Dear Bend FC Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Girls Academy Aspire (GA Aspire) information meeting. We are excited to share details for the **2025–26 season** as Bend FC prepares to compete in the GA Aspire league with our HS Girls Premier Teams (2008–2011 birth years). **2012 and 2013** excluded from this information- High School Premier Academy **2011-2008**.

Below you'll find the key program details, updated calendar, and important info:

Calendar & Training Schedule (Subject to Change)

Tryouts: May 2025

Spring/Summer Training: 2x weekly (May – early August 2025)

Bend Premier Cup: July 2025 (hosted by Bend FC)

Summer Tournaments: Vary by team (included in player fees)

High School Season Break: August – November 2025

November 2025 Showcase: GA event

Winter/Spring Training: 2–3x weekly (Nov 2025 – April 2026)

Aspire Winter League: January – April 2026

OYSA Cup and/or Aspire Playoff Tournament: April/May 2026

Note: Players born in 2011 are considered U15 High School players per US Soccer. 2025.

League & Competition

Premier teams MAY train up to 3x weekly during league play.

*NEW: Beginning July 2025, GA Aspire, GA, ECNL teams may be permitted to enter the **Oregon State Cup without OYSA qualifying league play.**

If teams participate in OYSA Cups, families would be responsible for: USYS player registration/cards
Cup registration
Coach travel

Additional Aspire Costs For GA Participation:

Veo Video Recording - Split between all 6 GA Aspire teams
Athletic Training & Player Supports - Split between all GA Aspire teams (Can we get members to volunteer to cover medical tent at home games? Athletic Trainers, Nurses, Doctors?)

Potential extra expenses (outside standard fees):

Out-of-state travel & showcase costs Aspire Playoffs OYSA State Cup GA Playoffs Player Card outside GA (US Club, OYSA) if team participates outside GA Extra Cup or Showcase Event Costs

Club has covered the following "GA standard" costs to date:

Coach Education
Admin Training
GA Arm patches
Field Set Up Standards
Scheduling
GA Team Bond \$2000 per team

<u>Tentative</u>: GA Aspire League Play Dates – 2026

Sat, Jan 10 – Valor (Eugene)

Sun, Jan 11 – Mt. Rainier (Eugene)

Sat, Jan 31 – Eugene Metros (Eugene)

Sun, Feb 8 – Columbia Premier (Vancouver)

Sat, Feb 14 – Soccer Chance Academy (Portland)

Sat, Feb 21 – Surf – NPSA (Portland)

Sun, Feb 22 – FC Reign (Portland)

Sun, Mar 1 – PCU (Bend)

Sat, Mar 7 – PCU (Portland)

Sat, Mar 14 – Eugene Metros (Bend)

Sun, Mar 15 – Soccer Chance Academy (Bend)

Sat, Apr 18 – Columbia Premier (Bend)

Why GA Aspire Matters for Bend FC

GA Aspire provides our players with a competitive pathway while preparing for potential entry into the full Girls Academy league. The program requires commitment, teamwork, and investment from both players and families—but also offers an exciting opportunity for our club to compete and grow at the highest level.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We will continue to communicate updates as details are confirmed.

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Thank you for supporting Bend FC and for helping us make history in our first GA Aspire season! Visit our GA Aspire Webpage!