

VERO FC TRYOUT PACKET (2026-2027)



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WELCOME TO VERO FC

ABOUT

Vero FC is a unified elite player pathway created by four established North Alabama clubs: **Cullman United Soccer Club, North Alabama Soccer Coalition, Shoals Soccer Club, and Athletic.**

Together, we function as one club at the higher levels of play - aligning standards, sharing resources, and creating a clear route for committed players to reach the top levels of youth soccer, while still staying connected to their home communities.

Why the Name “Vero”?

The word “Vero” is rooted in the idea of what is true and real.

We chose this name because we are committed to:

- Transparency in communication, selection, and pathways
- Honesty with players and families about expectations and opportunities
- Clarity about where a player is now, and what it takes to reach the next level

OUR MISSION

To unite our soccer community in a shared commitment to putting kids first, embracing the hard work required to bring and grow the highest levels of opportunity in North Alabama, and ensuring every player has access to top-level development right here at home.

OUR VISION

To build a unified, player-centered soccer pathway in North Alabama where every child has access to top-level opportunities close to home. We envision a community that collaborates beyond individual clubs, breaks down barriers, and creates an environment where elite development pathways are available locally - empowering our players to grow, compete, and excel at the highest levels of the game.

OUR PURPOSE

We created Vero FC for the players:

- To give serious players in North Alabama a real pathway to the highest levels of youth competition
- To provide consistent, high-quality coaching and game environments
- To support college-bound and ambitious players with development, exposure, and guidance
- To maintain a family-first, values-driven club culture built on respect, effort, and honesty

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

At Vero FC, we emphasize holistic player development while instilling leadership and character. Our player-centered approach is built on long-term development, a strong culture, and clearly defined competitive pathways.

AGE GROUPS & BIRTH RANGE (2026-2027)

Birth Year and Season Matrix								
When determining the age group for a season, the year the season ends should be used for determining the birth year. Also note that the format "U followed by age" really means that age and younger. For example, U8 should be read as 8 and younger (i.e. Under 8).								
BIRTH RANGE	2026-2027	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032	2032-2033
August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023		U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
August 1, 2017 - July 31, 2018	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
August 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19			
August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010	U16	U17	U18	U19				
August 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009	U17	U18	U19					
August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008	U18	U19						

TRYOUT OVERVIEW

1. Tryouts are open to all players in the U13-U19 age groups, regardless of their previous club affiliation.
2. VERO FC plans to form **one team per age group, per gender**, based on the number of qualified players.
3. Team placement is **not guaranteed from year to year**. All players must attend tryouts annually to be evaluated.
4. Placement with a specific coach is **not guaranteed**, as coaching assignments may change each season.
5. Players are **strongly encouraged to attend all scheduled tryout sessions**, as this allows our staff to complete the most accurate evaluation.
6. If your player has a scheduling conflict, please contact our boys/girls Director of Coaching at Henry@verofc.org or Chris@verofc.org in advance to discuss possible accommodations.

7. Team selection is based on a combination of:
 - Technical ability
 - Tactical understanding
 - Work rate and effort
 - Attitude and coachability
8. Players will receive notification of their tryout results **within 48 hours** of the final session.
9. A player's roster spot is **not secured** until:
 - The commitment form is completed, and
 - The **non-refundable club fee deposit** is submitted
10. Requests for a player to "play up" in an older age group will be **evaluated on a case-by-case basis** and approved only at the discretion of the boys/girls Director of Coaching.

2026 VERO FC TRYOUT SCHEDULE

- U13 Boys: April 27-April 29 (Wicks Family Field)
- U14 Boys: April 29-May 1 (Wicks Family Field)
- U13 & U14 Girls: May 4-May 5 (Merrimack Turf 12)
- U15-U19 Girls and Boys: May 9-May 10 (Merrimack Turf/Grass Complex)

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Teams will be formed at the U13-U19 level.

SEASON OVERVIEW

Fall: Primary competitive season with league play and tournaments

Spring: Continued competitive season (U13-U14)

Winter: Optional training opportunities

BOYS MLS NEXT AD CLUB FEES BREAKDOWN

U13-U14

Fall Club Fees:	\$1,297	<i>Spring Club Fees \$1,100</i>
Team Fees:	~\$475	
Uniform:	\$ 328	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$3,200	<i>per year</i>

U15-U19

Fall Club Fees:	\$1,540	<i>per season</i>
Team Fees:	~\$422	
Uniform:	\$328	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$2,290	<i>per season</i>

GIRLS PROGRAM CLUB FEES BREAKDOWN

U13-U14

Fall Club Fees:	\$1,247	<i>Spring Club Fees \$1,000</i>
Team Fees:	~\$325	
Uniform:	\$328	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$2,900	<i>per year</i>

U15-U19

Fall Club Fees:	\$1,447	<i>per season</i>
Team Fees:	~\$325	
Uniform:	\$328	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$2,100	<i>per season</i>

ACCEPTANCE & DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit is required to accept a roster spot. This deposit secures placement and is applied toward total club fees.

PAYMENT PLAN

VERO FC offers structured payment plans:

- Initial deposit due at acceptance
- Remaining balance split into monthly installments
- Payments managed through club platform
- Accounts must remain current for player eligibility

CLUB FEES COVER

Coaching salaries, field costs, league fees, administrative costs, insurance, and club programming.

TEAM FEES COVER

Team fees cover tournament entries, referee fees, coach hotel, and coach travel. These are managed at the team level.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are required and follow a two-year cycle. Kits include jerseys, shorts, socks, and training gear. VERO's uniform provider is soccervillage.com. The current turnaround time for a VERO FC kit on Soccer.com typically ranges from 3-4 weeks during peak seasons.

The required VERO FC Uniform Kit includes:

- 1 White Jersey
- 1 Black Jersey
- 1 Blue Shorts
- 1 Black Shorts
- 1 Black Socks
- 1 Blue Socks
- 1 Blue Training Shirt
- 1 Blue 1/4 Zip
- 1 Backpack
- 1 Black Warm-up Pants

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available based on need. Applications are required through BYGA.

PLAYER & PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Players: Commitment, effort, and coachability

Parents: Positive support, communication, and respect for staff and officials

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Boys and Girls program structure details will be provided once finalized.
- Pre-season will start on July 27
- MLS Next Games start around September 5