

Executive Director Report – October 2023

Membership Report

10/3/23 = 284 (U18B = 1, U17B = 12, U16B = 5, U15(9th graders) = 6)

10/4/22 = 280

Alpine Bank Non-Profit Golf Tournament

Raised \$6700 for RRDSC

Brendan Mencini CEO of CommonSpirit Mercy Hospital

Durango Shootout Sponsorship and recapping Tanzania trip

U15-19 Boys Tryouts

Sunday, October 29th, 1-3pm

Smith Sports Complex

19 boys signed up

RRDSC Day at Fort Lewis College Soccer Games

October 12th at Dirks Field. Women at 5pm, Men at 7pm.

RRDSC players get in free in RRDSC gear

Colorado Mountain Select Training

Cancelled in Durango on October 9th

October 22nd in Grand Junction

Coach Education with Ray Nause of Rio Rapids SC

October 25th, classroom session with coaches 6-7:30pm

October 26th, 5-6:30 with U11G Hurricanes

Referee Certification Course

Sunday, November 5th, 11am-2:30pm at Riverview

Goals for October

Support Mini Kickers Soccer School

Support Animas Valley After School Soccer

Promote Colorado Mountain Select

Promote RRDSC Day at FLC Game (Oct 12)

Send out sponsorship drive letters

Promote Referee Course

Reserve FLC Student Life Center for Futsal

RIO RAPIDS DURANGO SOCCER CLUB PRACTICE ONLY PLAYERS

A practice only player is a registered player that only participates in practices. This player pays the full RRDSC registration fee. This player is not rostered on a RRDSC team, does not participate in league or tournament games with RRDSC. Instead, the player only trains with an assigned RRDSC team on that team's designated practice days. This scenario may occur under the following circumstances.

a. An age group has too many players.

Oftentimes there are too many players for one team but not enough to form two teams. During registration, in the Developmental U9-U19 age groups, when a team hits the maximum number of players on a roster, the next player(s) to register gets placed on a waitlist. When registration closes if there is not a roster spot for a player(s) on the waitlist, they are offered the option to be a practice only player(s). Doing this provides them with the opportunity to continue to develop and stay connected with their peers and the game.

The other instance in which this occurs is when ability based teams are formed in the U13-19 age groups. After tryouts, the Directors structure teams based on individual ability and the tryout results. If there are not enough players to form multiple teams, the Directors will roster the top players. The players who are not selected are given the practice only player option. This allows them to train with the team, continue to develop, and potentially participate in games and tournaments if circumstances permit.

*Players who choose not to pursue the practice only player option are eligible for a refund of the RRDSC registration fee.

b. An individual is recovering from an injury.

There are times when a player is recovering from an injury. Per physician's instructions the player is allowed certain levels of activity. In effort to support the recovery and return to play, the players are allowed to practice with an age appropriate team.

c. An individual plays for the Rio Rapids Soccer Club

As a part of the partnership with Rio Rapids Soccer Club in Albuquerque, high performing players may be offered additional training or playing opportunities with Rio Rapids SC teams. Usually these are in addition to local Rio Rapids Durango SC programming. These opportunities may lead to a full time placement on the roster of Rio Rapids SC Boys ECNL or Girls Academy League teams. When this happens, the player(s) practices with a Rio Rapids Durango team but competes with a Rio Rapids SC team. These players are also permitted to club pass and participate with Rio Rapids Durango teams when needed.

d. An individual plays for an outside club in Albuquerque.

There are instances when player(s) choose to be a member of a non-affiliated Albuquerque club. These players register with RRDSC as a practice only player and practice with our local RRDSC teams.

- e. In instances in which the Directors of Coaching have determined that the practice only player arrangement is warranted.**

Practice Only Player Policy

PRACTICE ONLY PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player is eligible to be a practice only player once the following requirements are met:

- 1) All past due financial obligations are met
- 2) Online registration is completed
 - a. \$150 non-refundable deposit
 - b. RRDSC registration fees are paid in full or
 - c. Compliance with a payment plan
 - d. \$60 Volunteer Deposit paid in full
- 3) Birthdate is verified by submitting Birth Certificate or Passport to Registrar
- 4) Registration/Medical/liability release form is signed by the parent and submitted to the manager (in case an injury occurs at practice.)
- 5) Copy of the current valid insurance card submitted to the manager (in case an injury occurs at practice.)
- 6) The Parent Code of Conduct is signed and submitted to the team manager.

Players are eligible to practice when all requirements are met.

Practice Only Player Placement: The Executive Director and the Directors of Coaching have the discretion to determine and place practice only players with teams. Several factors are considered when placing practice only players with teams such as age, ability and roster size.