



Competitive Soccer FAQs

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Q: Why choose PASC/SVSA?

Palo Alto Soccer Club & Silicon Valley Soccer Academy are two of the largest competitive soccer programs in the area competing at every level from grassroots up to the National League levels.



We are a community based club with a family-friendly environment that aims to develop our players, teams, and skills, as well as the person off the field.

Q: How long is the season?

Our competitive soccer programs are year round programs that run from July/August through June. Please click on the link below for more information:

[**PASC/SVSA Year-Round Calendar**](#)

Q: Am I going to have any free time once my kid(s) starts playing competitive soccer?

Absolutely. Competitive soccer, like many other activities, is a year round sport, it does take time, but there is still plenty of time for vacations, family time, friends, and doing other things you love.

Q: How much does it cost?

This is one of the most often asked questions and something that many clubs shy away from answering until tryouts. At PASC/SVSA we try to be as transparent as possible. Our fee structure is below, please be sure to read the information related to your age group.

[2025 - 2026 PASC & SVSA Club Fees & Costs](#)

Q: Do you provide scholarships?

Yes. PASC/SVSA have allocated over \$200.000 yearly in scholarships available for the members.

Scholarship Information:

*If your child is an existing or new player and you would like them to be considered for a scholarship for 2025/26, please contact scholarships@pasoccerclub.org.

Please send your proof of need to scholarships@pasoccerclub.org.

All SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS must provide (or have provided already) 2024/2025 documentation i.e. free and reduced lunch letter from school or IRS 1040 tax form with Social Security number blacked out or Medi-Cal renewal letter.

To enroll in the financial aid program please click on the link below:

PASC: [PASC Financial Aid Application](#)

SVSA: [SVSA Financial Aid Application](#)

Please select the scholarship installment plan.

For more details about our scholarship program please refer to the following links:

[PASC Scholarship Policy](#)

[PASC Scholarship Policy \(Spanish\)](#)

[PASC Scholarship Policy Clause for SVSA Players](#)

Q: Does PASC/SVSA Provide Refunds to Fees Already Paid?

Please read and understand the fees and waivers sections of the registration, in particular the refund policy of the registration will ask you to agree to be bound by these terms. The detailed [PASC/SVSA Refund Policy](#)

Refund Policy Summary:

- Your INITIAL enrollment payment amount as requested by PASC or SVSA is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
- At the time of enrollment/registration you will be asked to agree to pay club costs for the full year commitment, which includes both Fall and Spring Sessions. You will be given the option to pay in full or you may have the option to pay in installments.
- When you register using this link in this message, you acknowledge that paid fees are non-refundable.
- If a request for spring fees refund is made after November 15, no refund is applicable for the full year fees.
- This refund policy applies regardless of whether the fees were paid upfront or are being paid in an installment plan for flexibility. If you select an installment plan for flexibility, you agree to allow PASC / SVSA to continue installments to cover the non-refundable fees.

Q: Is the commitment twice a week practice and games on the weekends?

Club Soccer requires a minimum training commitment of two times per plus local league games, tournaments and showcases depending on the team level. However, school comes first, and we realize all families have conflicts throughout the season.

PASC

U7-U8 In-House: Program 2 trainings per week; 4 playdates (2 Fall/ 2 Spring)

U9-U19 Norcal: 2-3 trainings per week based on team level; 16-20 games (Fall/Spring)

U13-U19 NPL: 3x Trainings per Week; Approx. 24 games (Fall/Spring)

U13-U19 MLS NEXT T2: 3x Trainings per Week; Approx. 24 games (Fall/Spring)

SVSA

U13-U19 GA: 3x Trainings per Week; Approx. 30 games (Fall/Spring)

U13-U19 MLS Next: 4x Trainings per Week; Approx. 24 games (Fall/Spring)

Q: Where and When are the practices generally held?

Practice times and days will vary, depending on the age group. As much as possible we try to keep our practice schedule consistent throughout the year.

Possible Practice Times Days:

Ages	Time:	Days
U7 - U8	4PM	M-W/ Tu-Th/ W-F
U9 - U13	4PM/530PM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu or Fr
U14 - U19	530PM/7PM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu or Fr

Q: How Do I Register?

After attending our tryout sessions that you signed up for. If your child is selected for one of our competitive teams, you will receive an BYGA invitation from PASC/SVSA to formally register for the season. If you don't hear from our staff within a week after the date you attended to our tryouts please contact: David Madrigal at the following address david.madrigal@pasoccerclub.org

Q: Are Potential new players rejected at tryouts?

We wish we were in a position to invite each child to join PASC/SVSA; however, due to the number of roster spots on each team and the number of players who attend tryouts, we are unable to offer a spot to all players. We may refer a player to continue to develop at our recreational program and to try out again with us in the future.

Q: What's Byga?

Byga is used by PASC/SVSA for registration, scheduling, and all communications. Byga also provides many other tools for the coaches and staff, such as tryouts management, team assignments, staff and player feedback, and reporting of game results. Families use Byga to see the team practice and game schedules, communicate with the team, and indicate player availability. It is expected that families keep their player's availability for practices and games up to date in Byga as coaches use this information to plan for training sessions and games.

Q: How do I log in to Byga?

Log into your Byga account (pasc.byga.net). If you are a new family, you were provided an invitation to set up a user account when you signed up for tryouts or when you registered.

Q: Uniforms? How do I Order an Uniform?

After you complete the official club registration, the PASC/SVSA Staff or Team manager will send you information for ordering a uniform from ProSoccer. The jersey number and the required uniform items will be indicated in the account. Each family is responsible for ordering and paying for uniforms for their own player. Practice jerseys are required for all training sessions. At any time, families can purchase additional items and fan gear through ProSoccer. <https://www.soccerprouniform.com>

Uniform coordinator: Jessie Berta

Email: jessie.bera@pasoccerclub.org or uniform.coordinator@pasoccerclub.org

Q: How do I Request a Jersey Number?

After you complete your official club registration, the admin Staff or team manager will assign a jersey number to your player. We generally do not duplicate jersey numbers within an age group.

Q: How Often Do Uniform Style Changes?

Our uniforms generally change every two years. Our new uniform cycle starts in Fall 2025

Q: What are the Home and Away Jersey Colors?

MLS Next & GA rules state that the home team wears white, the away team wears dark.

Norcal & NPL rules are that the home team wears blue, the away team wears white, so managers should always check the tournament rules.

Q: How Can I Buy Spirit Wear?

Please visit ProSoccer for PASC/SVSA spirit wear: [PASC/SVSA Spirit Store](#)

Q: Do I Get Discounts at SoccerPro?

Yes. Mention you are with PASC/SVSA and you will receive a discount in the store.

Q: What's the role of the team coach?

PASC/SVSA teams are coached by licensed professional soccer coaches. PASC/SVSA success is directly attributable to its amazing coaches.

The coach directs the team's practice sessions and coaches at games, makes decisions regarding team rosters, playing time, and etc. The team coach will also communicate feedback about the player to the family.

Q: What's the role of the parents on the team?

All parents are expected to help out during the season. This includes coordinating social events and game-day help such as setting up and taking down goals for the home games. Parents can also help with carrying and setting up the team bench and team canopy, bringing water, etc. Our team managers are volunteers, so please offer to help your team as much as possible on game day and whenever there are other needs of the team.

Q: Who to contact at PASC/SVSA?

PASC/SVSA Executive Director: Rodrigo Baptista

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SVSA MLS Next Director: Savio Carrijo Email: savio.carrijo@pasoccerclub.org

SVSA Operations: Zoe Makrigiannis Email: zoe.makrigiannis@pasoccerclub.org

SVSA GA Director (2013- 2007): Paul Hart Email: coachpaulhart@gmail.com

7v7/9v9 Director Jim Mackay Email: jim.mackay@pasoccerclub.org

11v11/NPL Director: David Madrigal Email: david.madrigal@pasoccerclub.org

Director of Soccer: Eric Madrigal Email: eric.madrigal@pasoccerclub.org

Registrar: Eric Madrigal/Jessie Berta: registrar@pasoccerclub.org

Uniform Coordinator: Jessie Berta: jessie.berta@pasoccerclub.org

Q: When and Where are Tryouts?

Our Open Tryouts are typically from May - August and then December - January.

For Tryouts outside the window above please reach out to info@pasoccerclub.org with your PASC inquiries and to academy.manager@svsa.org with SVSA academy inquiries.

You can also find more information here: www.pasoccerclub.org & www.svsa.org

Q: Do I need to register my child to Tryouts?

Yes, please! All new players must first register here:

<https://pasc.byga.net/tryouts/mnml2s6txi/signup>

Q: If my child is currently playing for PASC or SVSA do I still need to register?

No, current players do not need to register and are automatically included.

Practice schedules for the week of tryouts are canceled and players are encouraged to attend tryout sessions instead.

Q: What to do when players arrive at tryouts?

New players should check-in at the table for your child's birth year at least 10-15 minutes prior to their session. Your child will be given a number and will be escorted to his/her age group area.

Existing players should arrive 10-15 minutes before tryouts and can go directly to the field, they do not need to check in.

Q: Can I leave my child during the tryout sessions?

Yes, you may drop your child off after checking-in and can return at the end of the session.

Q: Does my child need to attend all sessions?

No, attending all sessions is not mandatory, however it is highly encouraged.

Q: Once tryouts are over what are the next steps?

Once tryouts have concluded, our coaches and technical staff will work together to find the appropriate team for your child. Our objective is to find a place for all players who want to play with our club.

Families will be contacted with team offers 1 week after tryouts have concluded. Each player will have a 48hr acceptance deadline in which to register online. If that deadline is missed, your spot may be offered to another player.

Q: What If my child can't attend any of the tryouts sessions?

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