

Chuckanut Tide FC

Parent Information Session

Why are we starting CTFC?



- Offer competitive soccer playing and training opportunities for kids in Bellingham and Whatcom County.
- Address high drop-out rates in youth soccer and sports.
- Interest in youth soccer has grown, but infrastructure and leadership have not kept pace.
- Create a player-focused, community-driven club to remove barriers to participation and keep kids playing through high school.

What are our guiding principles?



- C Character: Emphasize integrity, respect, and responsibility.
- T Tenacity: Encourage perseverance and determination.
- F Fun: Ensure football is enjoyable and engaging.
- C Community: Build a supportive and inclusive community.

2025/26 Coaching Slate

Gender/Year	Green	Purple
Boys 2015	Séamus Leonard	
Girls 2015	Jared Fields	
Boys 2014	Bryan Wokich	Séamus Leonard
Girls 2014	Nikki Platte Nieves	
Boys 2013	TBC	
Girls 2013	TBC	
Boys 2012	Séamus Leonard	
Girls 2012	TBC	
Boys 2011	TBC	
Girls 2011	Alex Casey	
Boys 2010	Séamus Leonard	
Girls 2010	Nikki Platte Nieves	



When & where will we train?

- Starting second week of June: twice a week on turf, optional third weekly session (Club Night).
- Summer training except the week of July 4th.
- Turf sessions at Kulshan Middle School or local high schools.
- September-Thanksgiving: once a week outside on turf, once indoor (Futsal), optional Futsal session.
- Break from Thanksgiving to New Year.
- January: once a week outside on turf, once indoor (Futsal).
- February to April: additional optional Futsal session.

When & where will we play?

- Two summer tournaments (one in Skagit, one further afield).
- Fall season: Late August to early November 10 games.
- Spring season: Mid-February to early April 8 games.
- Compete in Washington Premier League & Washington Cup.
- Home games at Bellingham School District facilities, away games mostly along I5 corridor between here and Tacoma.
- High School Girls: no Fall league. High School Boys: no Spring league.
- U11-U14 teams play both seasons.

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Yearly Calendar Overview





Will there be Team Managers?



- No team managers!!! Or Treasurers!
- Coaching staff, Technical Director, and Registrar handle scheduling and logistics. Teams will NOT have individual bank/credit union accounts.
- Each team elects a representative (parent or guardian) to the Tide club board. This representative would be a voting member of the board.
- Will need social event coordinators and help with equipment.

How much will it cost?

- Annual membership: \$1,650.
- Sibling discounts: \$1,400 for second child/\$800 for any additional registrations.
- Training (pool) players: \$600.
- \$200 deposit required after tryouts.
- Payment options: lump sum or payment plan.
- Membership fee covers: coaching, field rental, insurance, referee fees, tournament and league fees, coach travel and expenses (excluding uniforms).
- Uniform packages: Approximately \$300 for full package, \$75 for training player uniform (two-year cycle)
- Comparison: better value than other local clubs.

Scholarships/Financial Assistance



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Fundraising



- One fundraising activity per year: St Patrick's Day raffle in March.
- Each player sells 20 x \$10 tickets.
- 50% of funds raised will be ringfenced for scholarships/financial aid, 50% for club activities.



A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL BOATS!!