



Colorado Ignite Soccer Club

Tryout Guide

The game is played with one ball, our ball.

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A message from the Ignite Leadership



Thank you for choosing Colorado Ignite Soccer Club! We are truly excited to meet you and your family.

Ignite is a club that stands for so much more than soccer. We strive to provide high quality soccer programming, competing with the best teams, and creating relationships that last a lifetime, both on and off the field. We are here for every step of your soccer journey, putting value in every level of our club with the same respect and attention across our platforms. Our players are expected to give back and help the next one in line by volunteer efforts and kindness.

Please use this guide to help you understand a bit more about who we are and what our club offers.

Thank you for your trust in us, we hope to see you out on the field!

*-Kelly Thomson
Executive Director*





Who We Are

Colorado Ignite Soccer Club is dedicated to the development of all youth in the game of soccer, providing opportunities to promote healthy living, good sportsmanship, and leadership skills.

Providing a *player first* and competitive atmosphere that fosters a sense of belonging that will allow kids to fall in love with soccer, build confidence while also becoming active members of their community.

TRUST

WE HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS

EVOLVE

GROWTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD

AMBITION

ENTHUSIASM WITH A PURPOSE

MOTIVATION

DRIVE THAT CAN TAKE US ANYWHERE





Club Programs

Ignite Grassroots Program (U9-U18) This program supports the introduction of soccer to players who are just getting started in their career. It also fosters players who find passion and joy in the game, but are not ready to take the next step in competitive soccer.

Ignite Academy Program (U9 to U10)- The Academy Program serves as a bridge between recreational & competitive soccer. It enables a smooth transition between the two levels of soccer and aims to instill a passion for sports, specifically soccer, within our players at the youngest age groups. The Academy Program is for all boys and girls, ages 8 to 10 who are looking for a more competitive environment. We call this our Confidence Phase (U9 to U10) within our player development pathway.

Ignite Competitive Program (U11-U18)- The Ignite Competitive Program is a progressive development platform where players will receive age-appropriate training and playing opportunities under the direction of dedicated and licensed coaches. We believe that creating a player centered environment focused on the players technical, tactical, physical, and cognitive components will lead to success on the field. Each competitive team will be placed in the most appropriate level (Champions League, Centennial League, Front Range League) for the team. The focus is on the joy of play and the development of technical skills, and ultimately, to provide a lifelong passion for soccer in every child that comes through our ranks.

Ignite Light It Up Program(U4-U13)- The Light It Up Program is for players in our community with disabilities (intellectual, emotional, and or physical disabilities). Our goal is to provide soccer to all of our community. We believe that soccer is a great resource and outlet for all children to engage in and have fun playing. We understand that all children grow and learn at different times, which is why our program will be the perfect fit for you and your family. Come join our family!





Player Development Phases

Love for the Ball Phase (U4 to U8) *Develop LOVE for the ball by focusing on technical proficiencies.* The focus is on developing a foundation for technical skills to become comfortable with the ball at their feet. We want players to be brave to take defenders on 1v1, but our core goal for these age groups is to develop a love for the ball.

Confidence Phase (U9 to U10) *Build CONFIDENCE on the ball.* The focus is on all aspects of the technical side including developing proper technique in shooting, passing, receiving the ball, as well as continuing to take players on 1v1. Players build confidence on the ball and a basic understanding of tactical awareness

Team Phase (U11 to U14) *Expand a player's understanding of how to execute their technical proficiency to focus on TEAM.* The goal at this age is to work on the tactical parts of a player's game and master decisions about when to pass, dribble, shoot, or take players on through individual expression. We want our players to begin to build relationships on the field to help enhance the team's goals.

Love for the Game Phase (U15-U18) *Develop a true LOVE for the game on and off the field.* All players make a commitment to loving the game by combining their individual and team expertise. This phase encompasses love, confidence, and a mindset of team to continue to individually train to help build all-around players.





All About the Player

At Ignite we believe the key to successful player development is by making it all about the player, (Player Centered). We put our players first for every decision that is made at our club. Our coaching and player philosophy is framed around our long term player development and players love for soccer. Here is our approach to keeping it all about the player:

Training Session: Coach creates and follows a season long training curriculum plan where training sessions build upon each other. Coach does not feel pressured to try and fix each and every issue as they emerge game by game. Progression of training sessions are logical, systematic, and easily replicated on a club-wide scale.

Risk vs Reward: Coach encourages players to be creative, try new techniques, and take risks without fear of failure or of losing possession. Ultimately, the transfer of learning from the training field to the game is enhanced

Playing Time: Playing time is relatively balanced, allowing all players the same opportunities to learn. With all other variables being equal, such as application and dedication, players are given the fairest chance to develop at the same rate.

League Selection: Teams are appropriately flighted to ensure they face challenges sufficiently without being out of their depth. Players experience sufficient success to ensure retention, while still encountering the consistent challenges necessary to improve.

Parents: Parents allow the coaches to coach and the players to play, conveying one consistent message in a supportive and encouraging environment. The main focus is adhering to an established long-term plan, regardless of short-term outcomes.



Player and Family Expectations



Our mission is to create and foster an environment for our players and families that instills a sense of family and community. We want our players to take what they learn on the field and be able to use it in daily life. We want our families to advocate for our players and encourage them to be good active members of their community and team.

Players:

In every single session, game, and event there are expectations of our players. We call these non-negotiables

- 100% effort and attitude
- Respect decisions of staff and officials
- Positive body language
- Be courageous and brave on and off the field
- Ignite values (trust, evolve, ambition, motivation) must be promoted at all times

Families

- Be advocates of your player and the club
- Communicate experience to leadership group to continue to help the club grow and provide a positive experience to all members.
- Please note that there will be games scheduled on the following holiday's.(Labor Day, Halloween, Presidents Day, and Spring Break)
- Help with community service projects





Tryout Evaluations Process

Parents and players always have questions about this process and how players are placed. We feel it is important that there is a full disclosure of this process in advance of tryouts.

Our goal as an organization is to hold unbiased tryouts and give every player an equal chance of making a team.

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Tryout Information

- ❖ Pre-register online www.coloradoignite.com
- ❖ Make sure contact information is accurate (phone number and email)
- ❖ No parents are allowed on the field during the tryout process
- ❖ Players should wear dark solid t-shirt and shorts.
- ❖ Bring cleats, shin-guards, soccer ball, and water
- ❖ All Players must check in 15-30 minutes early.





Tryout Evaluations Process

- ❖ We will hold 2 days of tryouts per age group with independent, nonparent evaluators, evaluating each player anonymously.
- ❖ Evaluators are asked to evaluate players on various soccer skills, knowledge, and work ethic.
 - Speed, Toughness, Aggressiveness
 - 1v1 Attacking and Defending
 - The Ability to Play Under Pressure
 - Decision Making
 - Sportsmanship
 - Who is coachable
- ❖ During this process you may observe your player moving from field to field. This is not indicative to what team they will be placed on, only to ensure we are fully evaluating players in all environments.
- ❖ Not able to make both tryout days?
 - Simply contact Ashley Riley at ashley@coloradoignite.com communicating what dates you are able to make. If you are gone for both tryout dates we will work to coordinate a time when you are in town to be evaluated. ***We need all players to register for tryouts.***





Team Placement Acceptance

- ❖ Parents will be notified of the placement of their child and asked to accept or decline the roster offer within a short period of time. (48 hours).
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- ❖ We understand families will occasionally make a decision to tryout elsewhere and accept another program's roster offer. Therefore, this can cause some movement between teams and/or open up a roster slot.



2021/2022 Registration Process



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE USING A NEW REGISTRATION/PAYMENT SYSTEM CALLED

PLAYMETRICS

Playmetrics is a club operating system that combines registration, payment, club communication, player evaluations, practice scheduling, coaching education library and much more.

You will be registering for the 2021-2022 year by receiving an email sent to you by the club, setting up your account in PlayMetrics, and going through the registration process.

PlayMetrics provides an array of benefits in regards to the organization of your son/daughter's evaluations, calendar and communication with your team/coach/club.

This transition to a new operating system is a very exciting step we are taking to ensure that our families at Colorado Ignite receive the top of the line operating system. Once we get more information prior to registration, we will be posting on our website. Please stay tuned!



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Uniforms

We are proud to be sponsored by Puma

Ignite Academy (U9-U10) Uniform Kit

Navy & Gold Puma Jersey
Navy Puma Shorts & Socks



Ignite Competitive (U11-U18) Uniform Kit

Navy Puma Kit- Navy Jersey, Navy Shorts, Navy Socks

Gold Puma Kit- Gold Jersey, Gold Shorts, Gold Socks

Black/Navy Puma Jacket

Our uniform ordering process is on a two year cycle. Please keep this in mind when making your order and how your child grows.

- ❖ Once registered each family will receive an email from soccer.com detailing their uniform package for their specific program. Following the link received from soccer.com will make for an easier process.
- ❖ Families are free to purchase any additional items like extra shorts, socks, and training jerseys.
- ❖ Player's numbers will already be in the system when families use the link from soccer.com to order.
- ❖ **Disclaimer:** Families and clubs across the US will be ordering their uniform kits for the upcoming club season. This will cause late orders to be delayed. We **STRONGLY** encourage all our families to place their soccer.com orders **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.





Fee Structure

Player Age Group (Birth Year)	Season Length	Fee Per Player	Number of Practices Per Week	Target Roster Size Per Team & Play Format	Age Group Program Notes
U9 (2013)	August - May (9) Months	\$850	2	11 - 7v7	Includes Finishing Clinic Summer and Winter Training
U10 (2012)	August - May (9) Months	\$850	2	11 - 7v7	Includes Finishing Clinic Summer and Winter Training
U11 (2011)	July - May (10) Months	\$1475	3	13 - 9v9	Includes Winter and Summer Training, and optional speed and agility training
U12 (2010)	July - May (10) Months	\$1475	3	13 - 9v9	Includes Winter and Summer Training, and optional speed and agility training





Fee Structure

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					Includes Winter and Summer Training, and optional Speed and Agility training
U13 (2009)	July - May (10) Months	\$1475	3	16 - 11v11	Includes Winter and Summer Training, and optional Speed and Agility training
U14 (2008)	July - May (10) Months	\$1475	3	16 - 11v11	Includes Winter and Summer Training, and optional Speed and Agility training
U15 (2007)	(6) Months	\$800	3-4	16 - 11v11	Secondary Season Optional Speed and Agility Training
U16 (2006)	(6) Months	\$800	3-4	16 - 11v11	Secondary Season Optional Speed and Agility Training
U17 (2005)	(6) Months	\$800	3-4	16 - 11v11	Secondary Season Optional Speed and Agility Training





Refund Policy

Acceptance or registration to a Colorado Ignite team confirms a player's commitment to the team, the Club, and the fees associated with membership for a full year or season depending on the program.

Colorado Ignite will review requests for an adjustment to Club Fees in the case of a significant injury (8 weeks of no training or games) or relocation (50+ miles).

Any other refund request will be put to a Colorado Ignite panel for a decision.

To initiate a review, please email info@coloradoignite.com and clearly explain the circumstances. If this is an injury related Refund, please attach a note from the doctor so that we can keep that on record. Any adjustment or refund of Club Fees will be determined on a case by case basis by Colorado Ignite Management. Administrative fees may apply.

Refunds will be provided in the same manner in which payment was made. Refunds will appear on your credit card statement as a credit. You also have the option of receiving a credit for the following year/season.

Refunds or Club Fee adjustments will not be provided due to weather. We will do our best to reschedule and play as many games as possible each season.

*****Please allow 7-10 days for our staff to review your request.**

Players who choose to withdraw from their Recreation, Competitive, or Academy team for reasons other than significant injury or relocation will not be eligible for a refund and will be responsible for completing any remaining payments owed through the installment plan along with any remaining team fees owed to date. Permission to re-roster with another club through Colorado Soccer Association will not be granted until all Colorado Ignite's fees have been paid. Permission to register for Colorado Ignite's tryouts will not be granted until all outstanding balances have been paid to Colorado Ignite and the player's team.





Signature Club Events

As a club we believe in creating a club family culture. We spend enough time on the field between practice and games with one another that we want to celebrate and continue to get to know each other off the soccer field. This is why we have created three signature events that will be held off the soccer field.

- ❖ **August** Soccer Olympic Event
- ❖ **October** Club Social Event
- ❖ **May** Golf Tournament



Thank you



If you have any questions please
email us at info@coloradoignite.com

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