

## Westside Soccer Club & Bear Creek Soccer Club Merger FAQ's

1. Why are the two Clubs merging?

Each Club has certain strengths that when brought together will make a Super Club. Bear Creek Soccer Club is one of the largest and most successful recreational Clubs in Houston. Westside Soccer Club has had incredible success at competitive Division 1 and Super 2 soccer play not only in Texas but on a National level. Our goal is to create an affordable, accessible, and safe environment for children of all competitive levels to maximize their soccer experience.
2. When will the merger take affect?

Fall of 2010. All spring play for 2010 will be **unaffected**.
3. What will be the new name?

We will develop a committee to work on this and we are certain that our plan will involve the input of both club's families.
4. What will be the new set-up?

We will still be a parent run organization with two structures set up for recreational and competitive play. Each team will be treated like its own franchise. The Club will be your support system for training, administration, mentoring, quality fields, ect.
5. Can we keep our team together?

Absolutely. As a franchise you as parents and coaches will decide what is best for your team. We will now be able to provide you with more choices and opportunities at various levels of play.
6. Are there tryouts for the competitive levels of play?

Yes. However, we are putting together a task force to determine the best way to perform this important activity that will work in everyone's best interest.
7. Will other teams steal our players?

NO. Parents, not trainers, will ultimately decide which team is best for their kids. We will set up ethical guidelines that will be monitored and policed by Club leadership.
8. Will the coaches be allowed to coach?

Absolutely. We firmly believe that we have incredible soccer talent and experience among our membership that should be exploited as one of our key assets. Great coaches should be allowed to coach and not be relegated to just a team manager.
9. Do we have to pay for training?

Professional soccer training will be **OPTIONAL**. We will provide every team with various options and guidance for training which would include having your coach do the training at no charge.
10. Will I have to pay more for our registration fees?

Our goal is to provide everyone an affordable place to play soccer. So, when we determine the fees for fall play we will always have this goal in mind. Fees have not been set yet for Fall 2010.

11. What age groups will be available for play?

U5-U19

12. Will we still have our same uniforms?

We currently have a Uniform Committee looking at the best options for all levels of play.

13. Will we still use our same colors and logos (Crest)?

We would like to keep some of our current identity and try and use a combination of the both Club's color schemes. We would like to develop a common Crest but it may take more time to get the right one to truly depict our Club's philosophy.

14. Who will be the President?

Agustin Colchado..you may know him as Augi. He is a terrific leader and brings the energy and passion needed to take the new Club to the next level. The Boards of each Club will determine the best way to merge the leadership and make sure that we have the right people in the right roles. If you would like to take part as a leader in this historic merger please contact us.

15. How will the fields work?

We will have a Field Coordinator determine where we practice and which fields will be used for games. We will now have better options for all teams that include lighted fields and fewer cancellations due to flooded fields.

16. What Divisions and levels will be available for play?

U5-U8 Recreational interclub play. U8-U10 Recreational league play (Division 4). U9-U10 Academy play (Division 4). U11-U19 Competitive play (Division 1, Super 2, Division 2, and Division 3).