



Bend FC 2020/21 Competition Options

Option A:

Normal OYSA Fall statewide league, spring league and State/Presidents/Founders Cup competition with full fee. This is our first option if it is available.

Option B:

If COVID-19 statewide restrictions prevent our normal league and cup options, Bend FC Timbers will run Fall 2020 programming to consist of:

1. A local 7v7 league with one game per weekend using the Bend FC Timbers Soccer Complex. Teams will be created by mixing age groups (i.e. U11-12 League, U13-14 league) with the goal of providing a competitive balance of teams. Red and White players will be mixed for games, but players will continue to train in their respective teams (ie. 07 Red, 08 White).
 - a. Depending upon player numbers and competitive balance, we may have a "Red division" and a "White division"
 - b. We may allow non-Bend FC Teams to register for this league (ie Madras, Prineville, GPS) and pay us a league fee
2. Depending upon state regulations, we have agreements with Medford and Eugene area clubs to host play weekends with full-size games (9v9, 11v11)

Why 7v7?

Technical and Tactical Development: 7v7 is one of the building blocks of team play. In countries such as Spain and Belgium, youth players in professional academies play 7v7 through U14! This puts a premium on finding space, being able to technically and tactically perform in a small space, and discourages GKs from blindly punting the ball. Players get more touches, complete more passes, take more shots, and make many more decisions than in an 11v11 game.

More Diverse Competition: By playing 7v7, it allows us to create two teams per roster. By mixing ages and red/white players, we can form divisions with multiple teams, and players are not playing games against the same exact kids they are playing within practice. Players will assume new roles, play new positions, and face different scenarios than they will in practices.



For more information, go to

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