

Carrera Soccer Club

June 2008

Columbia, MO

Since 1994, all **Carrera** teams have shared the same objectives:

Provide quality competition to challenge players and coaches to be the best.
Provide coaching/training to enable players to develop competitive-level skills.
Provide a positive environment for the learning process and opportunities for players to succeed.

Carrera teams have established a winning tradition with **114 Championships, 130** Finalists and Semi-Finalists., including State Championship Cup finalists in 1998 and 2000 (**Carrera U-17**). More than 50 Carrera players have continued their soccer careers at all levels of collegiate soccer. (NAIA, NCAA I, II and III).

Cost:

U09 through U10 \$200 for each season (fall and spring).
U11 through U12 \$225 for each season (fall and spring).
U13 through U14 \$250 for each season (fall and spring)
U15 through U19 \$275 for fall season only.

These funds are used for player registration (MYSA), league fees, tournament fees, uniforms, team training, equipment, and fees associated with coaches licensing, clinics and expenses. The club will work with any player to resolve any problems with club fees. Scholarships are available.

Leagues: **Carrera** teams play in a variety of leagues. The more competitive teams in the upper age groups may play in St. Louis or Kansas City. The younger and developmental teams play in the Central Missouri Soccer League. "Friendly" matches are scheduled throughout the season with teams from other leagues around the state.

Tournaments: **Carrera** teams will play 2-4 tournaments in the fall and again in the spring. Locations and dates are determined based upon player availability and with the parents' pocketbook in mind. **Carrera** high school age teams focus on tournaments which provide exposure to college coaches.

Tryouts: Open tryouts are held each year to fill positions on each team. **We look for players with athletic ability, character, skill and commitment.** Not everyone that attends tryouts will make a team. And there is player movement between teams each year.

General: There will be at least 2 practices each week about 1 ½ to 2 hours each. Players **must** spend time outside of the practices working on their skills and conditioning. Lack of practice attendance may affect playing time. Separate goalkeeper training sessions are scheduled throughout the fall and spring seasons.

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Uniforms provided: 2 Jerseys, Shorts and Bag, and remain property of Carrera. A \$50 deposit check is held until the uniform is returned.

Support from parents/guardians/adults is crucial for success. Support your child and her team in a positive manner. Resist the temptation to coach your child or criticize officials, players and coaches. Positive support of the players and club is commitment from the parents/guardians. Players, parents and coaches must respect and encourage each other. Criticism or complaints directed toward other players, teams, officials, coaches or parents will not be tolerated.

Because Carrera is a volunteer organization, your help and assistance is appreciated. Please volunteer your time and expertise. There are many tasks that are required to keep the club going, from workdays at the practice field to uniform inventory.

Teams: When there is one team in an age group, the intention is to select the strongest players available at that point in time in that age group. This is not an exact science, especially at the younger age groups as players change and improve at different times.

When there are two teams in an age group, one team would normally be made up of most of the stronger players and the second team would be considered more developmental in nature. Once again, much more difficult in younger age groups due to friendships, family and other non-soccer issues that may affect team placement.

Two teams in one age group would normally practice together in order to promote consistent training and to build a "player pool" in that age group.

Playing up. A common question AND a common occurrence. This is normally done because a player has the skill/ability to play at an upper level. There may be other reasons as well. Often, players are asked to play with an older team as a "guest player".

WHY PLAY CARRERA?

- 1) All we do is Girls Competitive Soccer...and we do it well!
- 2) We promote a positive environment geared toward player development.
- 3) We host our own All-Girls Tournament.
- 4) No Fundraising. All funds generated by club fees and sponsorships are invested directly back into the program to benefit the players by paying for league/tournament fees, uniforms, equipment, fields and player and coaching development.