/OYSA network. As in past years, training for State Cup teams will begin at the conclusion of the OSAA high school season, although some teams may begin training for late November tournaments at an earlier time. Players who are members of State Cup teams will continue to be eligible to participate in the USYS Olympic Development Program (ODP).

Development Academy teams from FC Portland will train a minimum of 3 days per week and compete in 30 home and away games against top clubs in the western region and in 2 special Showcase tournaments against other Development Academy teams from across the nation. The U.S. Soccer season will culminate in the Development Academy Finals in Carson, California during July, 2009. FC Portland Development Academy teams will not participate in OYSA league or State Cup competition, and team members are not eligible to participate in the USYS Olympic Development Program. However, Development Academy members are welcome to play on their OSAA high school teams.

Who may attend Development Academy tryouts?

If you are a player in good standing with FC Portland, OYSA, and/or USSF, and if you were born between August 1, 1990 and July 31, 1994, you are eligible for selection to one of our competitive teams and welcome to participate in Winter Team Tryouts.

What is the tryout process for Development Academy teams and how do I register?

FC Portland will offer a series of meetings and tryout sessions for both parents and players beginning with the 1st Round Sessions on July 21st and 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm at the Clive Charles Varsity field of Liberty High School. **A brief tryout registration form will be available at the field for all Development Academy tryout sessions.**

What happens next?

More specific information regarding the 2008-09 Development Academy season at FC Portland will be available following the 2007-08 Finals Week Summit meetings on July 19 and 20, 2008. For detailed information about the national Development Academy program, please visit the US Soccer website at: <http://www.ussoccer.com/teams/acad/index.jsp.html>.

BOYS USSF Development Academy 1st Round TRYOUT / MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 21

U15/16 & U17/18 Boys 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday, July 22

U15/16 & U17/18 Boys 6:30pm - 8:00pm

BOYS USYS State Cup Teams TRYOUT SCHEDULE

Players are encouraged to attend at least two of the three scheduled State Cup Team tryout sessions for their age group.

Tuesday, August 5

U15 Boys 10:30am - 12:00pm & 7:30pm - 9:00pm

U16/17 Boys 10:30am - 12:00pm & 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, August 6

U15 Boys 6:00pm - 7:30pm

U16/17 Boys 7:30pm - 9:00pm

For more information about the FC Portland State Cup Team Tryouts, see: www.fcportland.org.

All tryout sessions and meetings will be held at Liberty High School

21945 NW Wagon Way
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Please do not wear any gear that identifies a specific soccer club or the ODP.

Uniform jerseys will be provided for the 2008-09 season with the one-time payment of a \$100 jersey deposit by new Academy members and by returning members who have not already paid their deposit. The \$100 deposit will be refunded when undamaged jerseys are returned at the conclusion of a player's final season with FC Portland.

Other required gear (shorts, socks, t-shirts, and warm-ups) will be available for purchase at:

The Far Post Soccer Supply
825 SW 14th Avenue
Portland, OR 97205
(503) 295-6875

2008-09 BOYS WINTER TEAMS COACHING STAFF

Academy Age Group Coordinators are committed to the development of each player and each team by overseeing the entire age group.

U15/16 Boys

**USSF Development Academy
Chuck Bechtol**

Age Group Coordinator & Head Coach

U17/18 Boys

**USSF Development Academy
Billy Merck**

Age Group Coordinator & Head Coach

U15 Boys USYS State Cup Team

Rob Baarts

Age Group Coordinator & Grey Head Coach

Jeff McAllister Drew Croster

Grey Assistant Coach Tan Head Coach

U16/17 Boys USYS State Cup Team

Cory Sandvold

Age Group Coordinator & Cobalt Head Coach

Brayton Knapp

Cobalt Assistant Coach

Goalkeeper Coaches: Cori Alexander, Dan Rhine, Cory Sandoval, Curtis Spiteri, and Caitlin Carlson.

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