

IMPACT Soccer Club

Post Team Placement FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Thank you for your interest in high-level Competitive Soccer for the 2019-20 Season with IMPACT Soccer Club (ISC). For the 2018-19 season:

- ISC fielded 20 Competitive Teams that participated in the US Club sanctioned NorCal and NPL (National Premier League) playing leagues.
- We field teams in all age groups and in some age groups field both a 1st and 2nd team. These teams are identified by our soccer club colors as ISC Forest Green, White and Black.
- This past year we had three of our U14-U18 teams played at the highest level offered in NorCal, participating in the NPL (National Premier League).
- ISC had a great deal of success in the 2017-18 season, winning many tournaments throughout California, and showing well in League play.
- In 2019-20, we expect to field between 24-28 competitive teams, including our Developmental Academy for players ages 4-7. **WHAT IS DEVELOPMENTAL ACADEMY:** it is Comp. It is 2 x's weekly training and NorCal "Play Dates" which are 5 VS 5, goalies, no referees, and a running clock. The "Play Dates" are in the Greater Bay Area – San Ramon / Livermore / Oakland area.
- We also offer a Goalkeeper Academy, and Skills Center to help our players develop and achieve.

We have an outstanding group of coaches which consists of current and former College, and High School coaches, high level competitive soccer coaches, including former College and former IMPACT Soccer Club players. Many of our staff members played high level soccer and can demonstrate the skill development needed for our players.

The Club developed the following list of questions to provide information about our Competitive Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Director of Coaching (DOC), Tom Ginocchio at: doc@impactsoccer.org

Question: What is the difference between Competitive soccer and Recreational 'House' soccer?

Answer: The major difference is the level of competition and commitment required by both families and participating players. All competitive teams (Premier to Copper) require an increased time, financial, and training commitment by our players. Benefits include:

- 2-3 x's per week training

- Professional coaching / training
- Teammates who are committed to improving the team's skills and performance
- Skill Center training
- Play against better competition
- Play more games against a variety of clubs

Question: What is the time commitment for IMPACT SC Competitive Soccer Teams?

Answer: Soccer has become a year-round sport, but we feel it is important for our players to be well rounded with other activities and sports. At higher levels and as they get older, soccer should become their primary sport. Teams will train 2-3 x's per week starting shortly after tryouts end (early June). There will be two club breaks, June 17th-July 8th, and another in December which is built around the holiday season. We will also have "soft-breaks" in October and March (9/30/19-10/6/19 and then 3/16/20-3/22/20). When their team is participating in Fall or Spring League, Tournaments, and training; players need to make every effort to support their fellow teammates and the commitment they made to IMPACT SC. Team breaks will be scheduled by the coach with club approval.

Season Commitment: All players are committed to their team for the entire season which ends with the last competitive game in the Spring. This will be either their final Spring League or State Cup game, whichever is latest.

Training sessions will be predominantly three times per week throughout the year. Games are usually played on Saturdays and/or Sundays during both tournament and league seasons.

Question: How much do Competitive Teams travel?

Answer: Most U8-U13 teams play is local (within 60 minutes of Brentwood/Oakley/Discovery Bay). Most U14-U19 league games are within 45-90 minutes of Brentwood/Oakley/Discovery Bay, and some teams can travel out of Northern California 1-2 times a year for tournaments.

Question: Does IMPACT SC participate in the National Premier League (NPL)?

Answer: Yes. IMPACT SC is an NPL Member Club. The NPL is our State's Premier League and the highest level of NorCal Premier Soccer. The NPL hosts two college showcase events where over 150 college coaches came to recruit this past season. Also, over 200 players from NorCal Premier committed to play college soccer. The IMPACT SC U12's and U13's is our Pre-NPL Age Groups, committed to preparing for NPL soccer at U14. IMPACT Soccer Club is the only NPL club in our area!!

Question: How will teams be formed in each age group? And what is meant by Green and Black teams?

Answer: Teams will be formed in the following sequence:

- 1) A Premier/Gold/Silver 1st team is formed- IMPACT SC Green (age pure or age mixed).
- 2) A Gold/Silver/Bronze/Copper 2nd team is formed- Impact Black (age pure or age mixed).

Question: What will be the financial commitment for Green and Black level teams?

- Non-Refundable Competitive Registration fee is \$225 for all players.
- Training Fees ranging from \$575-\$1,775 depending upon Age/Level

Training Fee payments are spread evenly over seven months: July 2019 - January 2020 or paid in full.

Discounts:

Competitive training fees are discounted \$150 on the 2nd player if you have a sibling also playing competitive soccer at IMPACT SC. The Competitive Training Fee is discounted \$50 if you pay all seven installments at once, with your 1st payment.

Additional Costs:

- All players will pay for a share of their team budget, which will include such items as tournament registration, travel costs, and team equipment needs which averages around \$200. It can be more or less depending upon age group, number of tournaments and playing level.
- Training Shirts: @ \$15 per shirt
- Uniforms. Every two years we rotate uniforms so one time during this cycle you will be required to purchase the club uniform which will be approximately \$190. This will include a full uniform (home and away kits) and a training jacket.

Teams can run any type of fundraising program with Impact Board approval.

Question: If my child makes a team, how do I register and pay league fees?

Answer: Each player will be required to register online as soon as they have been selected to participate on an Impact team. Instructions will be sent via email after notification of the team selection has been made.

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