

Tryout FAQs

Placer United 2026-27 Season Tryouts



Please read the information below for answers to common tryout questions.

Attendance & Scheduling

Q: Does my child have to attend all days of the assigned tryouts?

A: Yes. We strongly recommend attending every session. Coaches need to see a player as many times as possible to accurately assess their skills, consistency, and fit within a team dynamic.

Q: What if we cannot make the assigned tryout time?

A: Tryouts are the primary way coaches evaluate players. If you absolutely cannot attend due to being out of town, moving to the area, or illness, please contact the coaching staff immediately to discuss your options.

Age Group Policy & "Playing Up"

Q: Can my child tryout with a different age group if they want to be assessed at a higher level?

A: All players MUST tryout with their assigned age group based on the new school-year calendar. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Q: Is there any possibility of my child "playing up" in a different age group?

A: During the tryout process, our coaching staff will assess every player. If the staff determines a player's development warrants it, they may be offered the opportunity to move up an age group. These situations are handled strictly on a case-by-case basis. When registering, you may indicate an interest in "playing up." However, please note that Placer United typically only allows players to move up if they are evaluated to be among the top players in the older age group's talent pool and it fits the player for their current age and stage of development.

Coaching & Registration

Q: When will the coaching slate be announced?

A: The coaching slate is typically announced 3–4 weeks before tryouts. Once you register, you will be automatically added to our email list to receive all updates, including the official coaching announcements for the upcoming season.

Q: My child already plays for Placer United; do they still need to try out?

A: Yes. All players—returning and new—must be evaluated each season to ensure they are placed in the environment best suited for their current age and stage of development.

The Selection Process

Q: What does the selection process look like?

A: Coaches work diligently throughout tryout week to make roster determinations. Players who attend multiple days will be contacted during that week to be notified whether they are placed on a team. We ask for your patience as our staff carefully works through these important decisions.

Tryout Day Logistics

Q: What does the check-in process look like?

A: Tryouts will be held at the Placer Valley Sports Complex. Please follow the posted signage to the check-in table assigned to your player's age group.

- **Check-in:** Provide the staff with the player's first name, last name, and age group.
- **Assignment:** Your child will receive a tryout number and be directed to their assigned field.
- **Parents:** You are more than welcome to watch from the sidelines! However, for the safety and focus of the players, parents are **NOT ALLOWED** on the fields at any time.

Q: What should my child wear and bring to tryouts?

A: To help our coaches easily identify players, please have your child wear a white or neutral-colored top; we'll be providing numbered tryout pinnies for everyone to wear. Aside from that, they'll just need turf-appropriate cleats, and a soccer ball clearly labeled with their name. We also have water bottle refill stations available on-site to keep everyone hydrated.

