

ROADRUNNERS SC PROGRAMS

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Classic, Select, Premier, Oh My! Why these different programs and offers and what really is the difference?

The reason why our club offers these different programs is because we have different players and families with different ‘appetites’. As is true in any learning/teaching institution, a truly progressive organization must be able to tailor their offerings to accommodate varying levels of commitment, desires and ability. All of our programs provide a fair offering consisting of trainings, matches, tournaments and seasons of play. But they differ in the amount that each program offers:

Classic provides: 2-3 trainings per week; one tournament per outdoor season (local); league play; choice of playing seasons. This program is offered to all ages.

Select provides: 3 trainings per week; two tournaments per outdoor season (regional/national); league play; players must participate in all three seasons at U14 and below. We offer this program at U10 and above for those that want to become more engaged in our sport.

Premier provides: 4 trainings per season (3 per indoor); two tournaments per outdoor season (regional/national); league play; players must participate in fall & winter (girls) or winter & spring (boys) seasons. We offer this program at U15 and above for those that want to become fully engaged in our sport.

What you might not know is that these offers are NOT exclusively based on ability, but as importantly, on level of commitment and desire as ability is not enough. It is a combination of all three of these traits that will ultimately impact long term development.

These different programs are meant to be ‘fluid’ so that at any point that a player is ready to move, that this can occur without delay, when possible. As we know, people’s habits and passions change and our programs must be able to adapt and mold as needed.

Lastly, another product of our three programs is what a player may desire to do with our sport. While all players want to have a positive experience and meet new friends, others have a desire to have a good high school soccer playing experience. Still others desire to go on to play collegiately. And for some, to play beyond college in a professional environment. It is our duty, as a club, to provide an environment that will enable all of our players to compete at the level that they can attain to and in most cases, challenge them to aim even higher than they had hoped to attain to.

As we begin a new season and look towards our Fall Player Evaluations in May, I ask that you really observe your child and see what his/her desires are. While speaking to them provides some valued insight, it is their action that needs to be evaluated. We are what we do, not necessarily what we say. A player’s passion, desire and commitment speak far more than their words ever could.