



## **Real Colorado EDGE Soccer Club 11U-19U Tryout Information**

### **What is the first step in the Real Colorado EDGE Competitive Tryout process?**

All players who wish to participate on a Real Colorado EDGE team should attend the scheduled try-out session(s). Current Real Colorado EDGE players are observed throughout the soccer season at both trainings and matches by members of the Real Colorado EDGE coaching staff to ensure placement on the most appropriate team for the ensuing season. Feedback and input from your player's current Real Colorado EDGE team coach is an additional factor in determining team placement. Non-Real Colorado EDGE players considering placement on an EDGE team will be observed during the tryout session(s). In addition to the tryout session(s), additional feedback and observation from the coaching staff and team coaches may be a factor in placement of non-Real Colorado EDGE players.

### **Should I pre-register for tryouts?**

Yes. All players are required to pre-register online prior to tryouts and closes on Monday May 27 at 5pm. Pre-registration gets your player's information into our system, allows our staff to assign a tryout # to be used during the tryout session(s) and to accept a spot on a team. Registration will open TBA and more information will be available soon. **Pre-registering for tryouts is FREE and is not a commitment to the club/team.**

### **How are players assigned to a team and what does the coach look for in a player?**

For current Real Colorado EDGE players, the formal try-out session is a small tool used in team placement. Players are evaluated at trainings and matches throughout the prior year by their team coach and other Real Colorado EDGE staff coaches. EDGE coaches will have made a comprehensive evaluation of current players prior to try-outs. Tryouts begin on the Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend. Some of the criteria used in the evaluation process include:

- Technical ability
- Tactical awareness
- Athleticism
- Speed of play
- Movement off the ball
- Work rate
- Effect on the game
- Club or team played on for the previous season

### **When are tryouts?**

Tryouts will be held May 28 – May 31 at Long Lake Ranch. Please visit the Tryout Section on our home page [www.realcoedge.net](http://www.realcoedge.net) for specific age groups, times, and dates.

### **What do the tryout sessions consist of?**

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your age group session start time. Check-in will take place at the Long Lake Ranch tent. During check-in, you will receive a Team Plan for all teams in your age group outlining the year, tournament plan and costs for each team. The session will consist of a technical warmup, small sided games, and finish with larger games up to 9v9 or 11v11. EDGE staff coaches, team coaches, and evaluators will be watching the players throughout the duration of the session. For returning teams and players, teams may be assigned to a specific area on the fields and throughout the session, players may be moved to different fields to integrate with the players. Movement of players during a tryout session is not a guarantee of team placement, rather an additional method of evaluating players. At the conclusion of each session, a brief meeting will be held amongst the players, Real Colorado EDGE staff, and team coaches.

### **When will I find out to which team my player is assigned?**

In general, you will receive verbal communication via an on-field discussion and/or a phone call from a Real Colorado EDGE team coach or staff member regarding your placement within 72 hours of your last day of tryouts. You will have 24 hours to accept a spot. If you have any questions for the team coach, please contact him/her directly. After 24 hours, your spot will not be guaranteed. Official acceptance is made through your online EDGE family account by accepting your team placement and completing the online registration. You must accept your team placement through the online system.

### **Once my child accepts a position on a team, what happens next?**

For the newly formed 11U teams, you will be notified of a parent/player meeting at which time key information regarding the club and upcoming season will be disseminated. For existing teams, the Team Manager and/or Coach will begin to distribute information. If you are new to Real Colorado EDGE, the Team Manager is a volunteer parent who serves as the liaison between the club, coach and parents/players and will be contacting you to discuss registration/uniforms/player accounts and other essential information.

### **I think my child should have been placed on a higher level team. How can I get them moved up?**

We recognize that tryouts are stressful for both players and parents and we understand that everyone has high expectations. The Real Colorado EDGE coaching staff is quite adept at evaluating player technical skill, athleticism, work-rate and potential. During tryouts, each player will be evaluated by several different Real Colorado EDGE coaches to ensure an accurate assessment. Remember, for current EDGE players, they have been observed all year and their placement is not based solely on their performance at tryouts. There is always an ongoing assessment of players throughout the year and if warranted, players may be asked to practice and/or move to another team. We encourage you to trust our player evaluations and support your child as they settle in with their assigned team. Your positive attitude will contribute to their growth and soccer experience.

### **How many practices will we have and where will they be?**

Real Colorado EDGE competitive teams practice 2 to 3 times a week. Practice begins the beginning of August for the Fall '18 season. Practice location/times are determined by the team coach with the assistance of the age group Director of Coaching. Stenger Soccer Complex and Long Lake Ranch in Arvada are the primary practice locations.

### **How much overall commitment is involved?**

Competitive teams participate for a full year commitment (Fall and Spring seasons). Every player is expected to participate in all team activities, including practices, games and tournaments that are outlined in the Team Plans. Number of practices, games, tournaments, etc. are dependent on the level of team your player makes.

### **When does the season begin?**

The season begins in early August. There will be at least one pre-season tournament before the start of Fall 2019 league play. Fall league play typically begins late August and continues through mid-November. A complete overview of start dates, league calendar and tournaments can be found in the Team Plans distributed at tryouts.

### **How can I offset the cost of the program?**

Fundraising is available to help offset the cost of being in the competitive program. Grocery Certificate program, and the GL Scrips are just some examples. We also offer a payment plan for competitive fees. Lastly, we have a general scholarship fund that is used for low income families and applications for a scholarship are taken beginning in July.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

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