

PSC SELECT SOCCER FAQ'S

Q. What is Select Soccer?

A. Prospector Soccer Club fields select teams for both boys and girls in age groups U-9 through U-19 (8-18 years of age). The intent of the select program is to develop players that are more skilled and enjoy higher levels of commitment and competition than usually experienced on recreational teams. Intermediate to advanced soccer skills, personal improvement, team play and sportsmanship are the focus areas in all age brackets.

Q: How does the selection work?

A: Select teams have tryouts and are formed each March. Coaches determine the skills (e.g. dribbling, ball control, shooting, etc.) and competencies (e.g. athleticism, "coach-ability", etc.) that are required for select and assess each player accordingly. Players should try to attend 2 tryouts; each player is required to attend at least one tryout unless other arrangements are made with the coaches. Coaches make their decisions within 72 hours of the last tryout and provide feedback to all players' parents.

Q: When is the Select Season?

A: The teams may start practice in June. Starting in the summer, the teams practice 2-3 times a week for ~ 1.5 to 2 hours. Each coach sets the team's practice and Tournament/Jamboree schedules.

U-10 teams play in jamborees that are usually played within the Sacramento area.

U-12 and older teams play tournaments locally and/or outlying areas. These areas can include the bay area, Monterey, and Fort Bragg. Tournaments are chosen by each coach.

Select teams play in the District VI Metro league. The season is the same as rec, begins Saturday after Labor Day and consists of 10 games, 5 home and 5 away. Away games are all within District VI boundaries. Please see website for geographical boundaries. End of season tournaments are the District Cup in December and the Association Cup in January.

Q: Who coaches Select Soccer?

A: Head Coaches for Select Soccer must have their E License as well be a certified referee. Coaches are typically a parent of one of the players and have experience coaching at both the recreational and select levels.

Q: What is the cost?

A. Playing select soccer costs more than playing recreational soccer due mainly to jamborees, tournaments and training by professional soccer coaches. Jamborees typically cost ~\$35 per player while tournaments cost ~ \$150 per player depending on how many the team participates in. Travel/lodging is also required for away jamborees and tournaments. Professional training can range from \$100 to \$300 depending on the training selected. Other additional costs include uniforms and team registration and some teams opt for backpacks and sweats.

Q: What if I can't afford the incremental expenses?

A: Most teams participate in team fundraising such as carwashes, "juggle-a-thon" and corporate sponsorships fundraising events to help offset the incremental expenses.