



FC Barrington / FCX North Frequently Asked Questions 2009 - 2010



Q1. Are FCB/FCX tryouts open only to residents? And are teams pre-set?

A. Tryouts for both FCB/FCX are open to all communities, and teams are selected on a year to year basis, all tryout participants have an equal chance.

Q2. Do you train just at Ron Beese Park?

A. No, as well as Ron Beese Park we now have state of the art facilities at South Barrington, which consist of two full size soccer specific turf fields, and we also have the Lake Barrington Field house which is a state of the art indoor full size soccer field, this is where we have all indoor training.

Q3. Do your teams take the Winter off?

A. No, we train November through March indoor, this will involve training, inter-club games and a tournament for our younger teams, 11v11 league for our HS players.

Q4. How many teams do your coaches train?

A. FCB/FCX fully believe in giving our players the best training/game environment, for a coach to do this to the fullest of his/her ability we feel to coach more than 4 teams at a time is impossible, we average two teams per coach in our club.

Q5. Do team managers/parents coach games/practices coaches cannot make?

A. All team activities are covered by the staff coach case assigned, in a case where the coach cannot attend another professional staff coach will fill in, we do not have parents running games/training.

Q6. Why does travel soccer cost so much?

A. The cost of the player is a yearlong commitment. When we run the costs of leagues, tournaments, facility rentals, staffing costs etc, we still feel for the professional training and interaction to be involved in a well run club the cost is very competitive. It actually on average figures to \$10.00 per hour for travel players in our program.

Q7. Do teams travel hours and miles to play in travel games?

Generally speaking younger teams are assigned to play local teams, normally within 10-15 mile radius (i.e. Palatine, Libertyville) For the older teams the travel may be a little further, Rockford is usually the farthest approximately 35 miles. Half of the teams games will be at home and half away during each season.

Q8. Do all teams travel to out of state tournaments?

A. Not all teams travel to out of state tournaments. Generally speaking the teams that go out of state are extremely competitive, they will be selected on their playing level abilities if the need for different/stiffer competition is needed by travelling. Our older teams at High school ages tend to travel as they are attending college showcase events to try and be selected for college soccer opportunities.

Q9. Do players in travel get to play?? Or is it the best players that get more time?

A. This answer has many variables and changes from age to age and level of team to level of team. Generally speaking up until U12, all players warrant somewhat equal playing time, after that talent level, practice attendance, work ethic will impact time, we would be happy to answer any questions on certain ages if this is a concern for anyone.

Q10. We really liked our coach/really did not like our coach from this year, will we have them again?

A. The maximum time a coach stays with a team is two years, sometimes it is one dependent on circumstance. As we currently staff 33-37 teams a season, a lot depends on variables within the club.

Q11. Will we know who the coach will be before we tryout?

A. Staff coaches are not assigned until after teams are registered. This avoids changes being made after the fact, i.e. we may need to slide coaches to a different team for many reasons, i.e. coaching experience, team dynamics, licensing level needed to coach in the league, scheduling dynamics and about 100 more reasons!

Q12. On my last club my child played up a year as they were a great player, does your club allow this?

A. FCB/FCX have done this previously, but only on a few occasions, generally speaking it has to be a player that excels and in our opinion developmentally will not be challenged playing in their correct age bracket, of course they have to be physically, mentally able to do this also.

Q13. If my daughter/son plays for FCB/FCX will they for sure make a high school team i.e. Barrington High School?

A. There is no guarantee of this, the High School is run independently, having said that we have a very good relationship with the coaches and are asked for feedback on players because of that reason.

Q14. My son/daughter is playing soccer but also baseball, lacrosse and basketball, can they play still?

A. At the younger ages we actually recommend children trying different sports to develop fully their cognitive skills and not pigeon hole to early in a single sport. Of course the balance of time/development and non overuse must be figured in to that equation, the bottom line is any sport should be fun first and not stressful because of other commitments.

Q15. We want to sign up for travel soccer but if my son likes basketball more we may opt out mid-season, can I get the fees I pay back?

A. All team budgets are based on a specific number of players, as spots are offered and teams set on those numbers at acceptance, there is no money left over for any refund capacity, the only time money is refunded is if player has a long term injury, or the family has to move state.

Q16. How long does it take after tryouts before we know if my son/daughter made a team?

A. All teams will be posted the following week after try outs, acceptance has to be made within 48 hours, if not the spot will be offered to another tryout participant.

Q17. How do you figure out who makes what team??

A. FCB/FCX have our professional staff evaluate players during the tryout process, we use a method which we have fine tuned to correctly see the players in all aspects of the game to determine correct placement. We always have multiple staff do tryouts to ensure that players get a good cross section of feedback on their evaluations. All our staff have experience in this process at different levels including previous tryout evaluations for our club, colleges, professional, ODP etc.

Q18. My child loves soccer and does nothing else, can they train more than twice per week as that is all their team does?

A. FCB/FCX have an open practice policy for all our players, this is an option to attend extra practices if a player is looking for that, the criteria is the player is attending their own teams practices and this is an additional practice, not an instead of practice.

Q19. My neighbor told me that their daughter is on a FCB U10 team, but gets to go and play games on the U11 team sometimes, how does that work?

A. During a season there may be an instance where a team is short of players for many reasons, so we may ask a top player from a younger age to assist, or the top player at younger age may be doing extremely well in their age group and we want to see how they cope against maybe a little older type of player. We also use this process at the HS age teams, it is used both as a motivational and development tool.

Q20. Where do you rank your club from those in the area/state?

A. FCB/FCX are without a doubt one of the strongest community based clubs in the state, if you compare like for like with any club in this category our teams compete at a very good level. We have also gone beyond the community based level with many of our teams, the FCX High School compete in Nationally ranked tournaments as well as regional level leagues. The quality of our staff and experience is second to none, more information is available at www.basa.net . Many clubs put no value in coaches attending licensing and improving their own knowledge, if you compare FCB/FCX to clubs within a 20 mile radius of us for example you will see this for sure. We want our staff to push themselves as that then relays down to our players, our staff licensing which is the only nationally recognized way for a coach to differentiate themselves is outstanding. Please feel free to compare FCB/FCX to other clubs in our area.