



President:	Ray Bolaños
Vice-President:	Noe Garcia
Secretary:	Lisa Aozasa
Treasurer:	Bruce Campbell
Registrar:	Hugh Loveless
Coaching Director:	Teddy Ciupitu
Fields Manager:	Glenn Matsuda
Tournament Director:	Teddy Ciupitu
Referees Coordinator:	Tom Bedell
Field Equipment Mgr:	Michael Maylan

New Parent Information

Welcome to the Juventus Sport Club!

The following is a general outline designed to answer some of your initial questions about the process and the experience of competitive youth soccer.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Juventus Sport Club is to use the club soccer forum and the soccer passion within our community to develop self-confident, creative, intelligent and skillful youth soccer players. The Juventus Sport Club provides the resources to allow committed soccer players to play the game better, and enjoy it more, and, if they so aspire, to achieve success in high school, college, and Olympic Development programs.

Juventus Sport Club Organizational Structure

The Juventus Sport Club is a non profit organization. The Board of Directors is responsible for the policy and direction of the Club, and may adopt rules and regulations necessary to fulfill Club responsibilities and Club operations.

Expectations and Commitment

The expectations for Juventus Sport Club teams are high. It is important that before players accept an invitation to become part of a team, they understand that there are obligations that come from becoming a member of a competitive soccer team. At this level of competition, success and fun on the field do not come without commitment, dedication, and extra effort.

The Club asks its prospective players to formally acknowledge that for their own personal and soccer development good, and for the good of their team, they will be expected to attend practice, practice properly, and do all the things necessary to become a skilled soccer player, a good citizen, and a contributing part of a competitive soccer team.

Parents need to assist their child in understanding the nature of the commitment they are making, and the importance of keeping that commitment.

The Juventus Sport Club is for players who want to excel in soccer. The Club also needs parents and volunteers who are committed to supporting players, coaches and the Club's programs.

Parent and Team Responsibilities

The success of our Club depends on the commitment of the parents nearly as much as the players. Parental support of the player and the Club, in the following ways, is critical to our continued success:

- Volunteering for team duties (manager, snack coordinator, car pool coordinator, etc.)
- Volunteering personal or professional services in support of club objectives
- Supporting all the players and the coach by always displaying good sportsmanship and attitudes during games and practices
- Learning the laws of the game (there are only 17) and supporting the referees
- Becoming a volunteer at the Club Level
- Becoming a volunteer at the League or District Level

All teams are expected and required to supply volunteers at a Club Level.

What are the primary differences between AYSO & Competitive Soccer?

AYSO teams are formed anew, each year through the AYSO organization. Team composition is dictated by AYSO, and the organization makes every effort to balance the teams with talented players and inexperienced players. Each team will have players with a wide range of abilities. AYSO is open to any player, regardless of skill level, and all players must be played for at least half the game.

CYSA is a competitive soccer program, for girls and boys with a serious interest in soccer, and well-developed athletic ability. Players are not assigned to a team in CYSA, they usually try-out for a team and then remain with that same team, season after season, assuming their skill level is progressing along with the team's.

What are the different levels of play?

There are several levels of play in competitive youth soccer. The two most relevant levels for the Juventus Sport Club are **Class III and Class I**. Class I is the highest level of play and therefore attracts the best players. A decision to play either Class I or Class III is generally made later, after the team has established a league playing record, and is based on both the desires of the parents, the team's success, and the relative talent of the players on the team. All teams begin as a Class III team, but may graduate to Class I in a future year based on Class III success. A decision to stay in or play Class III is often based on the desires of parents to moderate the extent of a family's commitment to soccer. Class I often requires a willingness to put soccer ahead of other activities, while Class III may not involve as many family compromises, although it is still a considerable commitment.

Juventus Sport Club is also a member of the US Club sponsored Super Y League, the most competitive youth soccer league in the U.S. Players in the Super Y League, U13 – U18, are

usually among the best players in the Class 1 level of play. There are only 12 Clubs currently fielding teams in the Super Y League in Northern California. Among those 12 Clubs, Juventus was recognized last year as the #1 Super Y Club in No. California, and the #7 Super Y Club in the United States.

Juventus also places its most talented players in the various Olympic Development Programs, sponsored by hosting leagues as a feeder to placing players on the U.S. national team.

The general structure of CYSA districts, leagues, and clubs.

Your team is a member of the Juventus Sport Club (www.juventussportclub.org). Under CYSA rules, Soccer Clubs must affiliate with a League and are governed through the affiliated and CYSA approved League. Juventus Sport Club is affiliated with Redwood Junior Soccer League (www.redwoodsoccer.org). The Redwood Junior Soccer League is a Class III playing league, and is in CYSA District 2 (www.cysadistrict2.org) of CYSA North (www.cysanorth.org). District 2 covers the entire Peninsula/West Bay up to the San Francisco border and down to San Jose and as far as Monterey.

CYSA North is associated with the United States Youth Soccer Association (www.usysa.org) the United States Soccer Federation (www.ussoccer.com) and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (www.fifa.com). The majority of the rules and regulations emanate from CYSA and are communicated and regulated via the affiliated League.

There are other leagues in the area that you may hear about, such as Delgado (Class III) or Abronzino (Class I). Many of the Leagues collaborate to create enough teams within a specific age and competitive level bracket. Your Manager will inform you if your team is to play outside your home league. No matter what league you play in, your home registration is always processed through Redwood League.

As mentioned above, Juventus is also part of the Super Y League, a league for elite teams from elite clubs, for boys and girls ages U13-18.

If my child makes a team, can he/she later be dropped from the team?

One of the key distinctions between CYSA and AYSO is that players must be playing at some threshold level of ability and should make a more serious commitment to soccer. If a player is falling behind the rest of the team, either due to slower skill development, or lack of motivation or commitment, it is usually in that player's best interest to drop a level (if playing Class I) or switch back to AYSO (if playing Class III).

Arriving at a team philosophy on the subject of possibly dropping players is an evolutionary process best determined by the coach, often with a manager's or the team parents' input. Many CYSA teams believe that all players should have a try-out for the team each season, but different teams have different approaches to the criteria for adding or dropping players.

Who coaches?

The ultimate decision for who coaches in the Juventus Sport Club is based on the informed recommendation of the Board of the Juventus Sport Club. Some teams utilize only professional paid coaches for all the coaching, some teams utilize a combination of a parent coach and a paid skills coach or trainer, and some teams utilize an experienced parent for all coaching. Whatever the model of coaching, the coaches and trainers must be licensed, experienced at a competitive level of play, and must understand soccer very well. CYSA is competitive play and requires competent coaching.

What are the fees and what do they pay for?

Budgets are developed for each season and vary depending on uniform and equipment needs, number of tournaments (entry fees) and the extent of paid (professional) coaching utilized by the team. There can be wide variations between teams. Expenses for newly formed teams will be higher in the initial season due to purchasing of balls, uniforms and other equipment from scratch. All-inclusive team budgets can typically range anywhere from \$250-\$500 per season, for registration fees, equipment, uniform, tournament fees, and in some cases professional training. Younger, entry-level teams may have smaller budgets. Teams are encouraged to hold fundraisers and obtain sponsorships to help offset team costs.

What teams do we compete against in league play and how much travel is required?

Class I and Class III teams often are in a playing league with teams from as far north as San Francisco, and as far south as Santa Cruz (Watsonville/Salinas). Class III teams usually confine their play to the Peninsula and immediate areas. The Spring and Fall seasons usually consist of a total of 10 games, with half played at home, and half at the other team's field. In Spring, games can be either on Sunday or Saturday. In Fall, Class I teams generally play on Saturdays with a few two-game weekends that include a Sunday game; Class III teams generally play on Sundays if they are in the Redwood playing league, and on Saturdays if they are signed up with the Delgado playing league .

When does the season begin and end and what is the commitment?

Most CYSA teams play both Spring and Fall. The Fall season is the "serious" season, and players are expected to make soccer their number one extra-curricular activity. The Fall season begins sometime in late July or early August with practices (check with your coach and your vacation schedule) and weekend games are scheduled September through November. Teams may also continue to play through January, should they wish to compete in the Class I or Class III State tournaments.

Tournaments can be a big part of CYSA play in the Fall, although each team decides how many and which tournaments to attend based on parental input. There is not requirement that teams play in tournaments, but the tournaments are lots of fun for the players and involve at least three games in a weekend. There are tournaments to choose from in August, Sept and Oct. Some tournaments are within an hours drive; others are in places requiring overnight stays. Most Class III teams will play one or two tournaments. Class I teams could

play as many as five or six. Tournament play really begins at U11 and older, although there are tournaments available for younger teams.

Spring soccer is viewed as a more informal season, although there are regular games and practices. Games are played every weekend beginning in April and continuing throughout the beginning of June. Spring practice usually begins in mid or late February.

What is the typical practice schedule?

Most Juventus teams practice twice a week for 1.5 - 2 hours each session. Depending on accessibility to a professional coach or trainer, the team might focus one day on building technical skills (dribbling, passing, trapping, kicking, etc.) by using a paid skills coach. The parent coach might conduct the other practice. Some of Class I and Class III teams continue practicing beyond the normal Fall season in order to play in State Cup competition in mid-January.

Club Commitments

Each team must be willing to take a role in helping run the Club. The Club functioning is based almost entirely on volunteer time. Some small fees are used for mailings, photocopying, etc, but volunteers do the overwhelming majority of work. Club responsibilities which are assigned to teams include field lining, registration, field scheduling, referee scheduling, assisting with fundraising, Club level organization, and tournament volunteering.

Can I recruit players from other Teams?

It is not acceptable to recruit (poach) players from other CYSA teams. The player must shift from team-to-team on their own accord or can only be actively recruited if they are not on a CYSA already. This is a CYSA rule we need to strictly enforce. Within the Juventus club, however, dialogue between players and coaches across team boundaries is encouraged, including standing invitations for Juventus players to join other appropriate Juventus team practices.

This will not cover all your questions. We are here to offer any information we can. We hope this is the beginning of a rewarding experience for your child and your family.

Juventus Sport Club