



# PRIDE SOCCER CLUB

AUGUST 2025



WELCOME TO OUR

## Monthly Newsletter

### JUMPING INTO FALL 2025!



We are SO EXCITED to get our Fall Season started for both recreational and competitive teams! Join us in this newsletter as we celebrate our community and honor the amazing man who helped start it all 31 years ago!



**In this newsletter you will find:**

Celebration of Britt Wasson, Pride of the Rockies Highlights, Coach & Staff Highlights, 2025 WPSL Season Recap, Junior Academy Programs, Ally Watt Coming Home, Sponsorship materials, Colorado Cup Teams, New Complex Addition and Pride Heart Cup Fundraiser



# CELEBRATION *of Life*

## Celebrating the Life of Our Co-Founder, Britt Wasson

It is with both sadness and **deep gratitude** that we share the passing of our beloved co-founder, Britt Wasson, **whose vision, and dedication shaped the very heart of our club.**

Britt co-founded Pride Soccer Club with a simple, powerful goal: **to use the game of soccer to help young people grow**—not just as athletes, but as individuals. What began as a small, passionate effort has since become a vibrant community that has impacted **thousands of lives.** That is the legacy Britt leaves behind.



He believed that soccer was more than just a game—it was a way to build **confidence, character, and connection.** Britt coached with purpose and led with heart. His belief in doing what's right for kids became the foundation of everything we do.

We are forever grateful for the fields Britt helped build. We are working with his wife Patti and their family for a way to honor him at the Complex.

**We mourn his loss deeply**—but we also celebrate a life that gave so much to so many. Thank you, Britt, for everything. **Your spirit lives on in every player who steps onto the field.**







# Pride of the Rockies

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A PART OF SUCH A GREAT PRIDE OF THE ROCKIES WEEKEND!!



CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE PICTURES & TEAM SUCCESS!



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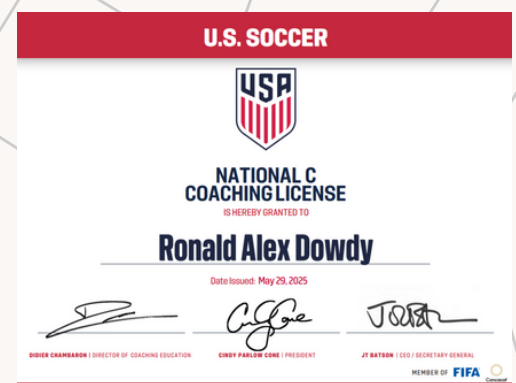


# COACHING LICENSES



In May 2025, three of our leaders – Directors of Coaching **Tarah Patterson** and **Peter Griggs**, along with Pride Coach **Alex Dowdy** – **earned their USSF C Licenses**. This accomplishment reflects their commitment to continuing education, deepening their understanding of the game, and becoming even more effective coaches for our players.

Pride Soccer is always looking for **quality coaches and is committed to supporting every coach on their development journey**. If you're interested in learning more about coaching education and licensing, contact your Age Group DOC or our Senior DOCs for guidance.





# STAFF UPDATES



**Matt Couch**  
**Recreational Director**  
**U9-U19**

Pride Soccer Club is excited to announce **Matt Couch as our new U9-16 Recreational Director**, succeeding Tarah Patterson, who transitions to lead the U15-U19 Girls Competitive Program in September.



**Matt brings extensive experience** in youth soccer, having served as President and Executive Director at Palmer Divide SC, Director of Coaching Education at Catalyst Soccer, and a coach with Real Colorado. A **former professional** with LA Galaxy and San Diego Sockers, Matt also played collegiately at San Diego State.

Technical Director Jay Rayner shared his excitement: **"Matt knows our club well and brings invaluable experience that will benefit our young players."**

Matt added: **"I'm grateful for the opportunity and excited to build on the great work of Tarah and the Pride staff."**





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## **COLORADO PRIDE WPSL**

### **2025 SEASON RECAP**

While the Colorado Pride fell short of a playoff berth this season, we are proud of the team's relentless dedication to the **process and the progress made on and off the field**. Highlights include earning **WPSL Team of the Week** honors after a massive comeback weekend against PSD Academy and the NoCo Rain, securing **Mountain Division Franchise of the Year** for the second year in a row, and celebrating two players named to the **All-Division Best XI: Ava Amsden** (second consecutive year) and **Alysiah Lockette**.

This season reaffirmed our commitment to building a **multi-generational pathway** for girls and women in Colorado Springs, developing talent from youth through the highest competitive levels. We remain dedicated to bringing the **highest quality soccer** to our community and competing at both the regional and national stage each year.



We are **deeply grateful** to our incredible sponsors who make this possible – especially our front jersey sponsor, **Comfort By Design**, the premier HVAC company in Colorado Springs. Your support fuels our mission and our future.



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**Alysiah  
Lockette**

MOUNTAIN  
CONFERENCE BEST  
11



**Ava  
Amsden**

MOUNTAIN  
CONFERENCE BEST 11  
(2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR IN A ROW!)



# 2025 PLAYER AWARDS

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We're proud to have **Comfort By Design** as our Colorado Pride WPSL front jersey sponsor for the 2025-26 seasons. Their support goes far beyond logos—it's about shared values and a deep commitment to our community.

**General Manager Andi Waterhouse** shares:

*"It's been an honor to get to know the real people behind the Comfort By Design name. They're not just delivering HVAC services—they're showing up for our community in meaningful ways."*

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**Executive Director Candy Brooks** adds:  
*"Soccer and HVAC might not seem like an obvious match—but what truly connects us is people who care. Comfort By Design is showing that industries across Colorado Springs can come together to invest in girls and women, and grow something bigger than any of us could alone."*

Thank you, Comfort By Design, for helping us build something powerful—on and off the field.



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# PRIDE PRE ACADEMY



Pride is excited to continue our Fall Pre-Academy Training Program for Pride **Recreational players born in 2018 and 2019** looking to take the next step in their development. This program helps to prepare players for the possibility of moving up into the Junior Academy next year and get a more competitive soccer experience. **This program can be done in addition to your recreational team training and games.**

- 8 week program
- Led by Marcus Jordan and Paul Hogan, our Junior Academy Directors of Coaching
- Focused on age-appropriate and progressive training plan that prioritizes the key player behaviors
- Players learn expectations, methodology, and technical demands of the competitive environment

Dates - Tuesdays Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> | 4:30-5:45 PM

Location - Pride Soccer Complex

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY





# SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Pride Soccer's School of Excellence is open to **all boys and girls born in 2016-2019**. This includes current Junior Academy, Intermediate, and Recreational players, as well as players currently not enrolled with Pride.

- 5 sessions w/ small group sizes
- Coached by Pride Competitive & Junior Academy Coaches
- Focused on individual technical and functional development
- Main focus areas: ball handling, dribbling and moves to beat an opponent, ball striking, passing and receiving, defending, and small-sided games

Dates - September 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
REGISTRATION CLOSES: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

 **REGISTER NOW**





# NEW COMPLEX ADDITION

THANK  
YOU!



If you've been out at the Complex lately, you've surely noticed the **beautiful new pergola** built for the referee area between Fields 3 and 4.



This project was completed by students in the **Building Construction II class** at Liberty High School, under the guidance of their "teacher and foreman" – and **Pride Coach – Jaime Hernandez**. **A huge thank you to Coach Hernandez** and his crew for their excellent work!



It's inspiring to see young people not only **learning a craft** but also putting their **skills to work in our community**. Stay tuned for more improvements at the Complex – **teamwork comes in many forms**, and this project is a great example of it in action.



# COLORADO CUP TEAMS 2025

## Open Cup



PRED ECNL-RL 08/07G

PRED ECNL 13B

PRED ECNL-RL 09G

PRED ECNL 12B

PRED ECNL-RL 10G

PRED ECNL-RL 12G

PRED ECNL-RL 11G

PRED ECNL-RL 13G

## State Cup

PREDATORS B14

PREDATORS G14



## President's Cup



JPL COPA G08/07

JPL COPA G09

JPL COPA G12

JPL COPA G10

COPA G14

JPL COPA G11

UNITED G08

## Centennial Cup

RED G11

UNITED G12

UNITED G10

UNITED G14

UNITED G11

WHITE G14





# NWSL



## 2024 CHAMPION ALLY WATT



We are thrilled to celebrate that **NWSL Champion Ally Watt** – a former '97 **Pride Predator** – is coming home to Colorado for the inaugural season of **Denver Summit FC in 2026!**

Ally's journey from the Pride fields to the professional stage is nothing short of inspiring. After her time with the Pride Predators, she starred at **Texas A&M**, earning national recognition before being selected **6th overall in the 2020 NWSL Draft**. Since then, she has built an impressive career, culminating in an NWSL Championship title.

We couldn't be prouder to welcome Ally back to Colorado and can't wait to cheer her on in the Summit's debut season. **Congrats, Ally – welcome home!**



### CONGRATS, ALLY!



# SPORTS MEDICINE CENTER



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## Sleep and Teen Athletes

WHY IS SLEEP SO  
IMPORTANT FOR  
ATHLETES?

Sleep is valuable to all adolescents, but young athletes especially need sleep to play their best. Our expert partners at the Sports Medicine Center at Children's Hospital Colorado break down the five ways sleep impacts players and offer five tips on how to improve sleep. Learn more about how the right sleeping can improve competitors' performance.

[Click HERE for more info!](#)



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE NEWS





CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO – ADOLESCENT GYNECOLOGY

# Balance: Periods, Performance, and Power

*Join our team of Adolescent Gynecologists for a night of education for teens girls and their parents about the unique health challenges young female athletes face, including the “female athlete triad”. We’ll break down common myths, like the idea that missing periods during training is normal and share healthy strategies to support both athletic performance and overall well-being.*

**Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

**6:00p – 8:00p**

**Chatfield Senior High School**

**7227 S. Simms Street, Littleton CO 80127**

Light snacks and drinks will be provided!

[Click here or scan the QR code to register for this event](#)



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# THE PRIDE HEART CUP FUNDRAISER



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Pride Soccer and the Colorado Pride WPSL team are so proud to announce that, with the amazing support of **Springs Law Group** and all our tournament attendees, **we raised over \$15,000** for the **Children's Hospital Colorado Heart Institute**. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us and supported this momentous event in its first year - we cannot wait to host this again next year!



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# KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

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WHY NOT LET A PERCENTAGE OF THE MONEY YOU ARE ALREADY SPENDING ON GROCERIES GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING PRIDE SOCCER'S PROGRAMS AND HELPING OFFSET YOUR FEES?

KING SOOPERS HAS UPDATED THEIR COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM TO MAKE IT EVEN EASIER FOR YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND **EARN MONEY TOWARDS REGISTRATION AND TEAM FEES**. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS REGISTER YOUR KING SOOPERS LOYALTY CARD USING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE, AND EVERY TIME YOU SWIPE YOUR KING SOOPERS LOYALTY CARD OR PUT IN YOUR ALTERNATE ID (PHONE NUMBER) WHEN YOU CHECK OUT, **YOU WILL RAISE MONEY TOWARDS YOUR PLAYER'S FEES AND PRIDE'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND**.

CLICK ABOVE TO GET STARTED!