Born in 2006 Boys – Cruz Azul Teams Information Sheet 2017-2018

Welcome to the Thunder Soccer Club (TSC) Travel Team Annual Tryouts. Here is key information regarding the team for which your child is trying out. It includes general team information as well as financial and logistical commitments associated with being part of this team in the TSC Travel Program.

About the tryouts: Thunder SC's goal is to select the most talented players onto the highest-ranking team and then to fill each succeeding team thereafter. Players are selected based on a combination of individual technical ability, individual and group tactical abilities, athleticism, speed, agility, attitude, attendance, commitment, dedication and 'coachability'

Team Name: **Thunder SC Cruz Azul** Level: **Premier**

- There are expected to be 2 teams in this age group.
- This team plays in the following Competitive Leagues: NCSL

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Coaching Licenses and Education:	**Coaching Experience:**	**Playing Experience:**
• USSF "E" License • Bachelor's in History and Education - Centenary University, 2015	• 2014-15- Marriotts Ridge HS Varsity Boys Assistant • 2015 – Present Marriotts Ridge HS Varsity Boys Head Coach	• 2000-2011- Freedom Soccer Club • 2008-2010- Maryland Olympic Development Program 93's • 2008-2011- Liberty High School • 2011-2014- Centenary University.

Our Coaching Philosophy:

For players at any level of experience, we focus on developing technical skills. Without good skills in soccer, it is very difficult to organize and execute tactical play. Creating a fun and positive atmosphere is our primary goal. As for the players, we look for those that work hard and are willing to take chances. Players must be positive, patient, loyal to the team, and care more about the team performance than the individual performance.

Required commitments for being on this team:

- The team will participate in NCSL, and will strive for the highest level of competition. The focus will be to develop the players and the team to reach their full potential. In order to achieve those goals, attendance at practice, games, and tournaments is mandatory.
- Playing time on the team is earned based on practice and game performances, as well as dictated by the flow of play and opposition in any particular game.
- Training will be set up to allow players to develop individually in a group environment. Coaches Draganov and Khouri expect players to work hard, enjoy coming to practice, and to spend time on their own outside of practices/games, watching pro level or college games in order to improve their soccer game.

Year - round schedule: Tournaments, Practices & Events:

Summer: July 11th – August 14th 2017	**Fall: August 15th – November 15th 2017**
- July 15 – August 15: Two practices per week - July 17 – 21: Team Camp hosted by Draganov School of Soccer at Howard CC - Tournaments: • August 12-13 Thunder SC Invitational Friendlies	- August 15th – November 15th: Two practices per week - Clubwide Trainings – 8 sessions - League: NCSL - Tournaments: • Rush for the Cup – Labor Day (September 2-4) • Columbia – Columbus Day (October 7-9)
Winter: January 4th – February 28th 2018	**Spring: March 1st – June 15th 2018**
- Two Indoor Foot Skills Trainings - Indoor League	- March 1st – June 15th 2016: Two practices per week - Clubwide Trainings – 8 sessions - League: NCSL - Tournaments: • Alexandria Soccer Kick-Off (ASK), VA • Columbia Invitational, Memorial Day

All players and parents should be aware of the commitment required for this team:

This team is a year-round team and will train two times a week as well as participate in additional technical training sessions and play games on the weekend (spring/fall). It will also require various winter and summer training commitments. The number of practices and the requirement for attendance at practices and games will necessitate a very high degree of dedication on the part of all team players and their parents.

- If your child is selected and you cannot make such a commitment, please do not accept a spot on the team. One of the other teams should be able to match your ability level and commitment.
- If you are accepted on the team and cannot maintain your commitments to the team, the coach will limit your playing time to represent your level of commitment in all areas.
- A team may release a player from the team roster for failure to meet financial obligations, and will not process a transfer of a player from one club/team to another during the seasonal year if that player is not current on his or her financial obligations.

- **Parental Involvement:**
  - Parental support is integral to the success of any team. Parents should provide a positive and supportive atmosphere for the players, other spectators, coaches, and referees. Coaching on the sidelines is not allowed.

2017-2018 Thunder SC Travel Soccer Program Fees:
Club Fee:

Total	Upon Acceptance	8/1	9/1	10/1	11/1	2/1
$1800	**$300**	**$300**	**$300**	**$300**	**$300**	**$300**

What's included in the fees?

• Coaching Fees • Club and Players State Affiliation (MSYSA*) • Clubwide Training (players and goalkeepers) • League Fees(only one per season) • Referee Fees • Insurance	• Background Checks • Coaching Licenses ("E" & "D") • Coach Education/Training • Parent Education • Online Registration • Game Field – permit • Fields maintenance • Equipment (goals, flags, etc.)	• Game Ball • Practice shirts • First Aid Kits • DOC & Administrative Support • Operating Expenses • Website hosting • domain name costs • Marketing

Team Fee:

Total	7/15 1st payment	9/30 2nd payment	1/15 3rd payment	2/31 4th payment
$400	$200	$100	$100	-

• Tournaments	• Coach travel expenses (mileages/hotel)
• Team admin expenses	• Team equipment

The uniforms are not included in the club or team fee

Club Fees can be paid via credit card, cash or check. Club Fees can be paid in full on July 1st or via installment plan.

The team is allowed to run fundraising events or find sponsors in order to reduce the fees.

The club recognizes that the players' and coaches' commitment to TSC and to each other is for the soccer year, which is July 2017-June 2018. Refunds are not issued to players who leave during the soccer seasonal year. If your player decides to leave the team during the soccer year for any reason he is still responsible for any monies owed to the team and/or club.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Applications are due by June 1, 2017 for existing players and no later than June 15th, 2017 for new players. In order to be considered for Financial Aid for next year (2017-2018), you must submit a Financial Aid Application by the appropriate date. Any Application postmarked after June 15th, 2017 will not be processed with the initial applications and is unlikely to receive any financial aid.

Team Meeting Information

TSC Cruz Azul will hold a mandatory meeting for the parents of players offered a spot on the team. This meeting will occur shortly after tryouts (1-2 weeks). We will be discussing team expectations, plans and answering any questions. If you have questions about this team that have not been answered here, please feel free to contact the team coach. If you have general questions regarding the Thunder SC Travel program please contact Stefan Draganov, Director of Coaching at Thunder SC.

We thank you for your interest in the Thunder SC Travel Program and trust that you will have a very enjoyable experience at our tryouts. Thank you for your attendance and please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.