



2007 SUPER Y LEAGUE FAQ

What is the Super Y League?

The future of elite soccer lives in the United Soccer League's Super Y League (SYL), a professionalized system that is the first step for developing elite youth soccer players in North America. Affiliated with United States Soccer Federation and partnered with US Club Soccer, the league is designed for talented youth players destined for collegiate, professional or international careers. The league contains the youth academies of Major League Soccer (Pro) clubs, USL First Division (Pro), USL Second Division (Pro), Premier Development League (Semi-Pro), W-League (Pro), as well as many of the North America's premier youth clubs. Through Olympic Development Program status events such as the North American Finals and National ODP Camps, the nation's top players are identified for selection to US National Team Programs. SYL league players are eligible to be selected to participate in the SYL National ODP Camp. Selection to the SYL National ODP Camp is based on player performance in Division as nomination by the league coaches and scouts. To be the best players must play with and against the best. SYL is simply the best youth soccer in North America.

How many Super Y League clubs are in Colorado?

There are currently only three clubs in Colorado creating Super Y League teams, the Boulder County Force, Colorado Rapids and Colorado Rush. There are no geographic restrictions on which SYL tryout players attend.

Where are the games played?

The Colorado Super Y clubs are members of the Rocky Mountain Division, which includes Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Missouri. The following clubs are members of the Super Y Rocky Mountain Division: **Boulder County Force** (Colorado), **Real Salt Lake** (Utah), **Colorado Rapids** (Colorado), **Colorado Rush** (Colorado), **Kansas City Wizards** (Missouri). Games in Colorado will likely be at Dick's Sporting Goods Park (Denver) or Pleasant View Soccer Complex (Boulder).

What ages will play in the Rocky Mountain Division for 2007?

Boys U16 and U17. Players may play up.

What about girls' teams and other age groups?

The Rocky Mountain Division plans to expand in 2008. Eventually the Division will offer Girls and Boys teams, U13-U20. The key to a successful SYL Division is to have strategic growth.

When does the league play games?

There will be 3-4 events consisting of 8-10 games during the summer months of June, July, and August. Depending on facility availability, these events will be selected from the participating clubs. The SYL events are not "tournaments". The focus is on **quality** not quantity of games. Teams play one game a day.

Can I play for a BC Force Super Y Team and my club team?

YES. Since Super Y is a sanctioned ODP program, playing for one of our Super Y teams does not affect your status with your club team. In other words, you can be rostered on a competitive team other than BC Force and play Super Y with BC Force simultaneously.

Do I need a release from my competitive team to play Super Y?

No. Obviously, it is always a good idea to be open with your coaches so they know you are playing Super Y with BC Force. However, it is not required to get a temporary or permanent release from your coach or club. At the same time, your current coach cannot forbid you from playing Super Y with BC Force.

I play U15 for my club team. Can I play U16 or U17 for the BC Force Super Y team?

Yes. Players may play up and are encouraged to play at their highest level. Players may be moved up during the season or even just before a game. A true U15 could play in U16 game and a U17 game in the same day.

I already play for the BC Force. Do I automatically make the BC Force Super Y team?

No. Interested BC Force players need to Hardy Kalisher (303) 250-8343 / hardy.kalisher@bcforce.com or John Welsch (303) 443-8877 or john.welsch@bcforce.com to discuss their participation on the SYL team.

I play of the BC Force Red team. Do I have to play for the BC Force Super Y team?

No. However, if you goals are to play at the highest levels of soccer, then you should consider the BC Force Super Y team. Players that play at elite levels during the summer months generally improve.

I cannot commit to all the Super Y events during the summer. Can I still participate in the Super Y team?

Yes. The Super Y teams are 26 player pools with a maximum of 18 players eligible for each game. The large player pools allows for flexibility.

I don't play on my club's top team. Would I be considered for the Super Y team?

Yes. 26 players are selected for each team. Players train during the summer months. Playing time is based on talent, performance, and player availability. Even if a player did not make the game day 18-player roster for any of the Super Y events, making the 26-team pool is a great opportunity for players to train with Colorado's top youth soccer players. Training with the best will help you become a better player.

Are the fees different for players who make the 26 player team roster but do not make the game day 18 player roster?

No. This is not a "you pay, you play" league. The player registration fee is the same for all players on the team. It is up to the coach to select the 18 game day players before each game. Playing time is not guaranteed. This "next level" environment helps develop and bring out the best of each Super Y player at training sessions and game events. Players tryout to make the 26 player roster, then they compete to make the 18 player game day roster, then they compete for playing time. Every effort is made to minimize the player fees for the BC Force Super Y team.

How is the Super Y ODP program different than the CSYSA ODP?

First, the goal of both ODP programs is to provide additional opportunities to train, compete and be evaluated for regional and national team opportunities. The basic difference is that the State run ODP programs evaluates players during training sessions with dozens of other players. Whereas, the Super Y ODP program picks their regional team based on a player's performance during their Super Y League schedule. See the Super Y ODP selection process form for more information.

When is the Super Y League season?

The inaugural season of the Rocky Mountain Division will be played with 3-4 weekend events between early June through mid-August. The National Finals are mid November (after the fall Colorado high school season concludes). The first game for the 2007 Season is June 6, 2007.