CUP Boys Program


“Bringing the Best Together!”

#1 Club in Cincinnati for Player Development
Mission of CUP

- The purpose of our ‘Premier Program’ is to provide an educational and competitive environment that consistently produces the most mentally, physically, technically, and tactically accomplished players in all of the best local, regional and national organizations. This includes Ohio South, USYSA Region II, National League, USSF DA Great Lakes & Mid-America Regions, as well as the MDL Conference (US Club).

- Through the teamwork of licensed coaches and a professional training staff, we strive to instill passion, skillful play, teamwork, sportsmanship and respect for one another through the game of soccer.
Technical Director CUP Boys

- Scott Bower
  - USSF A License
  - USSF Scout - National Teams
  - DA Club Evaluator
  - USSF Training Center Staff
  - ODP Region 3 Staff Coach
  - 2015 U14 National Team Staff Coach

Playing Background:

- 2001 MLS Cup Champion SJ Earthquakes
- 1998 ACC Champion Clemson (Ranked #1 in country)
- U19 National Champion (Clearwater Chargers)
- 1998 All American Clemson
- 1998 All Conference Clemson
- 1997 All Conference Stetson University
- U23 National Team (‘97 - ‘00)
Director of Coaching CUP Boys

- Chris O’Neal
  - USSF A License
  - Former Collegiate and Professional Player
  - CUP alum as a youth player
  - Bachelor’s Degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences

**Awards/Accomplishments:**
USSF National ‘A’ License, Coached multiple players to be invited to National Training Centers and US Youth National Team Players, State Champion teams, Multiple Region 3 Premier League Teams, Midwest Regional League

**Playing Background:**
CUP alum, Member of US Youth Soccer Region II Team, Member of NCAA Div 1 player at UAB (University of Alabama at Birmingham), NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen, UAB ranked in Top 25 all 4 years and as high as #3 in country, Brief professional stint with Atlanta Silverbacks(USL) and HJK Helsinki (Finnish Premier League)
Structure

- We will build strong age groups and great teams.
- Develop an excellent technical base, good training habits and a possession based/attacking style of play.
- Coaches, trainers, and DOCs will work with teams to develop the players to their fullest potential.
- CU/CUP “brings the best together” - our age groups will do just that!
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*Teams per Age Group are subject to change*
Birth Year/Age Groups

- Players will tryout for their birth year in the 2007-2001 age groups.
- 2008’s will be added into the Jr Pre-DA teams North and South.
- CU/CUP “brings the best together” - our new age groups/birth years will do just that!
- We do encourage ‘playing up’ throughout the season that is Coach and Director managed. This may be Black to Gold or in an older age group.
Training Locations

- Outdoor Training/Game Locations
  - Marr Park
  - Grooms
  - Walnut Hills
  - Deer Park High School
  - Newtown/Anderson - CUP South
  - Alternative synthetic high school fields throughout the area in February and March
- Indoor Training Locations
  - Wall2Wall
  - Gametime
  - Rockwern Academy

**Training locations may change based on field availability**
Training Format & Frequency

● Training Frequency
  ● 3 nights per week in Fall / Outside Spring.
  ● U11-U15 Fall training begins in the summer camp and concludes in late November/early December. U16-19 begins post high school season/early November.
  ● U15 players on boys CUP teams that are not in HS will form a team for the Fall only. Training/3x week, up to 3 tournaments, and MDL League matches.
  ● Winter training and futsal will be done between seasons at minimum.
  ● Summer Training all ages in June/July (Potential Regional/National level events)

● Policy Regarding Participation in Other Sports
  ● Commitment recommendations set by DOC/Head Coach varies depending on age and level of team.
  ● Most players in the younger ages participate in other sports, particularly in the winter and summer months (U15+ Gold players - CUP is priority)
Goalkeeper Training Program

- CUP goalkeepers receive separate training sessions specific to this position.
  - Training is generally offered 1-2 times a week during the season
  - There is no additional cost for club goalkeeper training
Competition (Leagues)

- TPL, Buckeye Premier, OSSL (Ohio South State League), MRL (Midwest Regional League), National League, MDL (US Club)
- Most leagues are based off of the individual performances of a particular team.
- Midwest Developmental League is a club based league with a playoff structure for the top performers.

*Please Note: League schedules are always subject to change.*
Competition: Tournaments/Events

- CUP strives to Bring the Best Competition to us (where appropriate for level of play)
  - Cincinnati United Cup
  - CU Elite Invitational
- All Other Tournament Travel Requirements Determined by Individual Teams
- Some travel tournaments during the year depending on age/level. (Columbus, Cleveland, St Louis, Indianapolis, Michigan, North Carolina, Florida, etc.)
Competition: MDL (US Club)

- CUP strives to Bring the Best Competition to us for all levels of play
  - U13-U17 Black teams / U18/19 Gold and Black teams
  - Beadling SC and SCS United (Pa), Derby City Rovers (Ky), CUP and Cleveland Internationals and Columbus Crew (Oh), Rush and Nationals (Mi)
- [ENPL Championship Platform Announcement](#)
CUP Development Academy

- CUP is one of 3 clubs in the states of Ohio and Kentucky (CUP, Cleveland Internationals & Columbus Crew) to provide elite boys players the ability to play in the club based prestigious league, the US Soccer Development Academy (DA).

- Development Academy Information
  - US Youth National Team Scouting and ID through training and games
  - The focus of the DA is on increased training with more meaningful and less total number of games
  - Cincinnati United Soccer Club | Boys Development Academy
Travel Requirements
(Outside of the Cincinnati/Dayton Area)

- **League Play**
  - Some league games will be played throughout Region II. Younger teams typically participate in leagues in the Cincinnati/Dayton/Columbus areas.

- **Events**
  - The amount of travel required for league play will influence what tournaments each team will attend.
BVB Experience

CUP and German club Borussia Dortmund have a partnership through Puma to support programming and development.

Through this partnership, the club receives:
• Coaching Education
• Players selected to travel to Germany and train with BVB (Financed by PUMA, zero cost to the club or players)
• Interaction with BVB technical staff
• Puma Elite Event at the Disney Jr. Showcase. Arsenal Football Club also has their Academy Team in this annual U14 event.
Summer Camp (3 sessions)

- July 11-12
- August 11
- Camp fee included in club fee (more than $150 value) - FREE
- For 2008-2003 CUP Girls and Boys Players
Premier Program Fees

- What services are included in the Premier program fees?
  - Professional Coach/Salary
  - Administrator costs
  - Director of Coaching costs
  - Program specific goalkeeper training
- Player Fee (please see the club payment sheets) + Tournaments Expenses; Referee Fees; Uniforms (non-refundable)
- Note – Team Fees vary depending on number of matches, tournament fees, coach travel expenses, etc. Team fees are set by teams with direction of DOC.
Volunteer Commitments

- Each family will be required to volunteer 8 hours per year. Volunteer hours can be met in a number of ways (ie. – tournaments, registration, field clean-up, etc).
- Parent volunteers help aid in the club’s continued success as well as shows support for the job that our staff does.
- Team volunteers Needed (including but not limited to)…
  - Parent Administrator
  - Hotel Coordinator
  - Fundraising Coordinator
  - Tournament Volunteer Coordinator
  - Tent Storage and Assembly
  - Team Bench Storage and Assembly
  - Social Coordinator
Fundraising

- CU Bash: Party to Benefit the Club. Raffles, Silent Auction, Dinner And Dancing!
- Kroger Card: The Program Will Rebate Money Back To The Team And Applied To The Account.
- Sponsorships at Tournaments
  - Opportunities will be made for rebates for the CU Cup through sponsorship
  - Volunteer Parent hours
- Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities
  - CU is currently developing guidelines that would allow teams to seek corporate sponsorship
Uniforms

- Jersey/Shorts/Socks:
  Info will be made available at the team meeting

- Training Shirts:
  All teams will wear CUP training shirts with matching shorts and socks at training.

- Other Gear:
  Other gear will be purchased or made for purchase.
Proven Successes
Overview – Player Development

- Recognized as one of the top 25 clubs in the country and #1 in the greater Cincinnati area based on development criteria (by TopDrawerSoccer)
- Since 2003, the club has developed more players and sent more players to college than any other club in the area.
- Since the 2008/09 season, CUP has placed more players onto the ODP Region II Teams than any club in the greater Cincinnati area.
- Since the 2008/09 season, CUP placed more teams in the Ohio South (OSYSA) State Cup finals, Semifinals, and Quarterfinals than any other soccer club in Ohio South (OSYSA).
Proven Successes
Overview – Team Development/Club Opportunity

- **Team Development**
  - Numerous OSYSA State Cup Championships
  - Numerous Region II Championships
  - Numerous National Level Tournament Championships

- **Club Opportunity**
  - Opportunities to train with one of the best staffs in the country
  - High level goalkeeper training on a regular basis
  - High level tournament and league play exposure
Proven Successes
College Players - 2017 Class

Our 2017 Class is still wrapping up but we have girls and boys players heading to these colleges and more. Congrats!
Proven Successes
Professional & National Team Players

- Professional Players Drafted to MLS
  - Austin Berry - Chicago Fire - MLS Rookie of the Year,

- National Team Players
  - Gary Zhao (US Youth National Team Camp)
  - Luke Birdsong, Noah Hall and Parker Crowell (US Club id2 Camp)
  - Most players invited to US Soccer Training Centers in all of Ohio South.
  - Boys DOC Scott Bower US Youth National Team U14 Boys Coach/ US Soccer National Team Scout

- ODP State and Regional Team Players
  - Hundreds of players over the years
  - CU/CUP is a supporter of ODP
Proven Successes
National Level Tournament & League

- Disney Showcase
  - Multiple Championships
- Raleigh Showcase
  - Multiple Championships
- Atlanta Cup
  - Multiple Championships
- Annual Adidas Blue Chip Champions
- OSYSA State Cup
  - Multiple Championships
- Regional Championships
  - Multiple Championships
- USYS National League
  - Multiple Championships
- USYS National Championships
  - Consistent representation and Semi-Final appearances
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