

# Monthly Newsletter

ANCIENT CITY SOCCER  
CLUB

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## Celebrating Coach Andrea Fernandez: A National Player of the Year

Ancient City Soccer Club is proud to recognize Coach Andrea Fernandez for her incredible accomplishments at Flagler College! Andrea has made history as Flagler's first NCAA Division II National Player of the Year, winning the prestigious Ron Lenz/D2CCA National Player of the Year award.

In addition to this remarkable honor, Andrea was also named a United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-American, capping off a stellar senior season. Her talent, dedication, and leadership on the field are truly inspiring, and we are fortunate to have her guiding our 2012 and 2015 Girls Red team.

Andrea's journey is a testament to hard work and passion, and we look forward to seeing her continue to make an impact—both as a player and a coach—within our ACSC family.

Congratulations, Coach Andrea!

*Ancient City  
Soccer Club*

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# Competitive TRYOUTS

05 May 2025 - 09 May 2025

Join us for our upcoming competitive tryouts!

Boys:

- 2014 - 2018: May 5th & 7th 5:45 - 6:45 PM
- 2010 - 2013: May 5th & 7th 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- 2007 - 2009: May 5th & 7th 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Girls:

- 2014 - 2018: May 6th & 8th 5:45 - 6:45 PM
- 2011 - 2013: May 6th & 8th 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- 2007 - 2010: May 6th & 8th 8:00 - 9:00 PM

**YOU CAN REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS ONLINE  
JUST LIKE YOU WOULD FOR ANY OTHER  
PROGRAM AT ANCIENT CITY SOCCER  
CLUB.**

LOOK FOR 2025 - 2026 COMPETITIVE /  
ACADEMY TRYOUTS TO COMPLETE  
YOUR REGISTRATION.

# Academy TRYOUTS

12 May 2025 - 13 May 2025

Join us for our upcoming academy tryouts!

Boys & Girls (2018 - 2019)

- 5:00 - 6:00 pm May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Boys & Girls (2015 - 2017)

- 6:15 - 7:15 pm May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Deadlines & Opportunities

### ★ COACHES Background Investigations, Online Training, and Fingerprints

Deadline: Before the 2025 Fall Season  
Ensure your compliance to participate fully this year.

### ★ US Soccer Grassroots Licensure Course

Ancient City Soccer Club, alongside Coach Bob Moullin, will offer a US Soccer Grassroots Licensure Course prior to the Fall 2025 season.

### ★ Quarterly Community Meetings Coming Soon!

Ancient City Soccer Club is working to introduce quarterly community meetings to enhance engagement and communication. Stay tuned for details—we look forward to connecting with you!

TRACK THE STATUS OF YOUR  
2025 TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS TODAY!



Get Updates About Ancient City Soccer 2025 Photos

Text the access code **PGH57826** to **90738** to receive access and ongoing alerts\* or visit <https://my.photoday.com/g/PGHP57826> on your phone or computer. Scan QR code to also receive text when your photos are ready! NO forms to fill out.



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# 2025 Battle at the Beach

## April 25 – 27, 2025 / Tournament

### Results & Team Achievements

## COACHES CORNER

### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - Coach Conchie Sanchez, 2015 Girls Red Palencia**

"Dream big, train hard, and shine bright." This group of young, joyful, and determined girls truly lived out that motto this season. With smiles on their faces and fire in their hearts, they earned four tournament championships and finished first in our league. An incredible accomplishment for such a young team. Their energy, teamwork, and love for the game stood out in every match. The future is bright for this special group, and we can't wait to see how far their dreams will take them."

*- Coach Conchi - 2015 Girls Red Palencia*

### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - Coach Conchie Sanchez, 2015 Boys Black**

"A great team is built on trust, effort, commitment, and love for the game." This team has shown so much eagerness to learn from experiences and mistakes, to grow not only as players but as teammates and individuals. Their resilience, passion, and unity carried them through challenges and ultimately lead to a well-deserved tournament victory. We are incredibly proud of their growth this season and excited for what's ahead."

*- Coach Conchi - 2015 Boys Black*

### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Coach Tristan Brunner, 2011 Girls**

"The 2011 girls had a ton of quality goals this tournament. The girls all worked hard and left everything out there on the field. A very fun group to coach that really established themselves as a highly competitive team. Another group that has a bright future together."

*- Coach Tristan - 2011 Girls Red*



### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Coach Tristan Brunner, 2014 Girls Red**

"The 2014 girls had a hard-fought tournament against some really quality teams. Proud of the way the girls competed and support one another throughout the tournament, as well as during the entire season. This group has been a joy to coach and still has so much potential yet to be reached."

*- Coach Tristan - 2014 Girls Red*

### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Coach Andrea Fernandez, 2015 Girls Red**

"I'm so proud of the 2015 Girls Red Gamble team this weekend. They competed really well and played tough all the way through. The effort, teamwork, and heart they showed earned them a well-deserved spot in the final. It was a great end of the season."

*- Coach Andrea - 2015 Girls Red Gamble*

### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Coach Tony Williams, 2016 Boys Red**

"The Battle of the Beach was a fantastic way to wrap up the season, showcasing the progress of so many young players who have come through our After School, Recreation, and Academy programs. It was great to see them perform so well and enjoy being part of such a positive and competitive environment."

A special mention to the five 2017 and one 2018 boys who stepped up to play with the 2016s—the experience will only accelerate their confidence and character moving forward."

*- Coach Tony - 2016 Boys Red*

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## Sarasota Cup - 13th Annual Boys Weekend: April 25-27, 2025

### 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - Coach Michael Lamb, 2007 Boys Red

“Resilience, Grit, and Determination has defined this group throughout my time with the 2007 Red Boys. This was on full display over the tournament weekend. Their quality on the ball is a joy to watch but the ability to battle and fight for each other sets them apart. Proud would be an understatement of how I look upon these young men. I am excited to see what their futures hold as they take on the world. A group that has stayed together throughout the years and committed to many weekends on the road, in hotels, and evenings spent at Gamble. The future is exciting for these young men.”

- Coach Michael - 2007 Boys Red



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## Plans for Croquet Fields at Rock Springs Farms Park COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

St. Johns County is exploring plans to install its first-ever croquet lawns at Rock Springs Farms Park and is inviting community feedback on the project. The proposed development includes four croquet fields, a shade structure, parking, and restrooms, offering a new recreational option for residents.

While we support expanding diverse activities, we also believe prioritizing spaces for team sports and youth development remains essential. Ensuring young athletes have the resources they need to grow, compete, and thrive should be a key focus.

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners first approved the parks and recreation department to pursue the project and gather feedback in November 2024. A public meeting on the proposal was held Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the county's Southeast Branch Library from 6:00 - 7:00 PM, providing residents the chance to share their thoughts.

The county has not set a formal timeline for construction, but if approved, the project would take approximately two years to complete.

*Stay Informed*  
**WITH ST. JOHNS  
COUNTY**



# End-of-Season Festival – A Celebration of Soccer!

Ancient City Soccer Club's End-of-Season Festival is the perfect way to wrap up an exciting year! This soccer-packed event unites our recreational and academy programs, with the U12 and U14 divisions competing in a thrilling double-elimination tournament to close out the season in style.

Join us as we celebrate the hard work, growth, and passion of our players—ending the year with competitive matches, community spirit, and unforgettable moments!

**Date:** Saturday - May 10, 2025

**Location:** Gamble Rogers

## MINI KICKERS – FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Mini Kickers is an 8-week program designed for young players and offered twice a year during the fall and spring recreational seasons. Sessions are held once a week on Fridays from 5:30-6:15 PM at Gamble Rogers Middle School.

**Join us for a fun and engaging introduction to soccer—register today!**

## Recreational Season **2025-2026**

**Registration for the 2025-2026  
Recreational Season Now Open**

\$20 early registration discount available throughout the month of May.

Ancient City Soccer Club's recreational program is designed to help kids learn the game, build skills, and most importantly—have fun! Whether your child is stepping onto the field for the first time or has played for multiple seasons, everyone is welcome!

### Who Can Play?

Boys and girls ages 4 to 19 years old. Note: Per FYSA rules, players must be 4 years old by July 31 of the fall season to be eligible.

### Structured for Development & Fun!

Our program is tailored to create the best possible experience for each player, with age-appropriate field sizes, game formats, goal sizes, and ball sizes to help kids develop their soccer skills in an engaging and supportive environment.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of ACSC's thriving soccer community. Sign up and join the fun!



## Birth Year and Season Matrix

When determining the age group for a season, the year the season ends should be used for determining the birth year. Also note that the format “U followed by age” really means that age and younger. For example, U8 should be read as 8 and younger.

Season	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Birth Year			
2021			U06
2020		U06	U07
2019	U06	U07	U08
2018	U07	U08	U09
2017	U08	U09	U10
2016	U09	U10	U11
2015	U10	U11	U12
2014	U11	U12	U13
2013	U12	U13	U14
2012	U13	U14	U15
2011	U14	U15	U16
2010	U15	U16	U17
2009	U16	U17	U18
2008	U17	U18	U19
2007	U18	U19	
2006	U19		



## Ancient City Soccer Club & Jacksonville FC Announce Strategic Partnership

Ancient City Soccer Club (ACSC) and Jacksonville FC (JFC) have joined forces in a multi-year partnership to expand competitive soccer opportunities for youth in St. Johns County and Northeast Florida. ACSC will gain full access to JFC's player development model, coaching curriculum, and league affiliations, providing local players a direct pathway to elite-level competition, including ECNL, NPL, and MLS NEXT.

JFC Executive Director Pat Cannon stated, "By combining ACSC's local roots with JFC's resources and experience, we are creating a genuine player pathway that gives kids a platform to grow, compete, and thrive at every level."

ACSC Director of Coaching Michael Lamb added, "This partnership strengthens high-level local competition and ensures players can achieve their highest potential on and off the field. Together, we are building a culture that develops both outstanding players and outstanding people."

This collaboration reinforces both clubs' commitment to raising the standard of youth soccer while preserving ACSC's deep community values.

*Thank you for reading!*

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