



Benicia Arsenal Futbol Club

The biggest question parents and players alike want to know is, “How does Select level soccer differs from Recreational level soccer?” Simply put, Select is a more competitive level of soccer than Recreational. The time commitment from both players and parents is significantly higher than the recreational level. At the recreational level, coaches provide the overall skills and knowledge of the game. Conversely, the Select level coaches incorporate the use of a professional trainer to enhance the skill level of the players.

Select level soccer is not for everyone and that is alright! Some simply play for the pleasure of the sport and enjoy the recreational level. For those who desire continuous improvement of their skills and are considering playing the sport at the high school, college level and beyond, the Select program is a great step in their playing future. AFC prides itself on having a well run Select program that can further the development of soccer players to whatever level they want to reach.

Mission

Benicia Arsenal F.C. aims to develop each and every player to his or her full potential. We will achieve this through creating a positive learning environment which is focused upon player and personal development along with focus upon technical practice. The AFC program is driven by our enthusiasm for the game of soccer!

Vision

For Benicia Arsenal F.C to be recognized as a leader in developing technically gifted soccer players who gain a solid understanding of how to play the game in an exciting and competitive way. Through this, we aim to develop and retain all our players from entry to exit.

Cost

Registration - \$225

Referee fee - \$25

Uniform - \$ 130

Training T-shirt - \$8

Tournaments - \$150 approx (5 tournaments)

Team Camp – Pre season - \$70-75 per player

Training – Class 3 - \$125 – \$330 (Dependant on professional training level)

Class 3 teams typically have a parent head coach who receives support from a professional trainer during the 3 mid-week practice sessions either once or twice a week. The majority of AFC teams begin at this level.

Training - Class 1 - \$350 – 500 (Dependant on head coach appointment)

Class 1 teams compete at the highest club level of soccer and will usually appoint a professional trainer as head coach to run team affairs and training.

Cost of playing select level soccer is often offset by team fundraising and team sponsorship which can go towards paying training fees, pre season training camps and tournament fees. (Car washes, pizza evenings, local company sponsors all contribute). Additional costs incurred will include travel & accommodation for tournaments if required. Payment schedules are being discussed at this time within the AFC.

Time Commitment

Tryouts are typically held in February although check the website for regular updates. Most teams will begin conditioning in May and begin regular practice in June. This is done pre-season to prepare for tournaments taking place in August. Regular season play begins in September and runs through to November. Association and State Cup Tournaments then take place in January and February with training continuing through December. Should teams progress to Class 1 level they may play Spring season soccer and many teams commit to playing indoor together during winter to stay in shape.

Should you have any further questions please contact our Director of Coaching Alex Lobban doc@beniciasoccer.org or our Select coordinator Steve Rodekohr select@beniciasoccer.org we are both confident your child will enjoy this unique experience to be part of our club.