

# **Bend FC RED Team – Frequently Asked Questions**

## **What is the Bend FC RED team?**

The RED team is typically the fourth team within each age group in the Bend FC Competitive Academy.

## **Is the RED team a recreational team?**

No. The RED team is a competitive team within Bend FC's Competitive Academy structure.

## **Does the RED team have professional coaching?**

Yes. RED teams are coached by paid Bend FC staff coaches who provide structured training sessions and match coaching throughout the year.

## **How does the RED team compare to the White team?**

Developmentally, the RED and White teams are often very similar. In some cases, after tryouts and roster evaluations, Bend FC may combine the White and RED teams to best support player development and roster balance.

## **Can players move between teams?**

Yes. Player development is ongoing, and movement between teams can happen as players grow, improve, and develop over time.

## **What type of player is the Competitive Academy designed for?**

The Competitive Academy is intended for skilled and motivated players who desire an increased level of competition and are committed to playing soccer year-round.

## **What factors are considered during team placement?**

Team placement is based on a combination of:

- Current ability
- Long-term developmental potential
- Commitment and attitude
- Creating the best developmental environment for each player

## **Will RED team players still receive meaningful development opportunities?**

Absolutely. RED team players receive professional coaching, competitive matches, and a structured environment focused on technical, tactical, physical, and mental development.

## **Is there a pathway for growth within Bend FC?**

Yes. Bend FC believes strongly in long-term player development. Players can make significant progress from year to year, and every team within the Competitive Academy plays an important role in that pathway.

## **Why might teams be combined after tryouts?**

In some age groups, combining the White and RED teams allows Bend FC to create stronger training environments, improve roster balance, and better support overall player development.