



GA Aspire & Bend FC Informational Guide

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For GA Aspire Bend FC Players and Families

Informative Overview of the GA Aspire Program

The GA Aspire Program provides Bend FC players with a competitive pathway toward potential entry into the full Girls Academy (GA) League. It is currently the **only recognized pathway** into the Girls Academy structure.

This program is designed for highly committed athletes and families who are prepared for increased expectations in training, competition, travel, and financial responsibility.

In response to parent and player feedback, Bend FC's Administration and Technical Committee applied for GA Aspire status in 2025. In April 2025, Bend FC was officially accepted into the program for the 2025–2026 season.

With this acceptance comes enhanced standards, accountability, and commitment.

Teams Involved

The following birth years are included in GA Aspire:

- 2013
- 2012
- 2011
- 2010
- 2009
- 2008

These teams operate at a higher commitment level than traditional Oregon Youth Soccer Association (OYSA) league teams.

Commitment & Participation Expectations

Participation in GA Aspire requires a full commitment from both players and families.

Roster & Matchday Requirements

- Teams may **not** “borrow” players from other Bend FC teams.
- Each team must maintain a **full 11v11 roster** for all competition weekends.
- Teams must fulfill all league scheduling and participation obligations.

Event & Showcase Participation

- Each team is required to attend at least **one GA Aspire showcase or regional event** per season.

Projected Events:

- Younger Teams (2013–2011):
 - Provo, Utah – Early Fall 2025
- Older Teams (2010–2008):
 - Southern California – November
 - North Carolina – April

Failure to attend required events may result in:

- Fines
- Financial penalties
- League sanctions

Financial Responsibilities

Families should be prepared for additional costs, including:

- Out-of-state travel
- Showcases and regional events
- Playoff participation
- League-mandated fees

Some league-related expenses may be assessed in March 2026 and billed directly to families.

These events may replace or supplement other out-of-state tournaments.

Calendar & Training Schedule

Spring/Summer Training

- May – Early August 2026
- Twice per week

Bend Premier Cup

- July 2025
- Hosted annually by Bend FC

Summer Tournaments

- Vary by team
- Fees and coach travel included in player fees for summer events

Fall

High School Players Including 2011's - BREAK
2013 and 2012 Fall OYSA

Winter/Spring Training

- November 2026 – April 2027
- 2–3 times per week

League & Competition

- OYSA or Aspire Winter League: January – April
- OYSA Cup or Aspire Playoffs: April/May

Mandatory Travel

- Minimum of one out-of-state event and one showcase per seasonal year (Extra Fee)

Premier Team Training Expectations

During active league competition, Premier Teams are expected to:

- Train up to **three times per week**
- Maintain consistent attendance
- Meet technical and performance standards

Key Responsibilities for Families

By participating in GA Aspire, families agree to:

- Support full training and competition schedules
- Commit to required travel
- Meet all financial obligations
- Prioritize team attendance
- Uphold league and club standards

This program is designed for families seeking advanced development and long-term opportunities within the Girls Academy pathway. For older players, this step paves the way for those to follow. College recruitment and these showcase events are extremely important to some and the responsibility of all.

Technical Assessment

The GA Aspire Program represents a significant step in Bend FC's player development pathway. It provides elite competition, enhanced exposure, and professional-level standards.

Participation requires dedication, reliability, and partnership between players, families, coaches, and club leadership.

Families considering or participating in GA Aspire should carefully review these expectations and ensure they are prepared for the commitment involved.