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CLUB OVERVIEW

The Arvada Soccer Association dba Colorado EDGE Soccer Club has been a pivotal part of the Arvada community and Northwest Metro area since 1969 serving boys and girls from ages 3 through adulthood and their families. The club provides avenues of play for players of all levels, from Recreational to Competitive to our TOPSoccer program for kids with special needs. In addition to the various programs offered, camps, yearly events and tournaments are hosted to help support the club. The Arvada Soccer Association is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

“Respect, Class, Excellence” (RCE) are our core values we strive for each day, both on and off of the field. Creating a unified club conducive to learning, improving and having fun along the way while having a consistent and clear vision so our players, coaches and teams are set up to succeed is our framework of success while honoring and living Respect, Class, Excellence. The wonderful game of soccer is our tool to teach, educate, and facilitate a healthy lifestyle for the youth in our club. Our club embraces this culture with a foundation of Respect, Class and Excellence while setting standards and expectations of our staff, coaches and players.

Club Vision Statement

Uniting our community through the EDGE Experience, a journey of growth and integrity we strive to share with all, shaping complete players and people of character for a lifetime of success.

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CLUB STRUCTURE

Playing League Organization

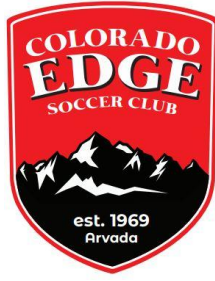
Colorado EDGE Soccer Club is affiliated with the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), US Club Soccer and the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA). All teams sanctioned by Colorado EDGE Soccer play in an In-House league, US Club league (ECNL) or CSA sanctioned league.



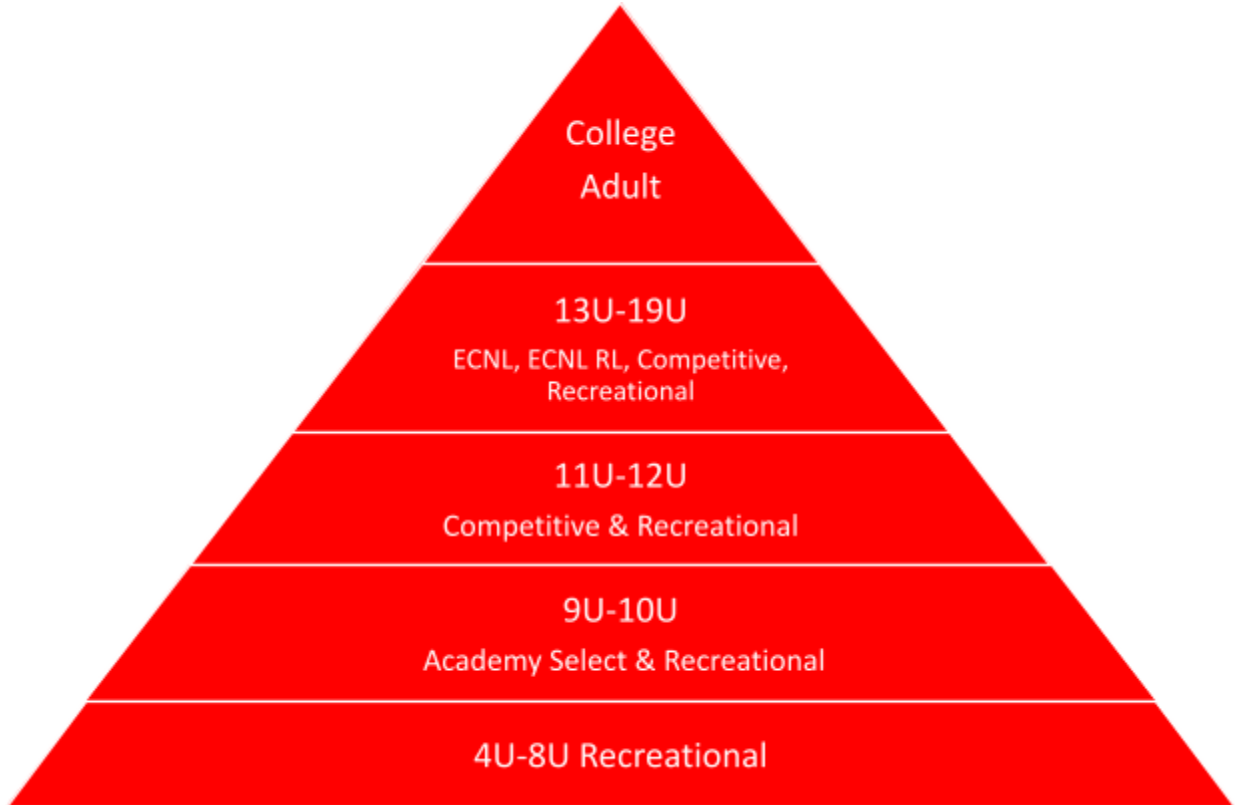
More Information on each organization:



- FIFA - Federation Internationale de Football Association: www.fifa.com
- USFS – United States Soccer Federation: www.usfs.com
- USYS – United States Youth Soccer Association: www.usysa.org
- US Club - United States Club Soccer: www.usclubsoccer.org
- CSA – Colorado Soccer Association: www.coloradosoccer.org
- ECNL - Elite Clubs National League: www.theecn.com
- Colorado EDGE Soccer Club: www.edgesoccer.net



Colorado EDGE Player Pathway



Age Groups

US Club Soccer and Colorado Youth Soccer defines age groups based on the following general rules:

- Seasonal Year runs from August 1st to July 31st of the next year
- Birth Year determines which age group a player plays in
- Age groups are generally referred to as 'nn Under Boys/Girls or just 'nnU' (i.e. 12U Boys)



Playing League Structure

Recreational (4U)

No league. All activities are in-house and individual players play in a “camp-environment”. No teams are formed.

Recreational (5U-8U)

All teams play in-house within Colorado EDGE

Recreational (9U-10U)

Teams play in the CSA league or in an in-house league amongst teams from surrounding cities.

Recreational (11U-14U)

Teams play in the CSA league or in an in-house league amongst teams from surrounding cities.

Teams are placed in the appropriate Division by the Director based on the team's ability level.

Competitive (11U-14U)

CSA league is divided into the following Divisions:

- Colorado Champions League
- Centennial League

ECNL (Boys) and ECNL Regional League (Girls) are for our 1st teams

Competitive (15U-19U)

CSA league is divided into the following Divisions:



- Colorado Champions League
- Centennial League

Complete details on league alignment, placement and promotion/relegation, can be found on the CSA website / Rules and Procedures <https://www.coloradosoccer.org/csa-bylaws>

ECNL (Boys) and ECNL Regional League (Girls) are for our 1st teams

Recreational (15U-19U)

All teams play in the CSA league and are divided into the following Divisions:

- Front Range League

Club Team Names

Recreational teams generally are named after their coach's last name. For example: Colorado EDGE "Last name". Academy Select teams are named by colors. Competitive teams are named: Colorado EDGE NL, Colorado EDGE Select ECNL RL, United, Legends, Eagles, Mustangs, Wildcats, Panthers and Bulldogs depending on level of team.

PROGRAMS AND AGE GROUPS OFFERED



Summary of Colorado EDGE Soccer by age group

Function Description	Small-side 3v3	Small-side 5v5 (incl GK)	Small-side 5v5 (incl GK)	Small-side 7v7	Small-side 9v9	Full-side 11v11
Age Group	5U & 6U	7U	8U	9U & 10U	11U-12U	13U-19U
Nominal Team Size	6	9	9	10	14	16-18
Size of Ball	3	3	3	4	4	5
Size of Field	30 x 20 yards	45 x 30 yards	45 x 30 yards	60 x 40 yards	80 x 55 yards	90 x 50 to 120 x 80 yards
Size of goal (ft x ft)	4 x 8	4 x 8	6 x 12	6.5 x 18	6.5 x 18	8 x 24
Field Description	modified	modified	modified	regulation but smaller	regulation but smaller	regulation
Length of Game	2 x 20 minutes	2 x 20 minutes	2 x 20 minutes	2 x 25 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 35 minutes to 2 x 45 minutes
Offside Rule	no	no	conditional	conditional	yes	yes
Referee Assignment	Coach	Coach	Coach	Conditional Referee	USSF Referee	USSF Referee
Linesperson	no	no	no	no	Club, USSF *depending	Club or USSF
Goalkeepers	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Practice	before game	during week	during week	during week	during week	During week
Cleats Permitted	Optional	Optional	yes	yes	yes	yes



4U-6U Recreational

Teams in these age groups play 3 versus 3, which is the beginning phase of our small sided Recreational soccer program. This program is designed to allow the players to get several touches on the ball in a fun and exciting environment. Many exercises will be individual (e.g. each player will have a ball). The tactical component of the game will be reduced to small-sided games with basic explanations about space distribution. Both the field and goals are smaller to allow the players to have success. We do not keep track of scores in this age group, which keeps the emphasis on the fun and learning of the game.

AGE Group Objectives: Introduction to the game/team and ball mastery.

Max. Roster Size: 6 Players

Goalkeepers: Goalkeepers are not allowed

Size of Ball: Size 3

Cleats Permitted: Cleats are optional

Practice: 1/2 hour preceding each game

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Blue Jerseys, Blue Shorts, & Blue Socks.
- Visiting team wears White Jersey, Blue Shorts, & White Socks.

Size of Field: 30 X 20 Yards

Size of Goal: 4 X 8 Feet

Games: All games are played in house against other ASA / Colorado EDGE teams

Length of Game: 2 X 20 Minute Halves

Offside Rule: Does not apply

Fouls and Misconduct: All fouls will result in an indirect free kick, with opponents at least 3 yards away from the ball.

Referee Assignment: Coach of each team will share responsibility

Linesperson: Not needed

Other Notes:

- All coaches will ensure each player receives 50% playing time in each game, providing the player meets the team's practice requirements.
- The club does not keep track of game scores in these age groups and, discourages coaches and parents from emphasizing winning and losing. The emphasis should be on the players' participation and enjoyment of the game.
- At the conclusion of the game, the teams should participate in the traditional friendship line and shake hands with the other team.



7U Recreational

Teams in this age group play 5 versus 5 with a Goalkeeper, which is one of the beginning phase of our small sided Recreational soccer program. This program is designed to allow the players to get several touches on the ball in a fun and exciting environment. Many exercises will be individual (e.g. each player will have a ball). The tactical component of the game will be reduced to small-sided games with basic explanations about space distribution. Both the field and goals are smaller to allow the players to have success. We do not keep track of scores in this age group, which keeps the emphasis on the fun and learning of the game.

AGE Group Objectives: Introduction to the game/team and ball mastery.

Max. Roster Size: 10 Players

Games: All games are played in house against other ASA / Colorado EDGE teams

Goalkeepers: Goalkeepers are allowed

Size of Ball: Size 3

Cleats Permitted: Cleats are recommended

Practice: 1 day per week

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Blue Jerseys, Black Shorts, & Black Socks.
- Visiting team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks.

Size of Field: 45 X 30 Yards

Size of Goal: 4 X 8 Feet

Games: All games are played in house against other ASA/ Colorado EDGE teams

Length of Game: 2 X 20 Minute Halves

Goalkeeper “retreat line”: When the Goalkeeper receives the ball from the attacking team, thus changing possession of the ball, players from the team that just was on attack must retreat to the halfway line. Once the goalkeeper has distributed the ball, the opposing team can begin to enter the half and play as usual. This only applies to when the Goalkeeper has the ball in his/her hands or on a goal kick. This does not apply when the ball has been passed back to the goalkeeper from his/her own teammates.

Offside Rule: Does not apply

Fouls and Misconduct: All fouls will result in an indirect free kick, with opponents at least 3 yards away from the ball.

Referee Assignment: Coach of each team will share responsibility

Linesperson: Not needed

Other Notes:



- All coaches will ensure each player receives 50% playing time in each game, provided the player meets the team's practice requirements.
- ASA does not keep track of any score from games in these age groups, and discourages coaches and parents from emphasizing winning and losing, but the emphasis should be on the players' participation and enjoyment of the game.
- At the conclusion of the game, the teams should participate in the traditional friendship line and shake hands with the other team.

8U Recreational

Teams in these age groups play 5 versus 5 with a goalkeeper. This program is designed to allow the players to get several touches on the ball in a fun and exciting environment. Many exercises will be individual (e.g. each player will have a ball). The tactical component of the game will be reduced to small-sided games with basic explanations about space distribution. Both the field and goals are smaller to allow the players to have success. We do not keep track of scores in this age group, which keeps the emphasis on the fun and learning of the game.

AGE Group Objectives: Ball mastery and introduction to positions

Max. Roster Size: 12 Players

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Size of Ball: Size 3

Cleats Permitted: Cleats are recommended

Practice: 1 hour per day, 2 times per week

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Blue Jerseys, Black Shorts, & Black Socks.
- Visiting team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks.

Size of Field: 45 X 30 Yards

Size of Goal: 6 X 12 Feet

Games: All games are played in house against other ASA / Colorado EDGE teams

Length of Game: 2 X 20 Minute Halves

Goalkeeper "retreat line": When the Goalkeeper receives the ball from the attacking team, thus changing possession of the ball, players from the team that just was on attack must retreat to the halfway line. Once the goalkeeper has distributed the ball, the opposing team can begin to enter the half and play as usual. This only applies to when the Goalkeeper has the ball in his/her hands or on a goal kick. This does not apply when the ball has been passed back to the goalkeeper from his/her own teammates.

Offside Rule: Conditional

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

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Referee Assignment: Team Coach

Linesperson: Not needed

Other Notes:

- All coaches will ensure each player receives 50% playing time in each game, providing the player meets the team's practice requirements.
- ASA discourages coaches and parents from emphasizing winning and losing. The emphasis should be on the players' participation, development, and enjoyment of the game.
- After the end of each game, each player should participate in the traditional friendship line and shake hands with the other team.

9U-10U Recreational

Teams in these age groups play 7 versus 7 with a goalkeeper. We continue to keep the emphasis on the fun and learning of the game.

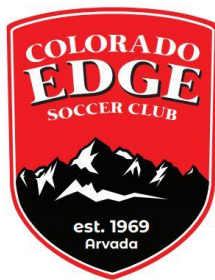
Colorado EDGE offers 2 different tiers for Recreational programs beginning at 9U. Colorado EDGE understands the importance and the need to develop the key foundation age groups with players of all levels and group players together of like abilities.

Tier 1 – Recreational

The Recreational Program is designed for the player that is still building a basic foundation in the game of soccer. Its purpose is to build individual ball skills and confidence in 1v1 situations, encourage creativity and attacking play of individual players as well as provide a positive team environment! This is a season-long program and the environment is created in a way that will encourage players to continue growing in the game and build a lifelong passion for the sport.

Tier 2 – Academy Select

The Academy Select Program is designed around the competitive program model. Pools and/or teams will be formed on ability and they will be instructed by an EDGE coach, 3 times per week. There will be multiple teams in each age group and gender consisting of approximately 9-11 players per team. The head coach will oversee the pool of players and will work with an assistant coach(es). The coaches have been selected by the Colorado EDGE Directors and have been placed by their expertise in working with players within these age groups. The program will place emphasis on advancing techniques, fundamentals of soccer tactics and sportsmanship. Teams will operate in Colorado Youth Soccer administered leagues.



Academy Select Player Placement- Players will be observed and monitored for this program during the spring 8U season (team training, staff training, and team games). 8U kickaround dates will be offered in late Spring for all 8U players to join the staff and coaches for informational meetings and playing opportunities. Formal placement of players will take place in early summer from information gathered by staff and team coaches as well as playing observations.

AGE Group Objectives: Ball Mastery, introduction to team play and game tactics.

Practice: 1 hour per day, 2 times per week (Recreational); 75 min. per day, 3 times per week (Academy Select)

Max. Roster Size: 14 Players

Size of Ball: Size 4

Size of Field: 60 X 40 Yards

Size of Goal: 6.5 X 18 Feet

Games: Games will be played in the CSA state administered league or in an in-house league with surrounding cities. Divisions are formed based on team's ability levels and teams can be placed in Intermediate or Recreational depending on ability level

Length of Game: 2 X 25 Minute Halves

Offside Rule: Conditional

Build-out line: When the Goalkeeper receives the ball from the attacking team, thus changing possession of the ball, players from the team that just was on attack must retreat to the build out line approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the field in distance. Once the goalkeeper has distributed the ball to the intended player, the opposing team can begin to enter and play as usual. This does not apply when the ball has been passed back to the goalkeeper from his/her own teammates.

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee

Linesperson: No

Uniforms:

Recreational

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Black Shorts, & Red Socks
- Away team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks

Academy Select

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Red Shorts, & Red Socks



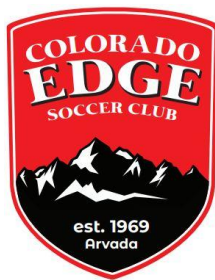
- Visiting team wears Black Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks

Other Notes:

- All coaches will ensure each player receives 50% playing time in each game, providing the player meets the team's practice requirements.
- EDGE discourages coaches and parents from emphasizing winning and losing. The emphasis should be on the players' participation, development, and enjoyment of the game.
- After the end of each game, each player should participate in the traditional friendship line and shake hands with the other team.

Beginning at 11U, Colorado EDGE offers Competitive and Recreational programs for Boys and Girls ages 11U-19U. For up to date information on Recreational and Competitive programs, please reference Soccer Programs Tab on our website www.edgesoccer.net

Colorado Edge Programs for 11U-19U		
What the Players Get	Recreational	Competitive
Coach	Volunteer Coach	USSF F License Minimum, NSCAA Level 1 Diploma or equivalent
Season Length	10 weeks per season	16-20 weeks per season
Weekly Training	1-2 per week	2-3 per week
<i>Approximate</i> Contact Days Per Season (Depending on Team Plan)	15-30 days per season	45-100 days per season
What the Players Get	Recreational	Competitive
Tournaments	Max 1 per season	4-6 per year



Out of State Travel	No	Available for Select and United teams
League Season	In-House League or Front Range League	ECNL, ECNL RL, Champions League or Centennial League
11U / 12U Teams – game format	9v9	9v9
13U - 19U Teams – game format	9v9	11v11
What the Players Get	Recreational	Competitive
Player placement based on tryouts	No (players placed based on availability of teams and roster sizes)	Yes
Player Commitment	Season (Fall and/or Spring)	12 month (Aug-July)

11U-12U Competitive and Recreational

Competitive - Colorado EDGE is an affiliate of the United States Soccer Federation through USYSA, and Colorado Youth Soccer. Competitive soccer is available for players starting at the Under-11 age group. Teams play 9 versus 9 including a goalkeeper and the programs for these age groups are a full year commitment. Tryouts are held the Tuesday-Friday following Memorial Day each year. These players are then registered with the club from August 1st - July 31st of the following year. During their year-long season they will play league games that are split between Fall (August - November) and Spring (February - May). During the "off-season" players participate in other team activities such as Futsal, tournaments and club camps.

AGE Group Objectives: The main component will be technical. It is sensible at this age to develop technique and basic tactical understanding. Children’s capacity to solve problems increases significantly. Therefore players will begin working on basic and dynamic tactical scenarios.

Practice: 75-90 min. per day, up to 3 times per week (Select and United 3x/week, all others minimum 2x/week)

Max. Roster Size: 14 Players

Size of Ball: Size 4

Size of Field: 80 x 55 yards

Size of Goal: 6.5 x 18 Feet

Games: Games will be played in the CSA state administered league. Promotion and relegation per year determines



the team's placement. Teams will also attend tournaments locally and out of state (if applicable).

Length of Game: 2 X 30 Minute Halves

Offside Rule: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee

Linesperson: Club or USSF Assistant Referees if available

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Red Shorts, & Red Socks
- Visiting team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & White Socks

Recreational - Colorado EDGE is an affiliate of the United States Soccer Federation through USYSA and Colorado Youth Soccer. Recreational soccer is available for ALL players and these age groups are a full year commitment. Teams play 9 versus 9 including a goalkeeper. There are no tryouts and teams are formed by placing players on teams on a first-come-first-serve basis. These players are then registered with the club from August 1st - July 31st of the following year. During their year-long season they will play league games that are split between Fall (August - November) and Spring (March - May). During the "off-season" players participate in other team activities such as tournaments and club camps.

AGE Group Objectives: The main component will be technical. It is sensible at this age to develop technique and basic tactical understanding. Children's capacity to solve problems increases significantly. Therefore players will begin working on basic and dynamic tactical scenarios.

Practice: 75 min. per day, 2 times per week

Max. Roster Size: 14 Players

Size of Ball: Size 4

Size of Field: 80 x 55 Yards

Size of Goal: 6.5 x 18 Feet

Games: Games will be played in an in-house league against teams from surrounding cities. Teams will be placed in divisions based on recommendation of the club.

Length of Game: 2 X 30 Minute Halves

Offside Rule: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee



Linesperson: USSF Assistant Referees or club linesman if available

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Black Shorts, & Red Socks
- Away team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks

13U-14U Competitive and Recreational

Competitive - Colorado EDGE is an affiliate of the United States Soccer Federation through USYSA, US Club Soccer (ECNL) and Colorado Youth Soccer. Teams will play 11v11 and the programs for these age groups are a full year commitment. Tryouts are held the Tuesday-Friday following Memorial Day each year. These players are then registered with the club from August 1st - July 31st of the following year. During their year-long season they will play league games that are split between Fall (August - November) and Spring (February - May). During the "off-season" players participate in other team activities such as tournaments and club camps.

AGE Group Objectives: Players at this age develop a good understanding of the game. The focus is more on tactical and technical elements of the game and less on the physical aspects. Tactical training plays an important role at this age.

Practice: 75-90 min. per day, up to 3 times per week (Select and United 3x/week, all others minimum 2x/week)

Max. Roster Size: 18 Players

Size of Ball: Size 5

Size of Field: 90-120 X 50-80 Yards

Size of Goal: 8 X 24 Feet

Games: Games will be played in the CSA state administered league and/or ECNL, ECNL RL league for 13U and 14U Select teams. CSA league promotion and relegation per year determines the team's placement. Teams will also attend tournaments locally and out of state (if applicable).

Length of Game: 2 X 35 Minute Halves

Offside Rule: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee

Linesperson: USSF Assistant Referees or club linesman

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Red Shorts, & Red Socks
- Visiting team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & White Socks

Recreational - Colorado EDGE is an affiliate of the United States Soccer Federation through USYSA and Colorado Youth Soccer. Recreational soccer is available for ALL players and these age groups are a full year commitment.



Teams will play 9v9 including a goalkeeper. There are no tryouts and teams are formed by placing players on teams on a first-come-first-serve basis. These players are then registered with the club from August 1st - July 31st of the following year. During their year-long season they will play league games that are split between Fall (August - November) and Spring (March - May). During the "off-season" players participate in other team activities such as tournaments and club camps/clinics.

AGE Group Objectives: Players at this age develop a good understanding of the game. The focus is more on tactical and technical elements of the game and less on the physical aspects. Tactical training plays an important role at this age.

Practice: 75 min. per day, 2 times per week

Max. Roster Size: 16 Players

Size of Ball: Size 5

Size of Field: 80 X 55 Yards

Size of Goal: 6.5 x 18 Feet

Games: Games will be played in the CSA state administered league or in an in-house league against teams from surrounding cities. Teams will be placed in divisions based on recommendation of the club.

Length of Game: 2 X 35 Minute Halves

Offside Rule: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee

Linesperson: USSF Assistant Referees or club linesman

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Black Shorts, & Red Socks
- Away team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks

15U-19U Competitive and Recreational

Competitive - Colorado EDGE is an affiliate of the United States Soccer Federation through USYSA, US Club Soccer (ECNL) and Colorado Youth Soccer. Teams play 11v11 and the programs for these age groups are a full year commitment. Tryouts are held the Tuesday-Friday following Memorial Day each year. These players are then registered with the club from August 1st - July 31st of the following year. During their year-long season they will play league games that are split between Fall (August - November) and Spring (February - May). During the "off-season" players participate in other team activities such as tournaments and club camps.



AGE Group Objectives: Players at this age have completed most of their physical and mental development. All components of training can be combined and organized with the purpose of developing the highest potential of the player.

Practice: 75-90 min. per day, up to 3 times per week (Select and United 3x/week, all others minimum 2x/week)

Max. Roster Size: 22 Players

Size of Ball: Size 5

Size of Field: 90-120 X 50-80 Yards

Size of Goal: 8 X 24 Feet

Games: Games will be played in the CSA state administered league and/or ECNL, ECNL RL league for 15U - 19U Select teams. CSA league promotion and relegation per year determines the team's placement. Teams will also attend tournaments locally and out of state (if applicable).

Length of Game: 2 X 40 Minute Halves (15U-16U), 2 X 45 Minute Halves (17U-18U)

Offside Rule: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee

Linesperson: USSF Assistant Referees or club linesman

Uniforms:

- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Red Shorts, & Red Socks
- Visiting team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & White Socks

Recreational - Colorado EDGE is an affiliate of the United States Soccer Federation through USYSA and Colorado Youth Soccer. Recreational soccer is available for ALL players and these age groups are a full year commitment. Teams play 9v9 including a goalkeeper and there are no tryouts. Teams are formed by placing players on teams on a first-come-first-serve basis. These players are then registered with the club from August 1st - July 31st of the following year. During their year-long season they will play league games that are split between Fall (August - November) and Spring (March - May). During the "off-season" players participate in other team activities such as tournaments and club camps.

AGE Group Objectives: Players at this age have completed most of their physical and mental development. All components of training can be combined and organized with the purpose of developing the highest potential of the player.

Practice: 75 min. per day, 2 times per week

Max. Roster Size: 16 Players

Size of Ball: Size 5

Size of Field: 80 X 50 Yards



Size of Goal: 6.5 X 18 Feet

Games: Games will be played in the CSA state administered league. Teams will be placed in divisions based on recommendation of the club.

Length of Game: 2 X 40 Minute Halves (15U-16U), 2 X 45 Minute Halves (17U-19U)

Offside Rule: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Fouls and Misconduct: Per FIFA "Laws of the Game"

Goalkeepers: Different color jersey

Referee Assignment: USSF Referee

Linesperson: USSF Assistant Referees or club linesman

Uniforms:

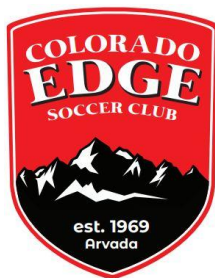
- Home team wears Red Jerseys, Black Shorts, & Red Socks
- Away team wears White Jersey, Black Shorts, & Black Socks

College and Adult

Colorado EDGE players are encouraged to continue their soccer beyond High School age. Several players play in college at the NCAA, NAIA, or Junior College levels.

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PRINCIPLES OF AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT

Training characteristics based on human development

STAGES	AGE GROUPS	CHARACTERISTICS
INITIAL	U6	Very young players from 5 to 8 years of age love to play. Therefore, all practices should be based on fun games.
	U7	Players must spend the maximum time possible in contact with the ball and experiment by themselves. For the first time the player has to build a relationship with other players. Give different responsibilities to the players in order to develop a sense of team.
	U8	Basic motor skills like walking, running or jumping have to be combined with ball handling and ball control.
BASIC	U9	Pre-pubescent players from age 9 to 12 years have a special ability to learn. Therefore, this is the right age to work on specific soccer techniques and skills. Developing good technique is essential at this age.
	U10	1v1 and 2v1 attacking and defending situations are important to develop individual skills as well as the passing techniques to develop the necessary team game.
	U11	Use small-sided games to develop basic attacking and defensive principles. Other important aspects of tactical training are possession, combination play, transition and finishing in the final third, as well as zonal defending. Players will rotate in two or three different positions to avoid early specialization.
	U12	Speed, coordination, balance and agility are the main physical aspects to improve at this stage.
INTERMEDIATE	U13	At this stage, training sessions are orientated more toward tactics and the player will practice in bigger spaces. Players must practice all different types of techniques at this stage. Strength and endurance should be part of the fitness training. Coaching methods have to consider and preserve players' health since they will be experiencing many changes due to puberty at this stage. Warm-ups and cool downs are essential as is dynamic flexibility.
	U14	Players must develop discipline at this stage by following the instructions of the coach both during and outside training sessions.



STAGES	AGE GROUPS	CHARACTERISTICS
ADVANCED	U15	Tactical training and small-sided games are an essential part of the training at this stage. Attacking and defending principles must be part of all games. Important aspects of the tactical training are speed of play, quick transition, counter attacking and finishing in the final third, as well as pressing.
	U16	Technique will focus on speed and accuracy. Passing and finishing are two of the main techniques emphasized at this stage. Part of the technical training will be position-specific (e.g. defender: passing, center midfield players: receiving to turn and strikers: finishing).
	U17	The physical aspect of the game is key at this stage: endurance, strength and speed will be part of the weekly training routine.
	U18	Players should be expected to show commitment to the team, concentration in training sessions and competitiveness during the game.
SPECIFIC	U19	All tactical aspects of the game must be covered. Strategy and set pieces are now a major part of the training sessions.
	U20	The technical and physical work is based on explosive actions.
PERFORMANCE	SENIOR	Training methods will be adapted to the type of players and level of competition.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Standards of Conduct for Players

- Win and lose with dignity and grace; learn from all games.
- Show good sportsmanship at all times.
- Do not use abusive language or physical violence toward teammates, opponents, coaches or referees.
- Do not criticize teammates, opponents, coaches or referees.
- Be on time to all team functions.
- Bring the right equipment to games and practices.



- Learn the Laws of the Game.
- Help your teammates become better players.
- Be a leader and set positive examples for your teammates and others through your words and actions.
- Support Colorado EDGE and all their members.

Standards of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

- Do not use abusive language or physical violence toward opponents, opponent's parents, coaches or referees.
- Do not coach from the sidelines. Let the coach do the coaching. There can only be one sideline voice during the game.
- Encourage all players. Do not criticize or exhibit negative behavior towards anyone on the team, opponents, coaches, parents or referees.
- Cheer loudly and support your team in a strong and positive manner.
- Attend as many games as possible. Your child's self-esteem and performance are directly proportional to your involvement.
- Be loyal and supportive of your club.
- Help with volunteer efforts.
- Communicate with your coach directly; do not undermine the team or how it is managed or coached.
- For all issues that you cannot resolve with your coach, direct all concerns and/or comments in writing to the Director of Coaching.
- Be prompt on your team's commitments and financial obligations.
- Learn the team concepts used for your child's team, but do not interfere with his or her coach.
- Understand the laws and traditions of the game.
- Support Colorado EDGE and all of their members.



Standards of Conduct for Coaches

- In all things, a coach will set through word and action(s), the highest standard of sportsmanship for his/her team.
- A coach will always represent ASA, Colorado EDGE and the club in a positive light.
- A coach will always put the best interests of the players ahead of his/her personal interests.
- A coach will look professional for all team functions.
- A coach will be punctual and prepared for his/her training and games.
- The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances in the field area, or at any team function is prohibited. A coach will not arrive at a training session or game under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- Do not use abusive language or physical violence toward your players, parents, spectators, opponents, opponent's parents, coaches or referees.
- All criticism directed toward players should be constructive, and followed by a positive comment.
- A coach will not physically abuse a player, parent, or referee.
- A coach will not mentally abuse a player, parent, or referee. Mental abuse includes verbal altercations containing threatening remarks.
- A coach will not leave players unattended, regardless of their age, after a practice or game.

FIELDS, COMPLEXES, PARKS

Game and Practice Locations

Colorado EDGE teams practice locally in the Arvada area.

- Stenger Soccer Complex – Home league games, training, tournaments
 - Natural grass fields accommodating 4U-19U teams
- Long Lake Ranch – Home league games, training, tournaments
 - 4 year-round artificial turf fields with lights
 - 6 natural grass fields (4 with lights)



- Arvada city parks - practice

Directions to all fields can be found online at: www.soccerfieldsofcolorado.com

Colorado EDGE Field Hotline/Closures

Updated on club website www.edgesoccer.net

LAWS OF THE GAME

FIFA Laws of the Game: <https://www.theifab.com/laws-of-the-game-documents/?language=all&year=2024%2F25>

Small-Sided, 3v3 Modified Rules

Rules of the game can be modified due to age level, physical limitations, field size, etc.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

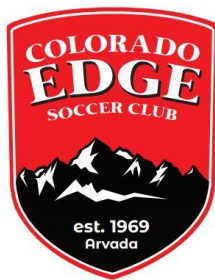
If you are experiencing or witnessing an urgent medical or life-threatening emergency, please call 911

Open communication is essential for players, parents, coaches and teams to be successful. Throughout the year, the Coach and Manager (if applicable-age appropriate) will often communicate information, including but not limited to, practices, games, team meetings and functions via email. Parents – please make sure your email address is correct in your family account and you can add multiple email addresses to ensure you receive the information. Any questions about practices, games, playing time, status on the team, etc. should be directed to the Coach. Please ask questions if you are unsure or need clarification from the Coach. Managers and other parents on the team are not involved with these decisions – only the Coach.

Positive Encouragement and Support

Game day cheering and communication is highly encouraged as all kids appreciate the POSITIVE feedback. All encouragement/communication should be from the actions that occurred in the past – NOT in the future. Shouting

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“Go get the ball, Kick it, Run faster, etc.” not only confuses the player and can ultimately discourage positive play, but could be the complete opposite of what the Coach is trying to teach. Acknowledging a great effort, good shot, good defensive play, etc. are all positive reinforcements that kids thrive on.

Parents have a right and responsibility to inquire about all activities that their children are involved in. Mutual respect and the ability to express positive feedback to the Coach or genuine concerns with the assurance that they will be heard by the Coach are critical.

How to Discuss Concerns or Problems

If you have a concern about how your child is being coached, prior to communicating with the Coach, please ensure that :

- The concern or comment is genuine and true to your personal knowledge
- That the concern directly affects your child
- That the concern is raised in the spirit of being helpful

In addition, follow the Communication Protocol outlined below:

- “Cooling Off Period” – wait 24 hours prior to contacting the Coach. This allows for time to calm down, evaluate your concern, and proceed with effective communication.
- NEVER interrupt practice or approach the coach after a game.
- Schedule meetings/discussions via email or phone call.
- After communicating with the Coach and if you feel your concern was not properly addressed by the Coach, you may elevate to the appropriate EDGE Director:



AGE	Who talks to Coach?	EDGE Director to contact if concern is not addressed by Coach	Office # 303-403-0902
4U-8U Rec	Parents	Dave Roberts daver@edgesoccer.net	
9U-10U Academy Select	Parents	Adam Creasey adamc@edgesoccer.net	
9U-19U Rec	Parents Player w/Parent	Adam Creasey adamc@edgesoccer.net	
11U-12U Girls Comp	Player w/ Parent	Jay Hamilton jayh@edgesoccer.net	
11-12U Boys Comp	Player w/ Parent	James Rooks jamesr@edgesoccer.net	
13U-14U Girls Comp	Player w/ Parent	Jay Hamilton jayh@edgesoccer.net	
13-14U Boys Comp	Player w/ Parent	James Rooks jamesr@edgesoccer.net	
15U-19U Girls Comp	Player w/ Parent	Jay Hamilton jayh@edgesoccer.net	
15-19U Boys Comp	Player w/ Parent	James Rooks jamesr@edgesoccer.net	



Safety Concerns

The Club encourages the free and open expression of member concerns and provides an independent avenue to raise any concern related, but not limited, to the environment, safety, health, and management of the Club and its members. For concerns that fall outside of the coach communication protocol outlined above, please email the concern to the Board of Directors Safety Committee at safetycommittee@edgesoccer.net. The Committee will review the concern, conduct a fact-finding as appropriate, resolve or close the concern, and respond to the submitter.

The Club supports a safety culture where concerns can be promptly identified and resolved without fear of retaliation/reprisal. However, if you would like to remain anonymous, please complete and submit this form which will be forwarded with no identifying information to the Safety Committee: [link]. Alternatively, you may mail the anonymous concern to:

Attn: Safety Committee

Colorado EDGE Soccer Club
5400 Ward Road, Building 1-200
Arvada, Colorado 80002

Please note that while concerns raised anonymously will be addressed, it will not be possible to provide a response.

PLAYER MANAGEMENT

Expectations

Training

- Attend all team training sessions with a positive attitude and a commitment to learn.
- Competitive Players - Attend all team training sessions in Colorado EDGE approved training kit as well as cleats, shin guards with socks over the top and a ball.
- Recreational Players - Attend all team training sessions in athletic shorts, athletic top, shin guards with socks over the top, cleats and ball.



Games

- Attend all team games with a positive attitude and with the goal to compete at your highest level throughout the game.
- Strive to take what you have learned in training during the week and execute them in the game.
- Pre-Game - All players should arrive at games 45 min. prior to the start of the game. This time will be used to prepare the players for the game in a team warm up and pregame instructions from the coach.
- Uniforms - All EDGE Teams must wear an EDGE approved game uniform. Uniforms not approved by EDGE are strictly prohibited for all competitions.

Player Development

Colorado EDGE soccer program is designed to help players reach their maximum potential as soccer players. Through our programs, players will be offered different training environments, team environments and game environments.

Team Training

Team Training sessions are held with the coach and the other team members to work on individual technique and team tactics.

Camps and Clinics

Colorado EDGE provides several camps and clinics throughout the year. Each camp and clinic has a very specific goal and targets very specific age groups.

Player Movement

In the Recreational and Competitive programs, there will be times when players are asked to move to a different team than the one they are currently on. Reasons for player movement can be but are not limited to: player development, player ability, and playing time opportunity. The first and foremost reason is always player development. We strive to ensure that our players are placed in the best possible environment for them to maximize their growth in the game.



Additional Training Opportunities

There will be times when players are specifically requested to train with a different team other than their current team.

College Advisory Program

We are dedicated to educating our players and parents about college athletics. Information of time commitments, athletic scholarships as well as financial information that will help your student athlete prepare for college. Those student athletes who have not started a program can get up to speed quickly. We refresh all information and make sure all those in need have an avenue for education. We also hold individual team workshops as the teams get older. In those workshops, the EDGE staff will work closely with our student athletes to help guide them in letter writing, soccer resume building and school selection. Colorado EDGE wants to stress that this program is open to all, with or without scholarships, to help out in this very difficult process. We can accomplish this by helping your child with financial aid education as well as school selection. This program is not just intended for scholarship athletes. This program is intended for our High School age players.

Tryouts

At 11 and Under (11U), all players are invited to try out for our competitive division of the club. All Competitive level age groups and Teams are formed after tryouts, which take place in May for ECNL & ECNL RL level teams and at the end of May/early June for CSA level teams. If a player decides not to try out for competitive soccer, we will be forming Recreational soccer teams for the Fall season in late July. Teams are formed based on registration numbers, and the availability of volunteer coaches. **NO TRYOUT WILL BE USED TO FORM RECREATIONAL TEAMS.** Tryouts are meant to be as non-stressful as possible for the players. The tryouts include a technical warm up, small sided games and games to goal which are designed to measure a player's skill and playing ability. It's a surprisingly fun environment for the players, designed to take a lot of the anxiety out of what may be viewed as a pretty stressful situation. Preliminary player evaluations are also conducted throughout the entire spring season by our recreational & competitive staff, to ensure players are getting looked at on several occasions prior to tryouts. Attendance at both tryout dates is recommended.

At 12 and under (12U) and older, players go through the same tryout process as 11U. Players are monitored throughout their entire year (Fall and Spring) of playing and will receive coach-player evaluations during each season. Players from outside of the club may tryout and be placed on an appropriate level team based on prior knowledge of the player and/or performance at tryouts.

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Once tryouts have concluded, players will be notified online through their member account. At that time, players have the ability to accept or decline their spot on a team and/or contact their team coach or age group Director of Coaching to answer any questions.

Player Registration

Recreational

- Players ages 4U-19U register for the Recreational program through the [EDGE website](#).

Competitive

- Competitive players register when they accept their spot on the team.

Birth certificate and photo

- Proof of birth and photo must be uploaded onto both the EDGE Account and CSA account / US Club Soccer account.

COACH MANAGEMENT

Directors Contact information

4U-8U Recreational Director:	Dave Roberts	daver@edgesoccer.net
Academy Select & 9-19U Rec Director:	Adam Creasey	adamc@edgesoccer.net
Competitive Boys Director:	James Rooks	jamesr@edgesoccer.net
Competitive Boys Assoc. Director:	Danny Main	dannym@edgesoccer.net
Competitive Boys Assoc. Director:	Colin Mullaney	colinm@edgesoccer.net
Competitive Girls Director:	Jay Hamilton	jayh@edgesoccer.net
Competitive Girls Assoc. Director:	Ian Richards	ianr@edgesoccer.net
Competitive Girls Asst. Director:	Bri Kuesterstaffen	brianak@edgesoccer.net
Goalkeepers Director:	Kris Peat	krisp@edgesoccer.net



Expectations

- Have a professional appearance on the field at all times. No sandals or tank tops.
- W-9 form needs to be filled out and returned to the EDGE office for all contract competitive coaches.
- Background check completed every 24 months.
 - All individuals will need to submit the required personal information online to generate a background check. (Lists from clubs will no longer be accepted). Individuals will not be required to pay for the background check online. Clubs will be billed on a monthly basis.
- Concussion training and test must be completed every 12 months for all 9U coaches and above. For more information, contact your age group Director.
- SafeSport Training must be completed every 12 months.
- Attendance for all training, staff training and games is mandatory unless approved by your Director.
- All coaches must read and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct page.
- All coaches must read and sign the Sexual Harassment and Social Media page.

Player Development

The club has a player development path for each age group. Please see the appropriate player development path.

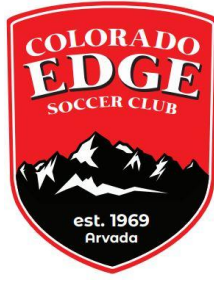
Player Movement/Rosters

- Talk with your Director **before** any player movement is discussed with the player or parent.
- Do not discuss other players with parents. It is appropriate for parents to talk about their own player. It is not appropriate to let parents talk about other players. If this happens please contact your Director.
- Do not tell players or parents they should move up to the next team without a discussion and approval from your age group Director. Don't make guarantees.

Player Evaluations

- For Competitive level players only.
- Contact your Director for appropriate evaluation forms.
- Player Evaluations 11U-14U – At least 1 in the fall. Additional evaluations are recommended throughout the spring season if necessary. Along with player evaluations, a meeting (in person is preferred but virtual may be used when needed) with the player and a parent is expected.

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- Mid-season fall and spring verbal evaluations are expected for all competitive coaches as well. Speak to a Director for more information and/or questions.
- One copy of the evaluation goes to the player and one copy goes to the Director.

Communication

- Team/Parent Meeting following tryouts at the EDGE office or a location of your choice.
- Emails from the coach to the team and team manager on a weekly basis, minimum. (During season)
- Have an appropriate email address.

Curriculum

EDGE has a curriculum and Standards of Play for all age groups. Please contact your age group Director up to date expectations and/or curriculum.

Coaching Education and Licensing

Coaches are encouraged to get licensed by the "USSF" and/or "USC" organizations. Talk to your Director about the best course of action.

Tryouts

- For competitive teams and coaches only
- Tryouts are typically 2 sessions depending on your age group. Please arrive at least 30 minutes to the start of the tryout to get the important information for the day.
- Age group Directors and team coaches run the tryouts
- After the last night of tryouts please plan on going back to the Colorado EDGE office to finish team selections and make contacts with your potential players.
- Current Colorado EDGE players are being evaluated for the past year and will be placed appropriately. All out of club players will need to be evaluated and placed on appropriate fields as well.
- All players that attend tryouts must be contacted.
- Any movement down will be done by the player's current coach.
- If a player cannot be placed on a competitive team the Director will make the contact.
- Coaches are required, unless approved by the Director, to attend the tryouts of the team you are passing on to another coach.



Training/Practice

Competitive Teams Training - general guideline

- Stenger Soccer Complex options - 4:30-5:45pm or 5:45-7pm | Long Lake Ranch options - 4:30-5:45pm, 5:45-7:00 or 7-8:15pm. Times could vary depending upon the available sunlight.

Recreational Teams Training- general guideline

- Stenger Soccer Complex options. 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00-7:00pm. Times could vary depending upon the available sunlight.

Please keep training times consistent and have a written plan going into training. Don't just "wing it". Contact Director for player standards and reference the Coaching Manual for player standards. Due to safety reasons, **DO NOT MOVE THE GOALS!!**

Fields and Equipment

- Please make sure to obey the Field Closure information on the EDGE website and social media outlets.
- Do not move the goals.
- Avoid all standing water at Stenger Soccer Complex, Long Lake Ranch Park and Arvada parks.
- Take care of the corner flags at all locations. Contact a Director for Long Lake Ranch corner flags.

Game Day Information

- Please arrive on time to all games and give specific directions to players. Make sure the players know what you want from them when they go onto the field.
- Warm-up 30-45 minutes prior to game time. No more than 45 minutes prior to game time. This is the time to talk about your lineup and remind the players what you have been working on at training. This is not a time to teach new tactics and techniques. Warm-up is not training.
- If you are unable to attend a game please contact your Director as soon as possible.

Reschedule game/Make-up Games

Contact the other coach and agree to change the time or date. Also, contact the EDGE office if the rescheduled game is a home game to get available dates and times. It is best if you get three possible dates agreed upon with the other coach before you contact EDGE.



Weather

Weather is always an issue in Colorado and can change rapidly. Always use your best judgment and keep the players safe at all times. We deal with snow, rain, hail, cold, lightning, and wind. Please check the EDGE website for field availability before your training session or game. EDGE also uses text messages and emails when available to update field status changes. The WeatherBug app is a great resource to have on mobile devices. [Click Here for posted Weather Guidelines](#)

TEAM MANAGEMENT

Tournament Application Procedures

The Colorado EDGE Soccer Club staff and Directors encourage teams to attend events outside of normal league play, but requires that any team wishing to participate in an event outside of normal league play (tournaments) follow the below procedures: All teams will be provided with a team plan outlining the tournament participation throughout the year.

1. Tournament Approval: The team coach or a team manager must receive approval from the appropriate Director prior to applying to any tournament that is not included on the team plan.
2. Tournament Application: Upon receiving approval from the EDGE staff the team may then complete the application for the tournament. EDGE Directors may complete the tournament application on behalf of the team.
 - Additional Requirement: For teams traveling outside of Region IV to participate in a tournament you must also submit paperwork and a processing fee to Colorado Youth Soccer. This information can be found at www.coloradosoccer.org and must be completed at least 30 days prior to leaving.
 - During the application process you will be asked to pay the tournament entry fee, there are two options to do so.
 - The individual completing the application (in most cases online) may submit their credit card for payment. Once the individual receives payment confirmation, they may submit the confirmation to the team administrator and request they submit for reimbursement. Team funds to cover the expense must be available in the team account or to a designated individual of the team prior to issuing reimbursement. All in-state tournaments listed on the team plan will be covered by the club. Please see team funding guidelines below for the appropriate level of team.



- Print the application and request a check be drawn from the team's account. Once the check is issued mail both to the tournament.
3. Tournament Check-In: upon your application being accepted by the tournament, you should begin preparing for the event's check-in process. Each event is different and will require you to bring different documentation to their team check-in. We strongly recommend you review the event's website to review the posted information and obtain a complete list of required documentation that will be needed to complete the team's check-in.

Team Funding Requests- Legends, Eagles, Mustangs, Wildcats, Panthers, Bulldogs level teams

All in state tournaments on the team plan are factored into the cost of registration per player and will be funded by the club. Once the team is properly registered for the tournament, the club will issue payment on behalf of the team to the appropriate tournament official. Club Director, Team Manager or Team Coach will coordinate the registration, and inform the club COO that payment is needed for the team.

Since individual team accounts are not provided for, each team may select a designated financial treasurer or team manager to collect and handle funds on behalf of the team. The club will not be held responsible for collecting funds for any event that is not on the team plan. The designated individual may only collect necessary funds to cover the costs associated with club approved tournaments or travel, and must keep accurate accounting records. Any overage of funds collected must be immediately refunded to parents. If travel is involved with the optional event- we recommend each family individually books and pays for their own player's travel expenses. Guidance may be given for team Hotels and or specific airline flights or team travel arrangements.

For tournaments and travel not on team plans, all expenses must be first approved by the Club Director.

For approved tournaments not on a team plan, the Team Manager or team treasurer must pre collect all fees from the team parents who have agreed to the additional fee associated with the tournament. Please note- any tournament not on the team plan is considered optional, and players may choose to participate or not participate in the tournament. Before applying to any optional event, the coach and manager must ensure that they have enough rostered players and guest players to participate and take on the financial obligation. Any family who chooses not to participate in an optional tournament must give notice of non-participation prior to the team's registration and acceptance into the tournament, and may not be held financially responsible for the event costs if proper notice is given to the team coach or manager.

Once all fees have been collected, the funds may be turned over to the club to hold prior to payment to the tournament or approved team travel expenses. The club will not make payment until all funds have been pre collected by the team. Upon direction of the team manager or treasurer, the club may make payment on behalf of the team for the approved expenses.



Team Account Management- Select and United teams

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Each team will be issued an individual team banking account to be managed by the Team Manager and/or Team Treasurer, solely funded and supported by the players assigned to each team.

- Playmetrics is our team account partner.
- One team debit card may be assigned to the team in the name of the Team Manager or Team Treasurer.
- The roster will be updated seasonally to reflect players assigned to the team.
- Each family will have the ability to self fund the account for approved team, travel and tournament expenses.
- ACH transfers from a banking account as well as check deposits are free, credit card payments are charged a 3% transaction fee by Playmetrics.
- A team may require each player/family of the team to deposit an initial amount to be used as a team discretionary fund. (\$50.00 per player is recommended) which may be used by the manager for emergency expenses that come up in which not enough time is allowed to pre collect funds from the individual players.
- Team expenses are expected to be prepaid by the families so that the team account has the necessary funds available to pay team expenses. Payments to the team account are due no later than 1 week after the Team Manager creates the invoice.
- The Team Manager/Team Treasurer will estimate the required travel per the team plan for pre collecting purposes and present to the team parents.
- Any additional tournaments/travel (not on team plan) must be approved by the club Director and presented to the team prior to any financial commitment by the team.
- Team Managers may create a seasonal budget and create a monthly payment plan for the families.
- All team accounts will be monitored by a club representative.

Tournament Policy and Procedures

This information is a guide for all teams to follow when preparing for a tournament. Tournaments, friendlies, and out-of-state tournaments provide the opportunity to compete against other comparable level teams, experience new competition, compete on a regional and national stage, and potential player exposure to college coaches (especially true for the 16U through 19U age groups). These can be invaluable experiences where players bond



together and share experiences through team unity and camaraderie that will last years beyond their club soccer playing “career”.

The team should act like a team not only on the field, but also off the field, during tournaments. Traveling together, staying in the same hotel rooms together, eating all meals together, and traveling to and from games together create a focused environment for the tournament. With these goals in mind and based on the experience of many teams over previous years, Colorado EDGE has developed the following Guidelines and Recommended Procedures for team travel. We hope that these guidelines help make the tournament experience as positive, constructive, and fun as it can and should be.

In an effort to help minimize travel tournament costs due to increased cost factors (inflationary economy, airline tickets, rental vans/transportation, hotel rooms, etc.), Colorado EDGE Soccer Club may discuss alternative travel methods necessary for team travel where appropriate. This may include, but not limited to, players traveling on their own with their family, usage of airline frequent flier mileage, individual flight (not groups) and alternative housing accommodations. **Team Coach, Manager and/or Travel Coordinator must reach out to their program Director to begin the dialogue and agree upon team travel method(s) prior to making any travel arrangements.**

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Tournament Locations

- Colorado: For those teams wishing to find tournaments in Colorado, the best resource is Colorado Soccer Association's website (www.coloradosoccer.org). This website will list tournaments sanctioned by the United States Youth Soccer Organization through Colorado Youth Soccer.
- Out-of-State: These tournaments provide additional benefits and it's instrumental that the players and parents understand that when traveling to a tournament, the purpose is to play soccer. Social events will be made available, but not at the expense of the overall goal which is to show well on the field. Players need to stay mentally focused throughout the entire tournament, and not have their attention being drawn towards outside influences. Traveling to play soccer in an out-of-state tournament is a privilege and a responsibility that needs to be taken seriously. For details on these tournaments and to seek recommendations please contact the Colorado EDGE Staff.

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Tournament Selection

- The decision of applying to a tournament either in or out of the state of Colorado is at the discretion of the head coach along with the guidance of the Colorado EDGE staff. Players and parents are reminded that they are members of a team and these events should be expected and your participation along with financial support will also be expected.

Travel and Financial Responsibility Policy

1. Team Plans and Communication

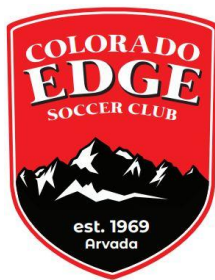
Team Plans including travel events are posted on the EDGE website (www.edgesoccer.net) under the "Team Plans" section of the Tryouts Tab and gender specific program tabs prior to tryouts of each year. In addition, Team Plans are referenced and acknowledged in the player registration process when accepting a spot on the team. Colorado EDGE Soccer Club (Club) uses its best judgment in preparing Team Plans but should be used as a guide and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances or factors beyond the club's control.

2. Financial Responsibility for Travel

All rostered players are expected to participate in tournaments, league travel games, and other team events listed as mandatory or "YES" on the Team Plans posted on the EDGE website (www.edgesoccer.net). The player/family must communicate any potential conflicts with the team's schedule including travel schedule for the entire year (August 1 - July 31) within 14 days of officially accepting their spot online. The family must notify via email both the head coach and the Program Director of the Club, as part of the communication process. Regardless of a player's participation in any of these activities or not, the player will still be responsible for their financial obligations and team expenses.

Team expenses include but are not limited to:

- All Coach expenses
- All Chaperone(s) expenses (if applicable to the team's travel)
- Tournament or event registration fees if applicable
- If applicable - airfare, hotel accommodations, and per diem expenses for a Competitive Director and/or Staff will be shared equally among all teams attending the same travel event. If a Director and/or Staff member is travelling, this will be communicated in advance to all teams involved.



* If a team has more than the allowable number of players to place on a travel event roster (i.e. team has 20 players, but only 18 are allowed on a travel event roster), only the 18 players participating in the travel event will be responsible for the specific team expenses for that event.

3. Withdrawing from Travel Event

If a player decides not to participate in a travel event (tournament, league travel games, other team events) and notifies the coach and Program Director of the Club via email after the initial 14 day period, the player will owe the full cost of their share of team expenses, including but not limited to, coach and chaperone(s) expenses, group airline or transportation tickets that have been purchased on behalf of the player, players' hotel rooms, team rental vehicles, team rental vehicle gas costs and insurance. A player's failure to participate in tournaments, league travel games, and other team events may be cause for removal of player's placement on their team.

The only exceptions to this Travel and Financial Responsibility policy are for long term medical hardships (with a doctor's note) or a family emergency (such as the death of a family member, attending a funeral, etc.). In these cases, expenses may be waived with approval from the Club CEO and/or COO.

Reasonable efforts will be made to find a suitable replacement guest player to fill any necessary roster spots on a travel event. However, there is no guarantee that a replacement will be found. Guest players may be asked to contribute on an equal basis as the players travelling for all tournament expenses, including coach and chaperone(s) expenses, players' hotel costs, rental vehicles, gas, etc. Due to the timing of finding a guest player, a guest player may not be responsible for paying a full share of the expenses in which the player(s) not travelling will cover the remaining portion of the expenses. *A Player choosing not to attend a travel event is not guaranteed any financial reprieve even if a guest player is found.*

4. Coach and Chaperone Reimbursement

Coaches: All coach expenses related to travel (including but not limited to parking, baggage fees for team equipment, hotel, airfare, rental cars, rental car gas, rental car insurance and approved mileage for personal vehicles if applicable) are eligible for reimbursement. The team will pay a maximum of \$75.00 per day for food. If per diem has been distributed to a coach, he/she may not also have their meals included in any team meals or group meals. A coach may request per diem ahead of travel, but reimbursement will only be issued if funds are available in the team's account. Coaches must submit all original receipts and complete the reimbursement form within 7 days of the team's travel event completion for reimbursement. Reimbursements will only be issued if there are available funds in the team account.



Chaperones: Team Chaperone(s) expenses related to travel (including but not limited to parking, baggage fees for team equipment, hotel, airfare, rental cars, rental car gas, rental car insurance and approved mileage for personal vehicles if applicable) are eligible for reimbursement. The team will pay a maximum of \$75.00 per day for food. If per diem has been distributed to a chaperone, he/she may not also have their meals included in any team meals or group meals. Reimbursement is only available for teams that use chaperones and who have read, signed, and submitted prior to travel the Team Chaperone Agreement to EDGE staff. Chaperone(s) must submit all original receipts and complete the reimbursement form within 7 days of the team's travel event completion for reimbursement. Reimbursements will only be issued if there are available funds in the team account.

5. Parent Participation in Travel

Parents who are not designated chaperone(s) and choose to attend a tournament or travel event are responsible for all of their personal expenses. This includes but is not limited to, transportation, lodging, meals, and other related costs.

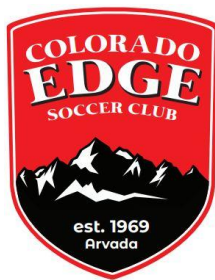
6. Final Approval

Any financial obligations or exceptions for players not participating in a travel event must be approved by the Club CEO and/or COO.

Coach Expense Reimbursement for CSA League Games

When there is a CSA league game scheduled further than 90 miles away, a competitive team coach may be reimbursed for certain expenses as described below:

- Coach MUST notify the entire team via email of their request for reimbursement at least 14 days prior to the game so all players/families are aware of the expenses.
- Mileage (if more than 90 miles one way) – The team coach is entitled to mileage for driving his/her own car at the US IRS allowed rate (check on IRS website). The mileage is measured from the EDGE office address of 5400 Ward Road, Arvada, CO 80002 or their home (whichever is closest to the final destination). Mileage is only reimbursed for the distance to and from the city, not driving around while there. There would be no mileage reimbursement, if this is the case.
- Hotel Room -- If a majority of the team stays the night, then the coach can be reimbursed for a hotel room, provided it is the same night as the rest of the team is staying.
- No Per Diem is required.
- Any coach expense reimbursement would be shared by all rostered players equally, whether they play in the game or not.



Team Chaperones

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Parent chaperones role is to provide for the safety and welfare of all players traveling with the team.

Chaperone Requirements

- At least one (1) chaperone must be the same gender as the traveling team.
- Must be the parent and/or legal guardian of at least one (1) player listed on the roster
- In some circumstances, the team coach and/or EDGE staff may assume the role of team chaperones for the trip in an effort to reduce costs and logistics of a travel trip. This must be communicated to the team prior to any travel arrangements being made.
- Complete and pass an online disclosure statement and request for a background check via Colorado Soccer Association.
- Chaperone Responsibilities
 - To ensure that players adhere to the EDGE Soccer Club Code of Conduct as well as that players conduct themselves in a way that represents the State, Club, team and families respectfully and responsibly
 - Distribution of any medication to players on the team as prescribed by a licensed physician and instructed by the specific player's parent(s)
 - Enforce all decisions made by the coach
 - Other duties as needed and as requested by the coaching staff
 - Number of Chaperones - Minimum 2 chaperones are required for all events. One (1) chaperone for each team vehicle being utilized during the duration of the trip, with a minimum of two (2) chaperones required if 2 vehicles are needed.
 - Term of Responsibility
 - Flight: Players shall meet chaperones at the airport and check in with the airline as a group. The authority/responsibility of the chaperon starts at this time and extends until the players return and are picked up and/or dropped off with their parent and/or legal guardian



- Driving: Responsibility of the chaperon starts once the player is picked up and in a team vehicle and continues until the player is picked up and/or dropped off with their parent and/or legal guardian
- Hotel Accommodations: Chaperones shall have their own room(s) with a maximum of two (2) chaperones per room c. Note: Alcoholic and/or tobacco products are not permitted to be stored and/or consumed while any player is present
- Ground Transportation
 - Vehicles must only be driven by a chaperone and may only hold as many individuals as there are seat belts
 - The coach may not count as a chaperone and as such is not responsible for a team vehicle (in rare occasions, the team coach may be considered as a chaperone)

(e) Team Events - Chaperones will be required to be present at all team events during the duration of the trip

- Tournament Travel

- Airlines: Colorado EDGE's philosophy regarding group travel by air has always been that competitive teams travel as a group by air (as appropriate per distance) to tournaments. There are reasons for this philosophy:
 - Safety of players;
 - Level of responsibility placed on chaperones;
 - Team training and preparation for tournament play;
 - Logistics and respect for schedule required when dealing with large numbers of children;
 - Team camaraderie and unity;
 - Guarantee of group rate with the airlines.
- Driving: If the team is driving, it is strongly suggested that they carpool and plan their arrival at the playing location at the same time and in accordance with the requirements set forth by the team coaching staff.

- Rental Cars

- The team chaperones will rent vehicles for team use during travel tournaments.
- Every passenger must be individually belted at all times.
- Colorado EDGE drivers/Chaperones will never use alcoholic beverages or any mind altering drug when there is any possibility of driving a team vehicle.
- **Full insurance coverage** will be taken out through the car rental company for every vehicle rented by Colorado EDGE teams. No exceptions!



- A separate car rental may be necessary for the coach or coaches at some travel tournaments. Such a decision shall be made by the coach and/or Club and communicated to the team prior to travel.
- Car rental expenses are the responsibility of all traveling players.
- Regarding players riding in rental vehicles, often the coach will assign players to specific vehicles or the players may make their own choices. Once the players are in a specific car, however, they will ride in the same car throughout the tournament so as to eliminate the risk of any players being left anywhere.
- **Player Responsibilities**
 - **Clothing:** Players will wear common and proper attire for the travel portion of the trip as well as during their participation in team activities. Dress code requirements will be set by the team coaching staff.
 - In the cases of chaperones, players will respect the assigned chaperones and that they are in the chaperones care during the duration of the trip.
 - Players will conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times – you are representing your Club, team, State and family.
 - All players must adhere to the team rules established by the team coaching staff and closely follow the EDGE Player Code of Conduct.
 - Violations of any team rules when traveling will result in consequences for the player(s) involved, which may include being sent home early at their parent’s expense.
 - An itinerary for the players (meals, games, social events, study sessions) will be established by the team coaching staff prior to departure to the tournament. This will include information and a schedule (as closely as possible). All players will adhere strictly to the itinerary for the duration of the trip.
 - Following curfew, cell phone use shall be strictly limited to family conversation and emergency use.

**COLORADO EDGE Player Traveling Agreement
“Players Code of Conduct”**

Players participating in travel with the Colorado EDGE Soccer Club (Club) are exercising a privilege afforded by the Club in pursuit of team and individual successes as soccer players on and off of the field. These players must exhibit the maturity to be successful in these pursuits. Thus, the following guidelines and rules shall apply in all activities within the Colorado EDGE Soccer Program.



1. General Guidelines

- Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will positively represent the Club and will not bring discredit upon the Club.
- Respect for the property of others, adherence to the rules and guidelines as specified here or by the Coach and Chaperones, and observance of State and Federal laws are required for participation in this program.
- Respect the hosting event or tournament's team and officials.
- Respect the complex you are playing at and the hotel you are staying in. The coach shall set forth the expectations specific to the team, players, and overall purpose of the event or tournament that they feel is best for the team. This includes but not limited to, daily itinerary, curfews, cell phone usage, and rooming assignments.
- When traveling with the Club, each player is expected to dress appropriately as directed by the Club or team coach.
- If chaperone(s) are being utilized, Players must stay with your chaperone and coach at all times.
- Be present with your team – don't constantly be on your cell phone.
- No opposite genders in or around the hotel room.

2. Discipline Rules

- Substance use and/or possession thereof [drugs, alcohol, vaping and/or tobacco] are cause for immediate dismissal from the event or tournament.
- Pictures and/or videos shall not be taken within the hotel rooms or any other location deemed to be personal and private to the individual player or team.
- Social media posts shall not be hurtful, harmful, embarrassing and/or detrimental to the individual player, teammates, team staff (coach, chaperones, club staff, etc.), team as a whole, opponents, the Club or any other person or group.
- Persistent irresponsible, inappropriate, and disrespectful behavior is cause for immediate dismissal from the event or tournament.
- If chaperone(s) are being utilized, Players are not permitted to leave their room or hotel for any reason during the trip or after curfew. Players are not to engage in any activities with any non-team persons without direct permission from their coach or chaperone. Persistent disregard for curfew and associated rules is cause for dismissal from the event or tournament.
- If chaperone(s) are being utilized, in the event of an emergency at any time including after curfew, team chaperones or coaches must be contacted immediately.



- Destruction of property or violation of State and/or Federal laws is cause for dismissal from the event or tournament.
- Failure to comply with any and all team rules (curfew, attendance, dress code, schedules, etc.) may be cause for disciplinary action. Persistent failure will be cause for dismissal and could affect a player's future participation.
- If a player is dismissed from an event or tournament for breach of any of the above-described rules, the player will be sent home immediately at the parent's cost by whatever means is most convenient for the Coach/Manager/Chaperones. Neither the dismissed player nor his/her family is entitled to receive any reimbursement of the event, tournament, program or tournament expenses and fees. In addition, further disciplinary action may occur, such as but not limited to, suspension from the team and Club for a set number of games or weeks, suspension from the team and club for the season, or removal from the team and Club indefinitely with no refund.

Member Passes

Each seasonal year, members of the Colorado EDGE Soccer Club competitive program are issued an ECNL and/or CSA Player Pass which is valid August 1st through July 31st of the following year. This pass confirms proper registration with CSA and is required to be presented prior to every competition in order for the player to be eligible to participate in that competition. Player passes may be in digital format. At no point shall a coach or team administrator give the pass to the individual players. If you are in need of player passes, contact the appropriate EDGE Director.

Official Team Roster

Upon successful registration, each team is issued an official team roster from the EDGE Soccer Club, authorized by US Club Soccer, CSA and/or the Club registrar. In order for a player to be eligible to participate in Colorado Youth Soccer league and/or tournament play they must have both a CSA player pass and be on the Official CSA Roster. Note—during an approved tournament the tournament may authorize teams to use a "Guest Player" in which case the player does not need to be on the Official CSA Roster but must have a CSA player pass. If you are in need of an updated official roster, contact the appropriate EDGE Director.