



# Golazzo!

## newsletter

### *Plantation FC Club Philosophy*

*Plantation Football Club is a non-profit organization that provides the opportunity for youth soccer players to experience the game of soccer. Our objective is to develop great soccer players along with great human beings. Players are exposed to the technical, tactical, psychological, and physical demands of the game. In addition they will also experience team-building, sportsmanship, work ethic, and leadership skills that will benefit the players for the remainder of the lives on and off the soccer field.*

### Motivational Quote:

“I worship the dribble. As a child I did nothing but dribble. In the living room, between the furniture and the chairs, in the garden around my dog. I learned all about life with the ball at my feet.”  
-Ronaldinho

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. FYSA Final Four in Auburndale, FL. – u13 Copa boys – May 21-22
2. PFC Summer Camp – [www.plantationeagles.com](http://www.plantationeagles.com)
3. PFC / ESP Summer Conditioning Program – [www.plantationeagles.com](http://www.plantationeagles.com)
4. Barcelona vs. Chivas Guadalajara – August 3, 2011 – Tickets being sold at Soccer Max

PFC 2011-2012 Tryouts – [www.plantationeagles.com](http://www.plantationeagles.com)

## LATEST NEWS

1. 13 Copa boys move onto FYSA Final Four in Auburndale.
  - a. PFC u13 Copa boys have reached the final stage of the FYSA 2011 State Cup competition. State Cup is an event held every year throughout the state of Florida. Many teams from all parts of the state participate in the initial stages and are eliminated through group play. The final stage will take place this upcoming weekend at the new FYSA Soccer Facility in Auburndale. Four teams are left to fight for the state championship. PFC plays the semi-final at 10am on Saturday and if they win, will play the final on Sunday morning at 8am. Good Luck Boys!
2. U14 Copa boys get knocked out in the round of 8
  - a. The u14 Copa boys took their quarter-final game to overtime and lost in the last 30 seconds of the 2<sup>nd</sup> overtime, 2-1. PFC went down 1-0 in the first 15 minutes of play. From that point the game went back and forth and produced some exciting soccer. In the final

minutes of regulation play, PFC was able to draw a penalty kick which let to an equalizer to take the game into overtime.

3. U16 and u17 Copa girls lose in the round of 16 on penalty kicks.
  - a. U16 and U17 Copa Girls were in Auburndale for the round of 16. Both teams ended regulation time and overtime with tie scores and both games were decided on penalty kicks. Both teams came up a little short, however, played a great game.

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## EDUCATION

It's the time of the year when our current season winds down and we begin to plan for the new season. I get several phone calls or emails with questions about the club and what "travel soccer" entails. So here is a brief breakdown with some FAQs.

First of all, the philosophy of the club is to develop soccer players. Our objective is to create a positive learning environment where players learn to play the game of soccer. We offer the game to boys and girls from ages 7-18. At the younger age groups (u9-u12) we take in all players. If a child wants to play, we give them a spot. Why? Because that age range is too young to determine what the end product will be. We take them all and place them according to level within the club. At the u13-u18 age group we begin to become selective with the players we take into the club. We have worked with players of all levels, from recreational players to youth national team players. Our philosophy is to develop soccer players, no matter the level. Our coaching staff is composed of former professional and collegiate soccer players. They are all required to be licensed through our state organization and the U.S. Soccer Federation.

### FAQs

#### 1. Does my child have to be at all the tryouts?

- a. Yes. We prefer that the players attend all tryout sessions, especially in the u13-u18 age groups. We have a little bit more flexibility in the u9-u12s because of our no-cut policy. It's hard to track players if they just show up sporadically. If the players show all the sessions, then its easier to determine the players level of commitment to joining the club.

#### 2. How do we register our child to the club?

- a. Registration will be open at each tryout session. Players will be able to register on site with the club and obtain the city card. We will be registering all players during the tryout weeks.

#### 3. How long is the season?

- a. The players will be training and playing games and tournaments for a 10 month period (August – May). For u9-u14, players will train and play tournaments from Aug. – Oct. From Nov. – Feb., they will play their regular season, train, and tournaments. From Feb. – May, they will play Region Cup or State Cup and train.
- b. For ages u15 - u18, Aug. – Oct will be early season play with training. Nov. – Feb. will be training and tournaments (also break for high school season), and from Feb.- May, training and State Cup.

#### 4. How far do the teams travel?

- a. For regular season play, players will travel within the tri-county area. Tournaments for u13 and up could be throughout the state and occasionally in the southeast U.S. In the u9-u12 ages, we seldom do a tournament outside the tri-county area.

#### 5. How much does it cost to play?

### Annual registration fees:

U9 - \$300, U10 - \$400, U11-U12 - \$600, U13 and up - \$700.

### Available Discounts:

There is a 10% sibling discount

All players accepted into the state ODP pool will receive a 50% discount to offset additional travel costs incurred.

All players accepted into the national ODP pool will receive a 75% discount to offset additional travel costs incurred.

All players in grades 9 - 12 will receive a \$100 good student discount if they earn a 3.5 or higher GPA for the fall semester.

- a. **In addition to the club registration fees, all players must purchase a City of Plantation travel sports card.** The cost is \$30 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. Plantation FC has made arrangements with the city to collect the travel card fee at registration time on behalf of the city. Proof of residency (drivers license or FPL bill) will be required.

#### 6. How many times a week do the teams meet?

- a. The teams train 2x a week with their teammates, and 1x a week with a conditioning coach. In addition, they will have their weekend games. Sometimes they will play 1x a week, sometimes 2x. Depending on schedule.

#### 7. What if my child plays another sport?

- a. As long as there is communication between the family and coach, we can manage this. Especially in the u9-u12 age groups. We don't encourage players to only play one sport in that age range. As they get older, the players themselves will gravitate toward one sport.

#### 8. Who is going to be my child's coach?

- a. At PFC we attempt to hire qualified and professional coaches. Coaches are evaluated and placed according to their strengths. Coaches normally go on a two-year stint with a particular team and then that team moves on to another coach. None of our coaches stay with a team for more than 3 years. We have our staff aligned to make sure our players are obtaining certain techniques and tactics throughout their development. Our staff works together to make this happen. We don't have coaches that are on their own agendas.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact John Ramos at [ramosport@aol.com](mailto:ramosport@aol.com) or 954.448.3571

Enjoy

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