Its How You Play the Game
Real Colorado is in the unique position in we will have a boys and girls team in both the DA and the ECNL. We are the only club in Colorado to have earned this opportunity, and with that, comes the ability for players to have a choice of program to be considered for. Both programs are national leagues, meaning while there are 1-2 local clubs we will play who are also in the leagues, the vast majority of our opponents will come from outside of Colorado. They both require increased travel, have offered excellent collegiate exposure and identification for invitational camps such as the US Youth National team program and the ECNL PDP’s, and by nature of the national competitions, challenged our players to be the best in the country.

We believe the depth of talent at Real Colorado will allow us to excel in both leagues and offer more opportunity to both our players and coaches to grow and increase their love of the game.
US Soccer Development Academy and Elite Clubs National League

- US Soccer
  - US Youth Soccer
    - State Associations (CSA for example)
    - State/Regionals/National Cup Series
    - ODP
    - State Leagues - NPL – Regionals/Nat’l Cup
  - US Club Soccer
    - iD2 program
Real Colorado Soccer

US Soccer Development Academy and Elite Clubs National League

Professional Development Zone

Pro’s – International

Youth Development Zone

College

U15 – U18 Development Academy - ECNL

U12-U14 Development Academy - ECNL

U11-U18 Competitive

Foundation Zone

U9 – U10 Junior Academy

U4 – U18 Recreational
The Player at the Core

Players

- Coaching Development
- Administration
- Facilities
- Performance and Analysis
- College and Professional Support
- Medical Support
- Parents as Partners

US Soccer Development Academy and Elite Clubs National League
Basics of the two national leagues

National League –
  • Boys U12 (x2), U13, U14 (Regional) & U15, U17, U19
  • Girls U14, U15, U17, U19
Exclusivity – Real is the only club to have both leagues and both genders in Colorado
College Exposure through National events
  • Boys 1-2 National Events for U14 and older
  • Girls 2-3 National Events
Increased Travel
Increased Cost
  • Boys 2016 cost was $4800 – U16 and U18

Run By US Soccer
10 Month Season
National Championship – U15 (girls), U17, U19
4 Trainings per week
10 month Strength and Conditioning program included

National League –
  • Boys U14, U15, U16, U17 and U19
  • Girls U14, U15, U16, U17 and U19
Exclusivity – Real is the only club to have both leagues and both genders in Colorado
College Exposure through National events
  • Boys 1-3 National Events
  • Girls 1-3 National Events
Increased Travel
Increased Cost
  • Girls 2016 - $7200 – U16 and U17

Run By US Club Soccer – Member of US Soccer
10 Month Season with weighted seasons
  • Girls – fall Boys - spring
National Championship - U14, U15, U16, U17, U19
3 Trainings per week
Seasonal Strength and Conditioning program planned
Basics of the two national leagues

**Rules**

1. Limited Substitution and no re-entry
2. No High School Soccer permitted
3. Permits Development Players
   - Players from within the club who are not a fulltime member of the DA may play in up to 6 games before either becoming fulltime or being removed.
4. Players in the DA may only play in the DA and DA approved events

**Rules**

1. Limited Substitution and may enter 1x per half
   - Starting a half is considered an entry
2. High School soccer permitted
   - Some games are scheduled during the HS season and players are expected to make those games a priority over HS.
3. Permits Discovery Players
   - Club may add up to two players from outside of club that are not currently member of an ECNL club.
4. Players in the ECNL may play in other leagues
Basics of the two national leagues

Travel Expectations

1. In 2016/2017 the DA traveled 5 times for league games.
   • Cost varied from $300 - $700 for these trips
   • Most were 2 game weekends, some 1 game
2. In 2016/2017 there were 2 National events scheduled for boys
3. For Girls in 2017 – December, April and June events
4. Possible travel to quarterfinals
   • US Soccer subsidizes Nat’l Champ

Travel Expectations

1. In 2016/2017 the ECNL traveled 3 times for league games
   • Cost varied from $300 - $700 for these trips
   • Most were 2 game weekends, some 1 game
2. In 16/17 there were 1-4 National events scheduled for girls
   • U14, U19: 1 event plus National Championship
   • U15: 1-2 events plus Playoffs & National Championships
   • U16, U17: 3 events plus Playoffs & National Championship
   • ECNL partially subsidizes Nat’l Champ
Basics of the two national leagues

**Calendar**
- Pre season: early August
- Fall season: Sept 2 – Nov. 19th
- Spring season: Jan 20th – June 3rd
- Playoffs/Showcase and Championships: June/July

**Events**
- Oct. Fall Regional Event: U13/U14 boys
- Dec. Showcase: U15-U19 girls, U17,U19 boys
- Dec. AS Roma Friendlies: U12 and U13 boys
- April Showcase: U14-U17 girls
- Summer Playoff/Showcase & Championships: U14-U19 girls, U15-U19 boys

*supplemental travel will be added strategically through the calendar year to help ensure an adequate match schedule if necessary.

**Calendar**
- Pre season: early August (girls, tentative – boys)
- Fall season: Sept – early Nov (girls full, boys part)
- Spring season: late Jan – early June (girls part, boys full)

**Events**
- Nov. Fall Showcase: U14 – U19 girls
- Jan. Showcase: U14-U19 boys
- Feb, March Showcase: U15-U17 girls
- April Spring Showcase: U14-U17 girls, U14-U17 boys
- Summer Playoff/Showcase & Championships: U14-U19 girls, U14-U19 boys

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Basics of the two national leagues

Costs for U16 and U18 teams (based on 2015/16):
1. $4050 - Travel
2. $150 - Uniforms and training kits
3. $100 - Alternative Training needs, MISC
4. $500 – Registration
   • $4800 - Approximate total

These are approximate costs, reflective of past seasons and therefore provide rough cost expectations for 2017/2018.

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Real Colorado provides supplemental scholarship support to those players who qualify while funds are available.

Costs for U16 and U17 teams (based on 2015/16):
1. $5200 – Travel
2. $600 – Uniforms and Training – individual purchased
3. $100 – Alternative Training needs, MISC
4. $1150 – Registration (x2 for U14’s)
5. $150 - Local tournament costs
   • $7200 - Approximate total

These are approximate costs, reflective of past seasons and therefore provide rough cost expectations for 2017/2018.

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Basics of the two national leagues

**Tentative coaching plan**

**Girls**
- U19 (99’s) – Lorne Donaldson
- U17 – Jared Spires
- U15 – Rivers Guthrie
- U14 – Lyle Lebere

**Boys**
- U19 (99’s) – Danny Bills
- U17 – Shawn Comegys
- U15 – Mike Mikes
- U14 – Todd Morris
- U13 – Shawn Comegys
- U12 pool – Mike Garnhart

**Tentative coaching plan**

**Girls**
- U19 (99’s) – Scott Dedycker
- U17 – Russ Lentine
- U16 – Lorne Donaldson
- U15 – Sean Sandoval
- U14 – Dina Baruth

**Boys**
- U19 (99’s) – Mazen Kayali
- U17 – Danny Bills
- U16 – Ricardo Guerra
- U15 – Adam Loovis
- U14 – Ricardo Guerra
What is most important to remember is Real Colorado remains committed in both the DA and the ECNL for both our boys and our girls. We believe having both is significant for both the development of our players as well as for their college recruitment. We are committed to changing the game and giving each player the chance to develop as a player and as a person. For all intensive purposes, the DA will be our first team with the ECNL then becoming our second team in most age groups. This means a player selected to be on the DA could choose to play on an ECNL team instead, but the reverse is not true.

At Real Colorado, our goal is both the DA and ECNL will be the best in Colorado and compete nationally in each respective league. This is a high standard, but we believe we have the depth of talent and the quality of coaches to work towards this goal. The strength of each respective program will be built on the strength of the other.
Common Questions from the Open House

1. What will be roster sizes of the DA and ECNL teams.
   • For the GDA – the U14 and U15 teams will combine for a minimum of 32 fulltime players. The U17 and U19 teams will combine for a minimum of 32 fulltime players. The boys U17 and U19 teams will also combine for a minimum pool of 32 players. US Soccer has not given us the minimum for the 15 boys, but it’s believed to be in the 16 player range. The ECNL does not have roster minimums and we will carry 15-20 fulltime players.

2. Cost
   • The costs listed were if a player went to every event and top cost for each event. Not every age group will travel the max amount of times, not every player will go on every trip. For example – the U16 ENCL team traveled 3x to play league games, attended 3 showcases and will make it to the ECNL playoffs, roughly $7200. The U19's traveled 3x for league games and attended 1 showcase, and will go to the National Championships therefore shaving off 2 trips.

3. Tryout
   • All players interested in trying out for the DA and ECNL must attending tryouts for their respective age group. The schedule can be found here.
   • For Boys teams – All current academy players and National team players are invited to attend the DA/ECNL tryouts in the respective age group. Olympico team players can attend by invitation only and will be contacted if that is a possibility.
   • For Girls teams – All current ECNL, National and Olympico team players are invited to attend the DA/ECNL tryouts in the respective age group. Red team players can attend by invitation only and will be contact if that is a possibility.

4. Will the ECNL and DA train together during the season. As a general expectation, this will not be the case. The first priority is to have the DA teams training together because of similarity of game schedule, training cycle and scrimmaging. The second priority is to have the top ECNL players train regularly with the DA teams. The 3rd priority is to create scrimmages between the DA and ECNL teams.
Jaelene Hinkle  
Class of 2013  
Texas Tech Alumni  
Western NY Flash - current  
USWNT - current  
‘16 NWSL Champions

Keelin Winters  
Class of 2013  
Univ of Portland Alumni  
Seattle Reign - retired  
USWNT - retired  
08 FIFA WC Champ - Captain

Mallory Pugh  
Class of 2016  
UCLA - current  
USWNT

Janine Beckie  
Class of 2012  
Texas Tech Alumni  
Houston Dash - current  
Canadian NT - current  
Olympic Bronze Medalist

Amadou “T” Dia  
Class of 2011  
Clemson Univ Alumni  
Montreal Impact - current  
USYNT

Taylor Kemp  
Class of 2009  
Univ of Maryland Alumni  
DC United – current  
USYNT

Craig Thompson  
Class of 2004  
Co School of Mines Alumni  
DC United

Ethan Horvath  
Class of 2012  
Molde - current  
USMNT - current