



RSA Elite 2016 Tryout dates

- [Link to Open Kick Around Info](#)
- [Link to Try Out Dates](#)
- February 26th Team Meetings.
- Times: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
- Location:
 - Heritage Recreational Park
 - 9010 128th Street East, Puyallup, WA 98373

The goal of RSA Elite Soccer Club is to develop and mold the individual player to be a dynamic risk taker who plays the game with confidence and composure. Coaches will train the players to be confident in their technical ability, to solve the problems the game presents, and to play the game with a physical and competitive commitment.

The RSA Elite program has developed a curriculum and program that will challenge each player to succeed at the highest level. The program focuses on the four aspects each player must develop: *technical, tactical, physical, and mental*. The players are forced to face these considerations at every competitive opportunity, whether it training or a game. The new RSA Elite Soccer Club coaching philosophy will operate under the principle that “*development of the individual player*”. The better job we do in the development of quality players at the youth level, the more accomplished high school, ODP, and collegiate and professional players will burst onto the scene. We feel that the development of the complete player is crucial for the advancement of soccer in the United States.

The appointed coaching staff will work to achieve the following goals:

- Technical mastery for the individual player.
- Applying technical mastery in an environment of pressure.
- Development of risk takers that are creative 1v1 artists.
- Development of goal scorers.
- Understanding and applying the concepts of zonal defending.
- Developing problem solvers.
- Understanding and applying maximum level physical commitment to every competitive situation.
- Involvement in community outreach and community service.
- Responsibility in academic endeavors and in life.

RSA Elite 2016-17 Tryout Schedule

US Club Soccer update on U.S. Soccer's birth-year registration mandates.

As previously announced in September 2015, US Club Soccer will be implementing the U.S. Soccer Federation's birth-year registration mandates on Aug. 1, 2016.

This means that all youth competitions beginning Aug. 1, 2016 will be based on age group cut-offs of January 1 for each age group. Due to additional interpretative changes by U.S. Soccer since this announcement in how competition age groups are labeled, US Club Soccer and other sanctioning bodies are now clarifying the age group structures for the 2016-2017 season.

For example:

- Players born from January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998 will be labeled as Under-19s.
- Players born from January 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999 will be labeled as Under-18s.
- Players born from January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000 will be labeled as Under-17s.

For any birth year, the age group "label" will be determined by subtracting the year in which the players participating in the competition were born from the year in which competition ends.

The change to birth year age groups and to the "labels" for naming each age group have been made by U.S. Soccer. You may view a matrix here. [view a matrix here](#).

A Parent's Guide to RSA Elite Competitive Program Tryouts

Each year, RSA Elite holds tryouts for competitive program teams in the month of February. We have entertained a significant number of questions in recent years and have compiled them as a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) sheet for your convenience.

How do I register for Try Outs?

Pre-register for try outs: <http://rsasoccer.org/rsa-elite-boys-tryouts/>

When are tryouts and where can I find out more information?

Posted on the RSA Elite website prior to tryouts.

Who will the Coach and/or Trainer be for my child?

The Club will make the determinations of Coaches and Trainers Annually Director of Coaching and all appointments are posted on the website prior to tryouts.

What is the format of tryouts?

The RSA Elite Director of Coaching determines the format for all the Competitive Program tryouts. Prospective players will be on the field for 2 hours of training and games while the Coaching Staff evaluates players and determines where they should be placed. Games consist of small-sided play (3v3, 4v4, 6v6) then expand.

How do I register for tryouts? <https://members.rsasoccer.org/>

Pre-registration on the RSA Elite website. There will also be registration at the tryout facility on the first tryout day. Players must be registered in order to tryout. Each child needs to register only once.

I see on the website that there are numerous different days for tryouts. DO I have to attend all of them?

We offer several days for players to tryout based on their availability and interest. It is not mandatory for players to attend each day of tryouts, however, it is suggested that players attend as often as possible to provide the Coaches the best opportunity to evaluate the players in competition against one another.

What do I do when I get to the park for registration and tryouts?

Upon arriving at the park on their FIRST TRYOUT DAY, players and parents should make their way to registration to begin the registration process.

What does tryout registration consist of?

Players will be given a tryout number, based on their true rising age group, and from there will proceed to the age group table where they plan to tryout. (This number is for the player for the duration of the tryouts)

After registering my child, what comes next?

Upon concluding registration, parents and players will be advised on which field they are to report and when the tryout will begin by the person that registered them.

What age group should my child tryout for?

We strongly recommend that players tryout and are ultimately registered in their true age grouping which can be determined through their tryout number. However, players are free to tryout in whichever age groups they want. All players selected to play outside of their natural age group upon the completion or during the try out process must have the Club's Director of Coaching's (DOC) approval. During the try outs you will be sent to your appropriate age group for a comparison evaluation.

What should I do during the actual tryout?

Players will be gathered, per age group, on their designated field assignment. They will be instructed to leave all personal belongings (bags, water coolers, etc.) in a specified location. Parents are respectfully requested to keep a distance from the players and their belongings while the child is trying out. Players will place all personal belongings and rest on one side of the field and the parents are asked to keep to the other side of the field and not offer information to their child during the tryout. Parents are not obligated to stay at the park for the duration of the tryout, but are requested to be present at the conclusion of the daily tryouts to escort the child from the facility.

When will my child or I be notified of their selection?

Coaches should contact all the players who attended tryouts within 1-48 hours of the final tryouts indicating whether or not they were selected for the team. The coach is empowered to inform the player the day of.

I registered at tryouts but chose not to participate or wasn't selected. What becomes of my registration documentation I already submitted?

All players not selected to the Competitive Program teams or those that elected not to participate after being selected will have ALL their registration documentation destroyed. These players will not be registered with RSA Elite and are free to be represented elsewhere.