Club Soccer Need-To-Know/FAQ 2025

Hello and thank you for your interest in trying out for UC Davis Women's Club Soccer! In order to provide you with as much information as possible, we have created this document to detail our expectations, agenda, and other important information regarding tryouts and what it means to be an UCDWCS Aggie.

UCLA Tournament 2025

Tryouts

- **Tryouts happen every year during Week One** (the first full week of classes)
- We have anywhere from 40-100 girls attending
- Tryouts typically **commence over the span 3 days**, with email communication each night following tryouts detailing who is invited back to the next session of tryouts
- **We host tryouts every Fall and every Winter**, so those who may not make it in the fall are encouraged to try out again in the winter
- To try out, you will be expected to fill out a tryout form, register with a school sport system, and pay a tryout fee
- **Official tryout announcement will be posted via instagram (@**ucdaviswcs**) in September**

- **The season starts extremely quickly!** Following tryouts we will have games every weekend. It starts fast and intense, so please keep that in mind, especially when adjusting to new dynamics in school, housing, etc.
    - Ex: you will most likely be traveling and rooming with your teammates less than month into the season. This is not to intimidate you but to give you a sense of the intensity of our season so you know what to expect.

How Many Players Are You Taking This Year?

- There is no set amount of players that we are taking this year
- Selections are based on performance among other qualities (see below), not necessarily "filling a midfielder/striker/defensive position"

What Are You Looking For In A Player?

- Our coach values **adaptability**, **good work ethic**, and **coachability**
- **Commitment.**
- Given the extremely quick start to our season, a dynamic team player who can get along well with our team, expectations, and values

Team Expectations and Dynamics

- **Highly competitive**
    - We play teams in our local area as well as travel to play tournaments, oftentimes competing against national champions and top teams in the country
- **We practice three times a week,** year round, typically from 8-10pm
- This team forms a **tight-knit group**: many of us live together, work together, study together, and do things outside of soccer.
- It is our **expectation** that by joining this team, **you are committing to attend travel tournaments**, including driving to games in the Bay Area, road trip weekends to San Luis Obisbo, Santa Barabara, Los Angeles, and **out-of-state travel for nationals.**
    - This comes with the expectation that you are willing and able to plan ahead, prepare academically, and communicate effectively with professors about potentially missing lectures, labs, exams, etc.

"I have a really busy schedule but want to be on this team!"

Part of being a student at UC Davis means that you are academically challenged and probably involved in a multitude of things. Navigating this can be difficult, but **everyone on our**

team is involved and is able to offer support when planning ahead or juggling many different extracurriculars and rigorous classes.

Here are some expectations and tips regarding time management and our team:

- **Practice is mandatory**. However, our coach understands/works with schedule as long as communicated. That being said, time management (ie. making sure you get your homework done knowing you have practice) is a crucial skill.
- (refer above) It is our expectation that you attend practice, games, tournaments, regionals, and nationals.
- If you need support, ask for it!
    - We have a wide variety of majors and have taken many classes across the catalog. oftentimes we study together. Our team holds each other accountable and offers help and support when managing classes, homework, studying, adjustments, etc.

More Questions?

- Feel free to DM @ucdaviswcs on instagram regarding follow up questions or personal concerns
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