



February 15, 2026

Dear Members and Prospective Members

Welcome to Barcelona California Soccer Club “BARCA”, our 25th aka Jubilee year as a competitive club. We appreciate your interest in joining our California Non-Profit Corporation doing business as Barcelona California Soccer Club, <http://www.barcelonaca.com>.

Our membership experience includes a keen focus on player development achieved by advanced skill and fitness trainings and clinics, coordinated and appropriate tournament participation and education on the college recruitment process. Player development includes learning to always play the game in a positive manner with utmost respect to everyone and having fun playing the world’s most beautiful game. Barcelona California teams compete in Coast Soccer League (CSL) and in tournaments including club sponsored participation in State Cup competition.

As a 501©3 not-for-profit Entity, we encourage and accept tax deductible donations from the community at large, and use those donations to improve the benefits from the Club to its membership including granting scholarships to qualifying players. We will also continue to accept Volunteer support from within the Club.

This correspondence represents an update of the many developments concerning the Organization and its teams. Barcelona California “BARCA” has a unique philosophy in youth Club Soccer, which is outlined in the accompanying Player/Parent Agreement.

Our organization wants to welcome all returning Members. Our historic success is attributable to your continuing membership and support.

The Upcoming Fall Season and Your Commitment

Our program is designed as a year around program beginning April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, depending on the age group and/or success of the team in state, regional or national competition. The season can be extended based on the success of the team in these season sending tournaments.

The upcoming 2026/27 season officially kicks off with team training sessions which are held at least twice weekly beginning April 2026 and ends on March 31, 2027, unless extended due to State, Regional or National competition. Once accepted to a BARCA team, you will receive a financial policy letter that will explain our policy as regards membership dues and the installment plan available to our members.

To qualify for initial player selection, we require your commitment in the form of a \$900 deposit (which will be applied to your annual dues) and a signed Player/Parent Agreement accompanying this correspondence.

Organized club try-outs are underway, please visit the club website for details. Team try-outs will generally continue beyond these official try-outs and will be held weekly until we have filled all open positions. Team Rosters will be submitted to the Director of Coaching no later than June 1, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the BARCA program, please contact a club representative for more information. Alternatively, you can e-mail representatives for each team by going to our website at www/barcelonasc.com.

Key Dates in the 2026/27 Season:

- Month of March - Club organized try-outs
- Month of April - Sign-up period for new and returning teams
- April 1 - Deadline for first club dues installment
- May 15 - CSL deadline for Club applications (including individual teams).
- June 1 - Second club dues installment due
- Aug 1 - Third and final club dues installment due

Calendar of Barca Soccer Program

- Apr '26 - Mar '27 - Local and regional soccer tournaments as determined by each team
- Apr '26 - Jun '26 - Spring league play and/or scrimmages and tournaments as determined by each team
- July '26 - Two weeks summer vacation
- Sept - Nov '26 - CSL fall season league play
- Nov - Dec '26 - CSL League Cup
- Dec 21 to Jan 4 - Winter vacation (2 weeks Last week Dec and 1st week in Jan)
- Feb '27 - State or National Cup tournament (Age 8 to Age 12)
- Apr '27 - State or National Cup tournament (Age 13 and older)

Home Venue

We are the envy of many competing clubs due to our home venue, A.C. Stelle. Consistent with the prior season, we expect both Saturday and Sunday home games to be played at A.C. Stelle.

Coaches and Teams

Many of you are aware of our fine core of professional coaches, many of whom have been at the Club for many years. Each team will be assigned a professional coach. Please join us in welcoming all our professional coaches to another successful year of BARCA soccer.

Player Fees and Refund Policy

Our player fees are \$2,700 per team member when such fees are paid in full upon registration. A surcharge of \$50 will apply to those who choose the installment option, which will be assessed at \$25 per installment excluding the initial deposit. These fees are exclusive of uniform costs and other individual team expenses such as tournament costs and referee fees, which are paid by team members out of a team fund to be established and controlled by the team manager. As a minimum to be considered for registration an initial sign-up deposit of \$900 is required of all players. Installment fees are outlined in the promissory note for members electing the installment option, which includes a \$25 finance charge applicable with each installment. Fees can be paid either by Venmo or credit card with Venmo being the preferred method. If credit card is used for payment, this can be done via the Venmo app, and Venmo automatically assesses a 3% charge on the amount being paid.

Club Refund Policy – The Club does not refund player fees for ANY reason. You are obligated to pay full club fees in accordance with your registration once you accept to be on a team.

Despite known and expected cost increases, as a not-for-profit enterprise we remain very cost sensitive and will strive to keep the costs contained for our members. However, if costs increase beyond our budget, we reserve the right to increase the player fees by no more than 10% per player for this season.

As discussed earlier in this welcome letter, scholarships are available based on the level of donations received by the Club. The granting of a scholarship to a player in need and with superior talent will be considered on a case-by-case basis and requires a formal application and approval or recommendation from the Coach before such an application is considered. Scholarship requests are available on the Barca website.

In previous seasons there was no rule of thumb for the number of scholarships per team. Scholarships were awarded on a case-by-case basis and considered among other factors, the usual merit conditions for financial assistance as well as the team situation and sponsorship pledges.

Sign-ups

Finally, as noted above, we require a commitment in the form of a \$900 deposit and a signed Player/Parent Agreement for initial player selection. Please take the sign-up dates seriously as in addition to affecting your child's chance to play, it could also impact the decision regarding possibly adding a team, or even the viability of a returning team.

Again, we appreciate your interest in the Club and we hope your membership experience will prove to be both productive and positively memorable!

Sincerely,

Barcelona California Board of Directors