



SALVO SOCCER CLUB

# Salvo 26/27 Season Town Hall

Age Change, Program Structure & Tryouts

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# 2026 Soccer Age Change



- **What's changing (and why)**

- Starting with the 2026-27 season, the three largest youth soccer organizations in the country (US Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer, and AYSO) are shifting back to a seasonal-year age group model. Going forward, age groups will be determined using an August 1 – July 31 cutoff, aligning more closely with the school year and typical grade levels. This change is being implemented by clubs across the country and throughout our region.
- This change aligns with Salvo's community-rooted view of youth soccer, the challenge is this summer's transition.



- **How Salvo is approaching it**

- Like all clubs, we are implementing the new age group structure for the 2026-27 season. However, we recognize that this change creates a meaningful question for families of **children born in August** – specifically, whether they should compete at their newly eligible age level or play up a year to remain with their grade-level schoolmates.
- At Salvo, that **decision belongs to you**. We will give families of August-birthday players the flexibility to determine what is best for their child – whether that means playing at their eligible age level under the new structure or playing up to stay with their school-year peers.
- A few important notes:
  - Players may try out at **one age level only**, so we encourage families to think carefully about which option is the right fit before the tryout process begins. A discussion with your current **coach, lead or director** may also prove helpful for your family.
    - U11+ Girls: Matthew Cross
    - U11+ Boys: Jeff Lindblom
    - U8-U10 Boys & Girls: Arent Hiltermann
    - GKs: Danielle Mendez
  - For **any** circumstances not addressed above, Salvo will work with families individually to determine the best path forward for their young athlete.



<b>Birthday</b>	<b>Grade (2026-27)</b>	<b>Age Group (2026-27)</b>
Born Aug 1, 2020 – Jul 31, 2021	Kindergarten	U6
Born Aug 1, 2019 – Jul 31, 2020	1st Grade	U7
Born Aug 1, 2018 – Jul 31, 2019	2nd Grade	U8
Born Aug 1, 2017 – Jul 31, 2018	3rd Grade	U9
Born Aug 1, 2016 – Jul 31, 2017	4rd Grade	U10
Born Aug 1, 2015 – Jul 31, 2016	5th Grade	U11
Born Aug 1, 2014 – Jul 31, 2015	6th Grade	U12
Born Aug 1, 2013 – Jul 31, 2014	7th Grade	U13
Born Aug 1, 2012 – Jul 31, 2013	8th Grade	U14
Born Aug 1, 2011 – Jul 31, 2012	9th Grade	U15
Born Aug 1, 2010 – Jul 31, 2011	10th Grade	U16
Born Aug 1, 2009 – Jul 31, 2010	11th Grade	U17
Born Aug 1, 2008 – Jul 31, 2009	12th Grade	U18

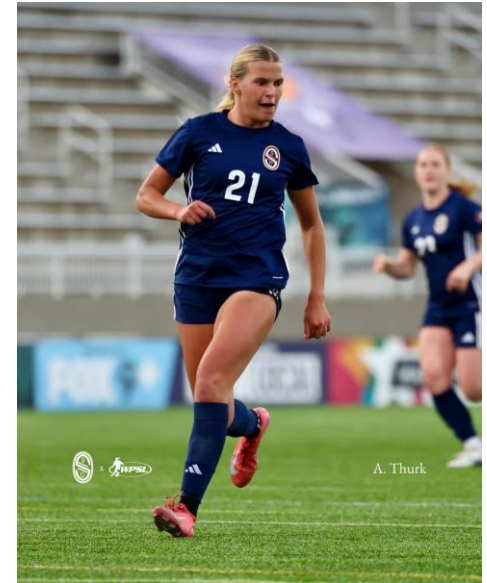


## What Salvo Delivers for Athletes

- Many of the top youth soccer coaches in the region
- Age-appropriate curriculum and nationally-recognized training plans
- High-quality facilities and year-round training and development opportunities
- Access to elite performance and recovery resources through Training HAUS (U14+)

## What Salvo Delivers for Families

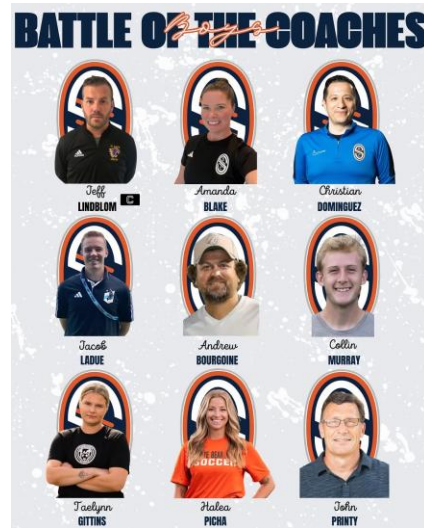
- Safe, positive and welcoming environment
- Strong communication and professional club operations
- Local community connections within a larger club network





## Building Community

- Friendships, connections and memories that last a lifetime
- Club-wide events including Battle of the Coaches and Summer Festival
- Volunteer events that strengthen both club and community



***Salvo is more than a place to play soccer  
it's a place for players and families to grow, connect and thrive.***



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# 2026/27 Salvo Soccer Programs



## Salvo Academy

Rosemount  
Select

Two Rivers  
Select

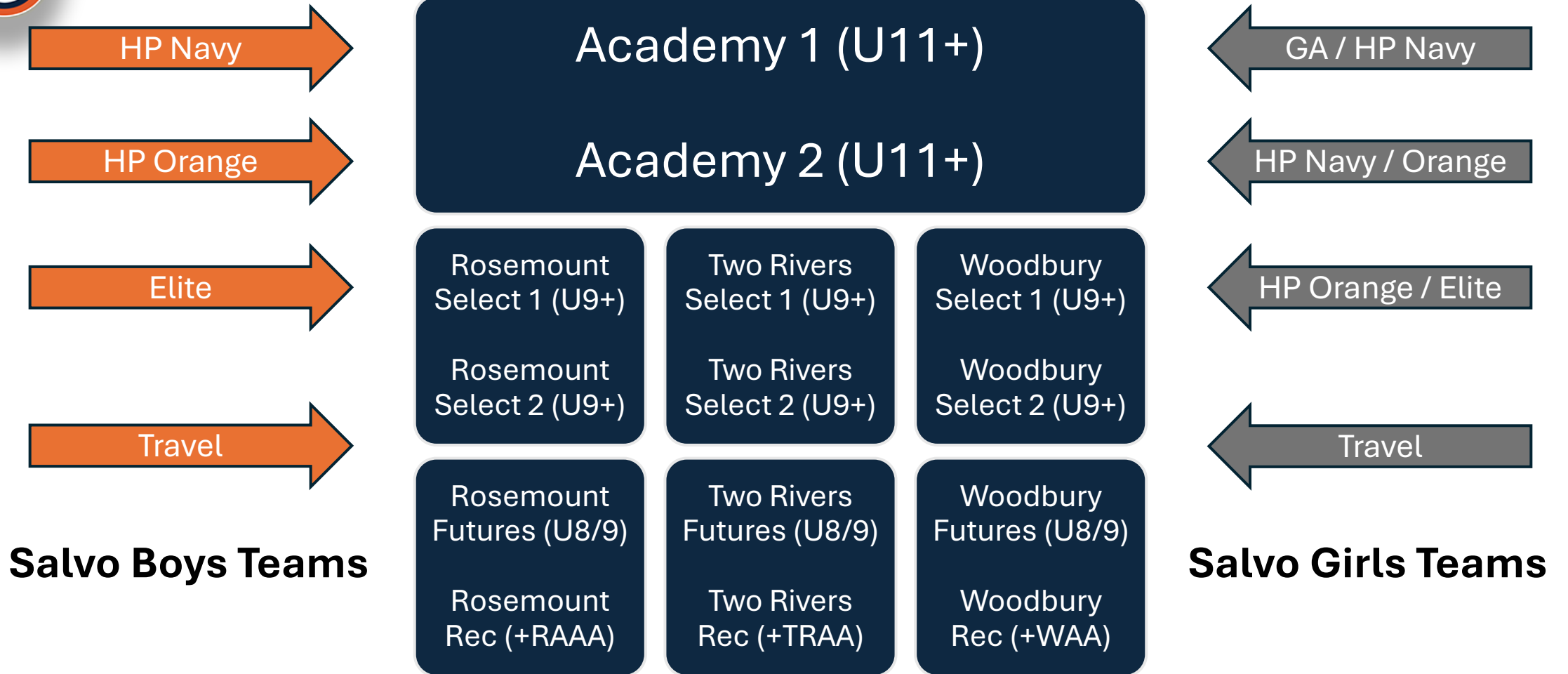
Woodbury  
Select

Rosemount  
Rec  
(+RAAA)

Two Rivers  
Rec  
(+TRAA)

Woodbury  
Rec  
(+WAA)







## Recreation Soccer

### Fun & Friendship

- U5 and up
- Community Based
- Fun & Inclusive
- Play Locally
  
- Futures Rec program for U8/U9 players who want to transition successfully to our competitive soccer programs



## Select Soccer

### Local Competition

- U9-U18
- Rosemount, Two Rivers, and Woodbury teams
- Competitive Program
  - Year-Round U9-U19 (Select 1, Select 2+)
  - Seasonal Options (U9-U12, Select 2+)
- Primarily local training and play
- Balance community, competition and training
- Weekly coach updates



## Academy Soccer

### Ambition & Excellence

- U11-U18
- Highly Competitive Program
- Academy 1 → Salvo 1<sup>st</sup> team
- Academy 2 → Salvo 2<sup>nd</sup> team
- Focus on player development, more advanced curriculum, dedicated performance training for U14+ (Training HAUS)
- Games and training throughout Rosemount, Two Rivers & Woodbury
- College recruiting pathway (U13-19 Girls Academy League)
- Weekly coach updates





Program	Fall Structure Average Weekly Contacts	Winter Structure Average Weekly Contacts <i>Winter Training Reduction</i>	Spring/Summer Structure Average Weekly Contacts	Training Haus
Academy 1	U11-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U14: 2-3 contacts U15-U19: <i>High School Season</i>	U11-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U14: 3-4 contacts U15-U19: 3-4 contacts	U11-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U19: 3-4 contacts	U14 +
Academy 2	U11-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U14: 2-3 contacts U15-U19: <i>High School Season</i>	U11-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U14: 3-4 contacts U15-U19: 3-4 contacts	U11-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U19: 3-4 contacts	U14 +
Select 1	U9-U14: 2-3 contacts U15-U19: <i>High School Season</i>	U9-U12: 2-3 contacts U13-U14 2-3 contacts U15-U19: 2-3 contacts	U9-U19: 2-3 contacts	No
Select 2	U9-U14: 2-3 contacts U15-U19: <i>High School Season</i>	<i>Winter Break: Nov. and Dec.</i> U9-U19 ( <i>Jan-Mar</i> ): 1 contact	U9-U19: 2-3 contacts	No

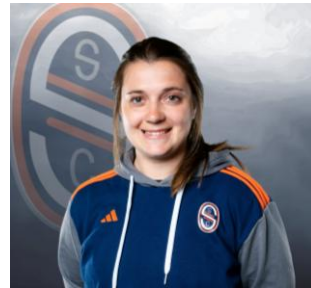
\* Girls Academy League teams can expect an average of one (1) additional contact per week based on program demands.  
A contact may include training sessions, games, Training Haus, video sessions, team gatherings, individual development planning, or team community service.



## Salvo Girls Program Leadership



Matthew Cross

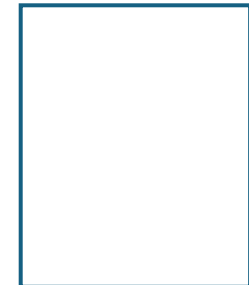


Ashley Becker

## Salvo Boys Program Leadership



Jeff Lindblom



Exciting New Hire!

Grade	Age	Academy 1	Academy 2
5th	U11	Ashley Becker	Megan Rasmussen
6th	U12	Arent Hiltermann	Arent Hiltermann
7th	U13	Olivia Moore	Armando Oster
8th	U14	Danielle Mendez	
9th	U15	Ashley Becker	
10th	U16	Matthew Cross	John Engen
11th	U17	Matthew Cross	John Engen
12th	U18	Stephen Peterson	

Grade	Age	Academy 1	Academy 2
5th	U11	Nate Zweber	
6th	U12	Megan Rasmussen	
7th	U13	Jeff Lindblom	Andrew Bourgoine
8th	U14	Andrew Bourgoine	John Berns
9th	U15	Dan Bauman	
10th	U16	John Berns	
11th	U17	Brian Watt	
12th	U18	Taelynn Gittins	

Note: 26/27 season coaching roster is still subject to change due to ongoing hiring processes.



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# 2026 Salvo Soccer Tryouts

[salvosoccer.org](https://salvosoccer.org)



# Tryout to Team Formation

- All players who wish to be considered for a Salvo Academy or Select team (Rosemount | Two Rivers | Woodbury) **must** be registered for tryouts
- Tryouts are designed to permit our technical and coaching staff to assess player **talent** (weighting of evaluation criteria varies by age + stage):
  1. Technical ability (touch, control, passing, shooting)
  2. Tactical understanding (positioning, decision-making, anticipation)
  3. Athleticism (speed, strength, coordination, balance)
  4. Competitive Mentality (desire to compete, resilience, work rate)
  5. Learning Capacity (coachability, applies feedback, adaptability)
  6. Soccer IQ (pattern recognition, awareness, scanning)
  7. Psychological (confidence, emotional self-regulation, focus, motivation)
- Past Salvo coach feedback is considered

***Talent drives team placement, Family determines commitment level***



# U9-U10 Tryouts

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Girls	U9	Tues, Jul 14	5:00pm	6:30pm	M Health Red, Woodbury
Girls	U10	Tues, Jul 14	6:30pm	8:00pm	M Health Red, Woodbury

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Boys	U9	Tues, Jul 14	5:45pm	7:15pm	M Health Red, Woodbury
Boys	U10	Tues, Jul 14	7:15pm	8:45pm	M Health Red, Woodbury



# U11-U12 Tryouts

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Girls	U11	Mon, Jul 13	5:00pm	6:30pm	Wed, Jul 15	5:00pm	6:30pm	M Health Red, Woodbury
Girls	U12	Mon, Jul 13	6:30pm	8:00pm	Wed, Jul 15	6:30pm	8:00pm	M Health Red, Woodbury

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Boys	U11	Mon, Jul 13	5:45pm	7:15pm	Wed, Jul 15	5:45pm	7:15pm	M Health Red, Woodbury
Boys	U12	Mon, Jul 13	7:15pm	8:45pm	Wed, Jul 15	7:15pm	8:45pm	M Health Red, Woodbury

Note: All tryout sessions are 90 minutes. Athletes must attend **both** tryout sessions.



# Rosemount U9-U12 Tryouts

For Rosemount SELECT Teams only.  
Families interested in Academy must attend Jul 13-15 tryouts.

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Girls	U9	Sat, Jul 18	9:00am	10:15am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Girls	U10	Sat, Jul 18	9:00am	10:15am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Girls	U11	Sat, Jul 18	9:00am	10:15am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Girls	U12	Sat, Jul 18	9:00am	10:15am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Boys	U9	Sat, Jul 18	10:30am	11:45am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Boys	U11	Sat, Jul 18	10:30am	11:45am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Boys	U10	Sat, Jul 18	10:30am	11:45am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount
Boys	U12	Sat, Jul 18	10:30am	11:45am	Jaycee Park, Rosemount



# Girls U13-U19 Tryouts

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Girls	U13	Sat, Jul 25	8:45am	10:15am	Sun, Jul 26	8:00am	9:30am	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Girls	U14	Sat, Jul 25	10:30am	12:00pm	Sun, Jul 26	8:00am	9:30am	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Girls	U15	Sat, Jul 25	2:00pm	3:30pm	Sun, Jul 26	9:45am	11:15am	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Girls	U16	Sat, Jul 25	3:45pm	5:15pm	Sun, Jul 26	9:45am	11:15am	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Girls	U17	Sat, Jul 25	5:30pm	7:00pm	Sun, Jul 26	11:30am	1:00pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Girls	U18/19	Sat, Jul 25	5:30pm	7:00pm	Sun, Jul 26	11:30am	1:00pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury

Note: All tryout sessions are 90 minutes. Athletes must attend **both** tryout sessions.



# Boys U13-U19 Tryouts

	Age	Date	Start Time	End Time	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
Boys	U13	Sat, Jul 25	8:00am	9:30am	Sun, Jul 26	2:00pm	3:30pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Boys	U14	Sat, Jul 25	9:45am	11:15am	Sun, Jul 26	3:45pm	5:15pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Boys	U15	Sat, Jul 25	11:30am	1:00pm	Sun, Jul 26	5:30pm	7:00pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Boys	U16	Sat, Jul 25	2:45pm	4:15pm	Mon, Jul 27	5:30pm	7:00pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Boys	U17	Sat, Jul 25	4:30pm	6:00pm	Mon, Jul 27	7:15pm	8:45pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury
Boys	U18/19	Sat, Jul 25	4:30pm	6:00pm	Mon, Jul 27	7:15pm	8:45pm	M Health Blue, Woodbury

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# Tryouts: What to Expect

- Communication after tryouts re. team placement
  - Team sequencing
    - Salvo Academy 1, then
    - Salvo Academy 2, then
    - Rosemount | Two Rivers | Woodbury Select 1, then
    - Rosemount | Two Rivers | Woodbury Select 2, then...
  - Invitation communication process and timing
  - Parent decision (commitment level, U9-12 seasonal option for Select 2+)
  - PlayMetrics registration + deposit
- Key points of contact:
  - U11+ Boys Director: Jeff Lindblom
  - U11+ Girls Director: Matthew Cross
  - U8-U10 Boys & Girls Director: Arent Hiltermann
  - GK Director: Danielle Mendez

Boys Registrar: Tara Rasmussen

Girls Registrar: Anne Olson



# How to Register for Tryouts

- Go to [salvosoccer.org](https://salvosoccer.org), click Register Now
- Complete registration on PlayMetrics
- Special situations:
  - Unable to attend (out of town, injured)
  - Age change → playing up
  - Any other unique circumstance
- Key points of contact:
  - Boys Registrar: Tara Rasmussen
  - Girls Registrar: Anne Olson



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**JULY 2026 TRYOUT SCHEDULE**

AGES U9-U12 | JULY 13-18, 2026

AGES U13+ | JULY 25-27, 2026

**\*\* SCHEDULE COMING SOON \*\***

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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