

# GA ASPIRE MEETING 7/27/25 NOTES

- Opening- Bend FC announced the new GA Aspire partnership on April 1, 2025
- What is GA? The Girls Academy is the largest single gender youth sports platform in the country focussing on the development of female athletes in soccer around the US Soccer curriculum.
- GA started in 2020 and is expected to surpass all other girls platform leagues in total participation, college recruitment, and is expected to be the highest level of soccer girls can play at by the end of 2026
- GA Aspire is a development league under GA where clubs start that want to be promoted into the GA. Its a more regional league dedicated to development.
- Promotion as a club
- 11v11 only- 6 team mandatory

DOC Cole McCool addressed the different platform leagues (Boys and Girls) and why Bend FC admin has chosen to take this step.

## Notes:

### Fall 2025 League:

No GA Aspire for Oregon Teams. 2013 and 2012 will play OYSA Fall league

### Winter 2026 League:

All teams will start January 1, 2026

### Additional Club Standards:

1. Required to starting use VEO filming
2. Required to have Medical/ Athletic Training at games
3. GA Patches on uniform

\*All teams will play four home games and four away games Jan through Spring break. Plus, Oregon teams will play four Washington teams on neutral sites for a total of twelve games. The additional games will be played (2) in Eugene and (2) in Portland.

### US CLUB Registration:

All Aspire players will be registered through GA

Parents must complete certain portions of the registration process

Registration was supposed to be open on July 15.

The deadline for completion was supposed to be August 1. May be extended.

### Tournaments:

U-13 and U-14 Teams must register for and participate in the Provo Utah Tournament October 9-12.

U15 through U18 MAY have to participate in North Carolina in April

**\*We need to black out these dates for these teams who play in Fall OYSA.**

**Flights to Tournaments:**

No information provided from GA on schedules for the tournament in October  
Fly back late Sunday night or Monday morning.

**Hotels:**

No information provided from GA at this point

***Extra Costs Associated with GA?***

Bend FC Admin is working extremely hard to meet club standards without passing along extra costs to GA Aspire families.

Where will extra costs come from? Like any Bend FC team, when the team goes outside the program year extra costs are billed and charged. For example: A team adds an additional tournament to their program year. That team must cover their program costs.

GA Aspire teams must attend one GA event throughout the season year. For 2012 and 2013 that event will be in Provo Utah in October. For 2008 to 2011, that event was either S. Cal in Nov or N. Carolina in April.

Other additional charges will be due enrolling players who cross over to USYS. Example, if a player moves from an OYSA team (Select) to a GA team (Premier) that player must purchase a player pass.

OYSA has offered aTRUE Oregon championship that would encompass all platform league teams who want to participate. They will be calling this State Cup. For GA players, this event would be an additional expense.

Other notes:

GA has taken over all DPL operations and other girls leagues throughout the country.

**What we need from each team moving forward:**

This is a group effort. We need all 6 teams and players to be dedicated to this process so all our teams will have a chance of getting promoted into the full GA. The full GA is an important step for our girls program.

- It is NOT easy to move players or to pick up players (guest players) for games or events. We need all players at all games to the best of their ability. We need our players and player families to make the GA season a priority. Please plan now to be available during game and event weekends January to the end of March.

\*We need each team or team manager to coordinate travel. Possibly a travel coordinator for each team.

We strongly encourage raising funds to travel. However, BEND FC admin does not have the time or ability to manage fundraising funds or events for each team. We suggest each team have one or two parents act as fundraising coordinators.

For questions contact Girls DOC Greg Ryan or Competitive Operations Manager Cole McCool