

PENN ALLIANCE SELECT

2018-19 Program Overview

Penn Alliance Select (PAS) is a joint travel soccer program established by **Hunter Soccer Club (HSC)** and **Upper Dublin Soccer Club (UDSC)**. PAS teams are comprised of exceptionally committed and talented soccer players from UDSC, HSC, and other nearby youth soccer clubs. The PAS program fields year-round teams for girls and boys at ages U14-U19.

PAS differs from our conventional travel soccer programs because it is specifically designed to develop **High-School Varsity players (PAS encourages our athletes to play for their respective High Schools)** as well as to provide **aspiring college-bound soccer players** the opportunity for exposure to college recruiters via **College Showcase Tournaments** and **elite leagues**. For the first time, players at our two clubs and from those nearby have the option of a **locally based** academy soccer experience.

For 2018-19, PAS will be fielding teams at:

U14 Boys, U14 Girls * U15 Boys *** U16 Boys, U16 Girls *** U18 Boys, U18 Girls *** U19 Girls**

What can my child expect if they play on a PAS team?

- Playing on a PAS team requires a considerable commitment from the player as well as the family. Players join the PAS program to position themselves as four-year high school varsity players. Additionally, many PAS players are considering playing college soccer at all levels. PAS connects players to college coaches/programs, not only through showcase tournaments, but also through facilitating direct contact.
- PAS teams include professional coaches from our partners at **YTP Sports** and **Futbol 24**. Teams will have a parent team manager to help with administration.
- PAS teams train and play year-round in high level league competitions such as the Eastern Development Program (EDP) as well as college showcase tournaments.
- PAS teams are designated as either “Elite” or “Premier”, depending on their competitive level;
 - “Elite” designation is for teams that place in upper level EDP Divisions and participate in highly ranked college showcase tournaments both locally and around the country.
 - “Premier” designation is for teams that place in EDP Divisions Premier or Championship and play in college showcase tournaments that are mainly in the Mid-Atlantic region.
- In age groups where there is a single team, we will accept up to 26 qualified players (maximum roster size permitted by US Club Soccer).
- Two teams will form in an age group if there is a minimum of 34 qualified players (17 per team).
- When there are two teams in the same age group, these teams will be organized based on player talent level. Typically, one team will be designated “Elite” and the other will be designated “Premier”. Elite and Premier teams will train together in an academy style format and also share players in league and tournament competitions.

How much does it cost?

- All-in annual costs are approximately \$2,300 per player for Premier Teams and \$3,000 per player for Elite Teams.
- Players who accept a roster spot on a PAS team pay an upfront \$350 annual registration fee and the remaining fees such as for uniforms, training, and tournament costs are paid over the course of the year- typically in set monthly or quarterly installments.

When are tryouts?

- Tryouts will take place in late March and/or April. Dates/Times/Locations will be posted on the HSC, UDSC, and PAS websites.
- Players must register for their tryout. There is a \$25 participation fee.
- Any player who does not earn a roster spot on a PAS team may still try out for a HSC or UDSC travel team.

ANY QUESTIONS – Contact Fifi Bertl at pennallianceselect@gmail.com. **Many thanks for your interest in PAS!!**