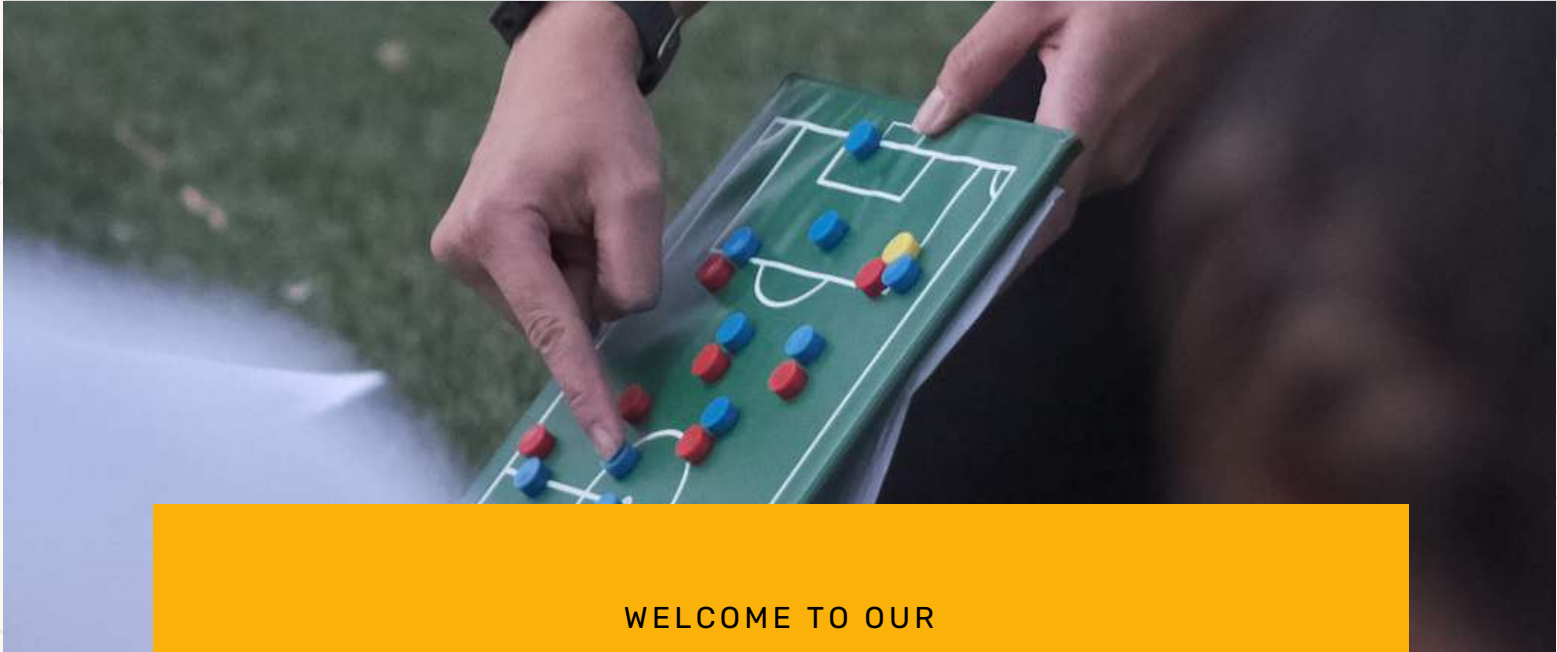




# PRIDE SOCCER CLUB

MARCH 2026



WELCOME TO OUR

## Monthly Newsletter

Spring is in full swing!



Hello, Pride!

We have started the Spring Season and we could not be more excited about where it is going! Please join us in celebrating some awesome news from the last few months and look forward to what's to come this Spring! Enjoy!

### In this newsletter you will find:

Tryout Information, Age Group Change, SOE, TOPSOCCER, Pride Jersey Day, Colorado Pride WPSL Schedule Release, & Sponsorship Materials





# 2026-27 TRYOUTS

## Competitive & ECNL/RL



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### ECNL - RL

*\*FOR PREDATOR TEAM SELECTION\**

**Where:** TCA Central Campus

**U13** - 9-10:30 AM

**U16** - 3-4:30 PM

**Date:** Sunday, May 3rd

**U14** - 10:30-12 PM

**U17** - 4:30-6 PM

*\*Invitation only for Predator & Copa teams only\**

**U15** - 1:30-3 PM

**U18** - 12-1:30 PM



### COMPETITIVE



**Who:** U11-14

**Who:** U15-18

**Where:** Pride Complex

**Where:** Pride Complex

**Dates:** May 11 & 13th

**Date:** May 10th

**Times:**

**Times:**

**U11** - 4:30-6 PM

**U13** - 4:30-6 PM

**U15** - 3-4:30 PM

**U17** - 4:30-6 PM

**U12** - 6-7:30 PM

**U14** - 6-7:30 PM

**U16** - 1:30-3 PM

**U18** - 12-1:30 PM

*\*FOR COPA, UNITED, RED, WHITE & BLACK TEAM SELECTION\**

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### U11 - U14

### U15 - U18

**Where:** Pride Complex

**Where:** Pride Complex

**Dates:** May 12 & 14th

**Dates:** May 26 & 27th

**Times:** Announced soon!

**Times:** Announced soon!



*\*ECNL, ECNL-RL & COMPETITIVE TEAM SELECTION\**

**ALL PARENT INFO MEETING TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!**



# PLAYER PLACEMENT

## Junior Academy & Staff Info

### JUNIOR ACADEMY (JA)



#### Girls

**Dates:** May 18 & 20th

**Where:** Pride Complex Field 4

**U8/9** - 5-6:15 PM

**U10** - 6:30-7:45 PM

#### Boys

**Dates:** May 19 & 21st

**Where:** Pride Complex Field 4

**U8/9** - 5-6:15 PM

**U10** - 6:30-7:45 PM

### ? TRYOUT QUESTIONS ?

#### BOYS



**Brian Contreras**  
SENIOR BOYS & U9-14  
DIRECTOR OF COACHING



**Paul Davison**  
U15-14 BOYS & ECNL/RL  
DIRECTOR OF COACHING



**Marcus Jordan**  
BOYS U8-U10 JUNIOR  
ACADEMY DIRECTOR

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#### GIRLS



**Andrew Kummer**  
SENIOR GIRLS, U11-14 &  
ECNL-RL DIRECTOR OF  
COACHING



**Tarah Patterson**  
U15-19 GIRLS DIRECTOR  
OF COACHING



**Paul Hogan**  
GIRLS U8-10 JUNIOR  
ACADEMY DIRECTOR



# AGE GROUP Changes



DOB RANGE	SEASONAL YEAR						
	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33
Aug 1, 2026 - July 31, 2027				U 3	U 4	U 5	U 6
Aug 1, 2025 - July 31, 2026			U 3	U 4	U 5	U 6	U 7
Aug 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025		U 3	U 4	U 5	U 6	U 7	U 8
Aug 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024	U 3	U 4	U 5	U 6	U 7	U 8	U 9
Aug 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023	U 4	U 5	U 6	U 7	U 8	U 9	U 10
Aug 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022	U 5	U 6	U 7	U 8	U 9	U 10	U 11
Aug 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021	U 6	U 7	U 8	U 9	U 10	U 11	U 12
Aug 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020	U 7	U 8	U 9	U 10	U 11	U 12	U 13
Aug 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019	U 8	U 9	U 10	U 11	U 12	U 13	U 14
Aug 1, 2017 - July 31, 2018	U 9	U 10	U 11	U 12	U 13	U 14	U 15
Aug 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017	U 10	U 11	U 12	U 13	U 14	U 15	U 16
Aug 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016	U 11	U 12	U 13	U 14	U 15	U 16	U 17
Aug 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015	U 12	U 13	U 14	U 15	U 16	U 17	U 18
Aug 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014	U 13	U 14	U 15	U 16	U 17	U 18	U 19
Aug 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013	U 14	U 15	U 16	U 17	U 18	U 19	
Aug 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012	U 15	U 16	U 17	U 18	U 19		
Aug 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011	U 16	U 17	U 18	U 19			
Aug 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010	U 17	U 18	U 19				
Aug 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009	U 18	U 19					
Aug 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008	U 19						

## 1 WHAT IS THE CHANGE?

For the 2026-27 seasonal year onwards, a decision was made by US Youth Soccer and the other national governing bodies to adopt the school year age group model, which was previously in place from the mid-1970s through Spring 2016.

**What does this mean for your child?** For recreational players - Nothing! - Pride Rec Program is already on the school year age group model. For competitive players - their age group placement may shift this upcoming season. Check out the chart above to see what age group your child will fall in. If you have questions or concerns based on their specific situation, please reach out to Pride staff!

## 2 ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS

Pride SC is committing to the birth year change to stay in alignment with national standards and to ensure we remain eligible for sanctioned tournaments and leagues. Ultimately our goal is make sure we provide the best possible environment for their development.

## 3 MANAGING THE PLAYER PLACEMENT PROCESS

Pride SC is committing to making the shift in the age group change and the tryout process as seamless as possible. We have dedicated tremendous time and resources to a holistic player evaluation process since November 2025 to ensure each of our players is placed appropriately for the 2026-27 season.



# 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 - April 17, 19, 24, 36, and May 1st  
**REGISTRATION CLOSES: April 13<sup>th</sup>**

 **REGISTER NOW**



# SPRING TOPSOCCER

TOPSoccer Panthers is a **FREE program** created by the Pride Soccer Club to teach athletes with disabilities about the most popular sport in the world, SOCCER! Each practice is specifically designed for the **enjoyment, safety, education, and success of athletes with disabilities** in Colorado Springs. Each session will introduce TOPS Panthers Soccer Players and UCCS Players from our community. By bringing these teams together, TOPS Panther Soccer will provide individual training and attention to each Panther Player. **To learn more & to sign up [click here](#).**



**TOPSOCCER**  
COLORADO SOCCER  
ASSOCIATION



## SPRING TOPSOCCER DATES

**\*\* ALL HOSTED AT THE UCCS STADIUM \*\***  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 12:00P-1:00P  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH 1:00P-2:00P  
SUNDAY, MAY 3RD 1:00P-2:00P  
SUNDAY, MAY 10TH 1:00P-2:00P



# Pride Jersey Day!!!





# schedule

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MAY 17	<b>ALBION USL-W</b> AWAY
MAY 30	<b>GLACIER FC</b> HOME
JUNE 3	<b>AGGIES FC</b> AWAY
JUNE 6	<b>NoCo RAIN</b> HOME
JUNE 9	<b>CO ELEVATION SC</b> AWAY
JUNE 13	<b>AGGIES FC</b> AWAY
JUNE 18	<b>CO ELEVATION SC</b> HOME
JUNE 22	<b>GLACIER FC</b> AWAY
JUNE 26	<b>NoCo RAIN</b> AWAY



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@PRIDETOPRO





# SWITCHBACKS FC APRIL MATCHES

SAT APR 4 - 3PM  
SAT APR 18 - 3PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
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719 653 3135

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**PRIDE26**



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save lives**

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL  
COLORADO TODAY**

Kids facing cancer, surgery and critical injury rely on blood donations from our community to heal. Please consider helping our partner Children's Hospital Colorado by signing up to donate blood or platelets. New donors are needed this week and beyond! [Click here for more info!](#)





# ATs ARE HEALTH CARE

## MARCH WAS ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

**Pride's commitment:**  
Giving you access to the best care so you can return to play ASAP!

**Our partnership** with Children's gives you access to world class health care & athletic training!

Jacob Dean (Jake) is Pride's AT and works out of the RED SHED at the Pride Complex.

## What is an Athletic Trainer?

A certified athletic trainer (AT) is a healthcare provider trained in injury and illness prevention, clinical evaluation and diagnosis, and immediate and emergency care. They also specialize in the treatment and rehabilitation of sports-related injuries in athletes. Athletic trainers are helpful in a variety of roles and settings, including physician practices and community outreach through high school and youth sports organizations.

### What does having a certified AT mean for you as a student athlete?

- Free injury assessments and recommendations for follow-up care
- Injury management and prevention
- Functional rehabilitation
- Access to sports medicine education and resources



**Jacob Dean, LAT, ATC**

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**SPORTS MEDICINE CENTER**  
Children's Hospital Colorado



RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE YOUR HIGH CHARACTER STUDENT-ATHLETES

# NOMINATE A COLORADO POSITIVE ATHLETE

GIRLS & BOYS GRADES 9-12 ANY SPORT

PositiveAthlete.org to learn more and nominate a future leader.

## Who's Eligible?

Any sport, any gender, grades 9-12, including adaptive/unified athletes. Special categories also exist for coaches, athletic directors and athletic trainers.

## Why Nominate?

- 1 Recognize & Empower** – Nominate high school athletes who show character, leadership, and resilience.
- 2 Free & Fast** – The nomination process is 100% free and takes just 5 minutes. There is no limit on the number of nominations.
- 3 Big Impact** – All nominees receive free lifelong leadership and career resources, plus eligibility for \$2,500 scholarships.
- 4 Why Nominate** – 97% of nominees feel more confident and inspired after being recognized.



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# KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS



**Did you know you can support your family & Pride Soccer Club every time you shop for groceries – at no extra cost to your family?**

Through the King Soopers Community Rewards Program, families can link their King Soopers account to Pride Soccer Club, and King Soopers will donate a percentage of your purchases back to Pride. These funds go directly toward:

**1**

**Supporting your player's registration fees (see [here](#) for how to apply)**

**2**

**Growing our Pride Soccer Scholarship Fund to help players and families most in need in our community**

Thank you for supporting Pride Soccer and helping us continue to serve our players and community!

**REGISTER NOW**

