

September 10th, 2025

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share that our Girls 2011–2008 teams will be participating in the ASPIRE – West NorCal Showcase this November. This event provides our players with an excellent opportunity to compete against top-level opponents, gain valuable exposure, and represent Bend FC on a larger stage.

Event Dates

- **U15 & U16 (Non-Super Group):** Friday–Sunday, November 21–23
- **U17 (Non-Super Group):** Thursday–Saturday, November 20–22
- **U19 (Non-Super Group):** Thursday–Sunday, November 20–23
(One match will be held Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, with a match on Sunday)
- **All Super Groups:** Thursday–Saturday, November 20–22
(Finals on Sunday, November 23 for qualifying teams)

Schedule Notes

- Earliest kickoff on the first day: 8:00 AM
- Latest kickoff on the final day: 1:30 PM
- Super Group placement is determined through an application process

The Girls Academy requires each team to participate in at least one showcase event per year. This West NorCal Showcase has been selected as our required event for the 2025–26 season, even though GA league play will not begin until January 2026.

We recognize that this event comes shortly after the high school season and allows for limited preparation time. However, the only alternative showcase available this year MAY conflict with the Oregon State Cup and requires travel to the East Coast. Any 2011–2008 team that does not participate in the Western regional event would be required to attend the Eastern Showcase in North Carolina in April 2026, resulting in significantly higher travel costs.

To keep expenses manageable for families while still providing a high-quality showcase experience, we believe the West NorCal event is the best option for our program.

We wanted to provide families with as much advance notice as possible so that travel and scheduling plans can be made early. This showcase fulfills the Girls Academy requirement and represents our first major step into the GA pathway for the 2025–26 season.

Over the coming weeks, we will work closely with team managers and coaches to explore fundraising opportunities to help offset travel and event-related costs. Our goal is to make this experience accessible for all families.

More detailed travel and logistical information will be shared as the event approaches. We will also hold our second GA community informational meeting in October 2025 (date and time to be announced).

We appreciate your continued support and are looking forward to an exciting and meaningful weekend of soccer this November. We wish all of our players a great high school season and look forward to seeing you at matches this fall.

If you have any questions, please contact your club coach or Director.

Sincerely,
Donnie Emerson
Bend FC

Notes:

- OSAA 5A State Finals conclude Saturday, November 15, 2025 (OSAA, 9/4/25)
- All GA Aspire teams are required to participate in a regional event, as discussed in May/June 2025