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# **Junior Development League Parent Meeting**

**February 23, 2019**



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# Introductions

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## Introduction – who we are

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LA Galaxy OC is the newest and final alliance club of MLS's most successful franchise, the LA Galaxy.

As a member of the alliance program, LA Galaxy Orange County operate programs for players aged 3 through 19 and deliver expert coaching & player development models, while providing clear pathways to the highest level of soccer.

The aim behind our program has always been to **increase the participation** and, importantly, the **development of young children and coaches** within this exciting sport.



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# Introduction – Vision and Mission:

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## LA Galaxy Orange County Vision:

To be a Champion for Orange County.

## LA Galaxy Orange County Mission:

LA Galaxy Orange County is dedicated to developing players within the team environment, furthering the sport of soccer, providing members with the best possible experience and enriching our community. We value our families whose passion is the heart and soul of the club.

***We value our players*** and are committed to nurturing talent throughout our organization.

***We value our families*** and collaborate with openness and trust to deliver memorable experiences.

***We value our community*** by embracing our responsibility to create a positive impact through the sport of soccer.



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# Introduction – Core Values:

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## LA Galaxy Orange County Core Values:

- ***Be the Best:*** We pursue excellence in everything we do.
- ***Respect All:*** We celebrate mutual respect, recognize everyone's contributions and are proud to represent the Orange County community
- ***Advance the Game:*** We innovate, we think big and we take chances.
- ***Nurturing People:*** We use soccer as a platform to make our community a better place.
- ***Do what you say:*** Operate with integrity



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# Junior Development League:

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## What the JDL is

- Designed as a fun instruction-based soccer league for 4 to 14-year-old boys and girls.
- Combine learning in a fun and positive environment, and the excitement of league play through small-sided games.

## Why it exists

- Provides children with the foundation to enjoy the game of soccer for many years to come through our volunteer coaches and by playing in a fun-filled environment which encourages learning
- Provides our players with opportunities to develop in line with the professional standards and requirements of an MLS club partnership with LA Galaxy
- Provides highest levels of soccer through our clear Player Pathway



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**LA GALAXY**  
LA GALAXY PROFESSIONAL TEAM  
LA GALAXY II

**ADULT  
COMPETITIVE**

**ADULT COMPETITIVE**  
UWS WOMEN'S TEAM  
UPSL MEN'S TEAM

**PREMIER**

**PREMIER**  
LA GALAXY US DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY  
LA GALAXY DEVELOPMENT PLAYER LEAGUE (DPL)  
LAGOC PREMIER PROGRAM (U12-U19)

**COMPETITIVE**

**COMPETITIVE**  
LAGOC CLUB TEAMS (U8-U19)

**ELITE RECREATIONAL**

**ELITE RECREATIONAL**  
PRE CLUB ACADEMY  
ELITE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE / ALL STARS

**RECREATIONAL**

**RECREATIONAL**  
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
SIGNATURE LEAGUE  
SOCCER SHOTS (U5 PROGRAM)

# Junior Development League - Player Pathway:



## Standards and operation – Parents Role: ORANGE COUNTY

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**Kids play for different reasons...fun, development, friendship so it's important to understand that the following skills are important:**

- Working together towards a common goal
- Dealing with victory **and** defeat
- Accepting and obeying laws of the game
- Sportsmanship and individual development as well as team success

### **Equipment needed:**

- Shinguards
- Appropriate sized soccer ball
- Soccer cleats
- Water





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# Standards and operation – Game Day:

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## Games will:

- Be played each Saturday between 8:45am and 4:30pm
- Be played at a designated field listed on game schedule
- Will have a field tent that will display the game schedules, field map and rules
- Be played in divisions separated based on birth year with teams playing in JDL gaming circuit all season
- Have teams set up on opposite sides of the field with each team being provided a tent and bench

## Scores will:

- Be reported after each game and posted through our SportsEngine website.
- Be only reported 1-0 for the winning teams for the 2011-2013 divisions any
- Be reported only a 3 goal margin to minimize any blowouts
- Be reported to create even and competitive brackets for the end of season play off tournament, however

***Importance of development rather than winning at all costs.***

Year	Offside	Players	Max Roster	Duration	GK's	Punt	BOL	Heading	Field	Ref	Offside	Throw Ins	Corner	Ball	Free Kicks
2013 6U	No	4 v 4	7	4 x 10 mins	No	No	No	No	30 x 20	Club	No	No (Pass in)	No	3	Indirect
2012/2011 7U, 8U	No	6 v 6	9	4 x 10 mins	Yes	No	Yes (cones)	No	45 x 30	LBYSA	No	Yes	Yes	3	Indirect
2010/2009 9U, 10U	No	7 v 7	10	2 x 25 mins	Yes	No	Yes (cones)	No	60 x 40	LBYSA	No	Yes	Yes	4	Indirect
2008/2007 11U, 12U	Yes	9 v 9	12	2 x 25 mins	Yes	Yes	No	No	80 x 50	LBYSA	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Normal
2006/20051 3U, 14U	Yes	11 v 11 (May be 9v9 for Spring)	14	2 x 30 mins	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Normal	LBYSA	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	Normal

## Standards and operation – Format of Play:



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## Standards and operation – Game Day Rules:

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### 6U Rules and Bylaws:

Games will be played with FIFA laws with the following bylaws:

- 1) Only players registered & assigned to the team may play. No guest players permitted.
- 2) Coaches are not permitted on the field of play during games. Unless beckoned by the referee to treat an injured player .
- 3) Teams must be on opposite sides of the field. The home team will have the first choice of sides. Spectators must stay at their team's side, no one allowed behind or around the goals.
- 4) The home team must provide the game balls, and will have the choice of which side to attack. The away team will start the first kickoff .
- 5) Substitutions can be made at any game stoppage with a prior referee permission.
- 6) Players must wear soccer cleats, No football or baseball cleats allowed. Shin-guards are mandatory .
- 7) Heading is not permitted. Any heading will result in an indirect free kick.
- 8) Soccer ball size - 3 **Bownet Lite ball** shall be used (provided).
- 9) Equal playing time rule - All squad members must receive equal playing time with at least 50% per player for each game.
- 10) All positions rule - All squad members must be given regular experience playing in all positions..
- 11) Equal numbers rule - If a team has too few players, the other must lend them willing subs or withdraw players to make numbers even.



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## Standards and operation – Game Day Rules:

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### 6U Rules and Bylaws:

Games will be played with FIFA laws with the following bylaws:

- 12) Referees, who are likely to be youth referees, are not to coach the players, they may overlook incidental handballs for the sake of the game-flow and fun for the kids.
- 13) The referee decisions are final. The referee may report the scores to the field coordinator **but** there are no standings at this age. Coaches are required to keep the score close and no more than a 4-goal differential.
- 14) The format of play shall be in accordance with the LA Galaxy OC Format of Play table. In extreme weather, games may be shortened at LA Galaxy OC or assigned referees discretion.
- 15) The game will be played at a small sided field with no offside
- 16) Game duration = 4 x 10 minutes periods with 2 minutes break in between and teams changing direction at half time.
- 17) All Free-Kicks are indirect, no penalty kicks. Opponents must be 6 yards away from the ball
- 18) Small goals, NO Goalkeepers. Teams are not permitted to have a player permanently positioned in front of defending goal
- 19) Throw ins are replaced by “pass ins”. A pass in is not to be a kick at goal, it is to get the ball back into play, on the ground, and should be to retain possession.



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## Standards and operation – Game Day Rules:

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### 7U,8U,9U,10U,11U, 12U Rules and Bylaws:

Games will be played with FIFA laws with the following bylaws:

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- 2) Coaches are not permitted on the field of play during games. Unless beckoned by the referee to treat an injured player..
- 3) Teams must be on opposite sides of the field. The home team will have the first choice of sides. Spectators must stay at their team's side, no one allowed behind or around the goals.
- 4) The home team must provide the game balls, and will have the choice of which side to attack. The away team will start the first kickoff.
- 5) Substitutions can be made at any game stoppage with a prior referee permission.
- 6) Players must wear soccer cleats, No football or baseball cleats allowed. Shin-guards are mandatory.
- 7) Heading is not permitted. Any heading will result in an indirect free kick.
- 8) Soccer ball size - 4 **Bownet Lite ball** shall be used (provided). The 2011 and 2012 division will use a size 3 ball.
- 9) Equal playing time rule - All squad members must receive equal playing time with at least 50% per player for each game.
- 10) All positions rule - All squad members must be given regular experience playing in all positions ( including goalkeeper as applicable to those who wish to).



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  - 13) The referee decisions are final. The referee will report the scores to the field coordinator and the coach should check for a correct score, prior to leaving the field. Coaches are encouraged to keep the score close and no more than a 4-goal differential.
  - 14) The format of play shall be in accordance with the LA Galaxy OC Format of Play table.
  - 15) The Penalty area =10 yards from corner flag along sideline and across the width of the field and will be marked by discs. Goal-Kicks will be taken 5 yards from the goal line. Any infringement directly in front of the goal within the penalty area will result in a direct penalty kick. The penalty kick mark is 10 yards from the goal line
  - 16) All Free-Kicks are indirect. Opponents must be 8 yards away from the ball.
  - 17) Build out line will apply in divisions 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U– see additional instructions
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- In case of very hot weather, 9U - 12U games may be played with 4x12 minutes periods with 2 minutes breaks at LA Galaxy OC or assigned referees discretion.



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## Standards and operation – Game Day Rules:

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### 13U and 14U Rules and Bylaws:

Games will be played with FIFA laws with the following bylaws:

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- 2) Coaches are not permitted on the field of play during games. Unless beckoned by the referee to treat an injured player .
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- 4) The home team must provide the game balls, and will have the choice of which side to attack. The away team will start the first kickoff .
- 5) Substitutions can be made at any game stoppage with a prior referee permission
- 6) Players must wear soccer cleats, No football or baseball cleats allowed. Shin-guards are a must .
- 7) Soccer ball size - 5 **Bownet Lite ball** shall be used (provided).
- 8) Equal playing time rule - All squad members must receive equal playing time with at least 50% per player for each game.
- 9) All positions rule - All squad members must be given regular experience playing in all positions, including goalkeeper.
- 10) Equal numbers rule - If a team has too few players, the other must lend them willing subs or withdraw players to make numbers even.



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  - Coaches are encouraged to keep the score close and no more than a 4 goal differential.
  - 13) The format of play shall be in accordance with the LA Galaxy OC Format of Play table.
  - 14) The game will be played at a normal size field with a marked penalty area
  - 15) 11 v 11 field players with a maximum of 14 players on the roster. A minimum of 7 players to start the game, a team with less than 7 players can forfeit the game and play a friendly .
  - 16) Offside rule will apply
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- \*\*\* In case of very hot weather, the game may be played with 4x15 minutes periods with 2 minutes breaks or shortened at LA Galaxy OC or assigned referees discretion.





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# 2019 JDL Key Dates:

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## Practices

- March 11<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>
- All practices held once a week between Monday-Thursday at Northwood Park

## Games

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> is opening weekend
- May 18<sup>th</sup> is tournament weekend
- Game fields include Northwood Park, Oak Creek Park and Orchard Park

## Picture Days

- April 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Photos taken 30 minutes prior to game time
- Each player receives a 4x6 which will be distributed at the tournament
- Bring completed form (website) for additional photos



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## Standards and operation – Uniforms:

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- All uniforms will be distributed by your coach at your first practice. Players will receive a jersey, shorts and socks.
- We will be holding a **Uniform Exchange Day on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6pm to 8pm at the LAGOC Office. At this event, we can exchange any uniform items that do not fit.
- Office address: 12 Mauchly, Building P, Irvine, CA 92602



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## Standards and operation – Referees:

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### Improvements and meetings

- **NEW!** We have been working hard to improve referee standards across the board. It was one of our areas of improvement from previous season, so we actioned this by collaborating with a new Referee Association - NOCRA.

### How it works

- Each game will have one referee, apart from the 11 a side, where we employ a two man system. All games U7+ will be officiated by a qualified referee from NOCRA.
- All 4v4 (2013) games will be officiated by one of our youth club players.



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# Standards and operation – Referees:

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## Zero tolerance – youth referees, code of conduct

- Youth referees are vital (U6 level)
- Grow the game at grassroots
- Create opportunities and experiences for club players to grow

## Reporting – coaches

- We have introduced a reporting system for any coach who feels the standard of a particular referee needs improving. All reports will be reviewed and then followed up with the referee organization.



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## 2019 Spring JDL Key Dates – Pro Skills:

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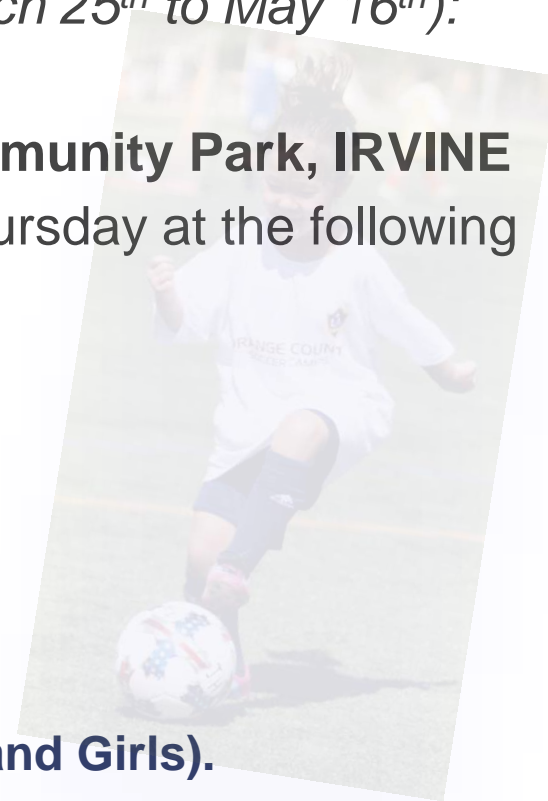
*Pro Skills 2019 Spring schedule (will run from March 25<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>):*

**\*\* FREE \*\* Pro Skills Program @ Northwood Community Park, IRVINE**

The Pro Skills Clinic will be held Monday through Thursday at the following time slots:

- 4:30-5:30pm (2012-2013 birthdates)
- 5:30-6:30pm (2009-2011 birthdates)
- 6:30-7:30pm (2005-2008 birthdates)

**Sessions are open to every recreational player (Boys and Girls).  
Must sign up prior to attending each session.**





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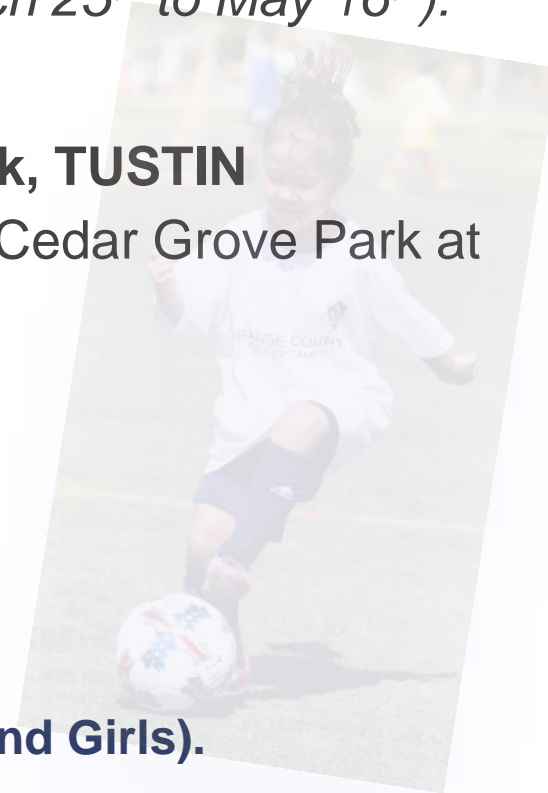
**\*\* FREE \*\* Pro Skills Program @ Cedar Grove Park, TUSTIN**

The Pro Skills Clinic will also be held on Mondays at Cedar Grove Park at the following time slots:

- 4:30-5:30pm (2012-2013 birthdates)
- 5:30-6:30pm (2009-2011 birthdates)
- 6:30-7:30pm (2005-2008 birthdates)

**Sessions are open to every recreational player (Boys and Girls).**

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# 2019 Spring JDL Volunteer Opportunities:

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## Volunteer Opportunities

- \* **Uniform Volunteers** – organize, distribute, and help with exchange night
- \* **Field Volunteers** – help with field Set Up and Breakdown each Saturday
- **Team Parent** – assist head coach with team organization tasks. If interested, contact your head coach.
- **Head Coach** – train team at practices and coach at games. If interested contact Albert.
- **Assistant Coach** – assist head coach with coaching tasks. If interested, contact Albert.
  - Boys team coaches needed for divisions:
    - 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007/2008

**\* Signup link will be shared with volunteers to select slot(s).**



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## LA Galaxy Tickets:

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- Discounted tickets for all families
- Click link on website homepage



- Use password: lagtickets@2019





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## Additional Programs:

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### Camps & Clinics

- Spring, Summer, Thanksgiving, Winter

### Schools Enrichment Programs

- “Free” for any school for LAGOC to come in and conduct a day of PE sessions!

### Center of Excellence

- Summer and Winter sessions by invitation only

### Soccer Shots

- Official provider of LAGOC soccer programming for ages 2-4
- Official partner of US Youth Soccer!
- 10% discount. Code: GALAXY

Please visit [www.lagalaxyoc.com](http://www.lagalaxyoc.com) for more information.





**Welcome to the family!**