



PENNSYLVANIA PRIME FC



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U.S NATIONAL SOCCER PYRAMID

THE FOUR TIERS OF PRO SOCCER IN
THE UNITED STATES



Prime's Internal Soccer Pyramid



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MEN'S UPSL PROGRAM

Pennsylvania Prime FC is the Lehigh Valley's elite and professional football club, competing in the fourth division of US Professional Soccer, The UPSL.

A club built on the love of football and passion for the community, Pennsylvania Prime is committed to growing football culture within Eastern PA.

Our unique and creative identity is marked by the badge on our chest, our aesthetically pleasing colors, and fashion-driven kits. After all, first impressions are everything.





MEN'S UPSL PROGRAM

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We understand the unique challenges players face in their dreams to excel in the footballing world, so we want to help others overcome those challenges through a variety of resources and inspiration. Prime is here to act as a platform for the players striving to get a chance at the next level.

Through top of the notch coaching, networking, collaboration, Prime is able to act as a staple in helping players reach their professional aspirations and ambitions.

We believe that someone from Lehigh Valley can have the same footballing ability as someone from London, England. The challenges may be greater to get to the same heights as someone from a footballing hotbed, but we are here to help you and inspire you to overcome those challenges and barriers you may face.



SEE WHAT THE
FIRST TEAM IS ALL
ABOUT..



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ABOVE TO WATCH

PENNSYLVANIA PRIME ACADEMY

Prime Academy is built for ambitious players who are ready to fully commit to unlocking their potential. This is our highest-level youth program, designed for athletes striving to reach the next stage of their soccer journey — whether that means excelling in high school competition, advancing to the collegiate level, earning a place on the Prime UPSL First Team or Prime II squad, or even pursuing the professional game.

Academy players receive comprehensive training and development resources that go beyond the basics. From high-intensity training sessions and advanced tactical instruction to strength, conditioning, and performance support, every element of the Academy environment is crafted to prepare players for the highest levels of the sport.



LIAM BEHRENS (16 YEARS OLD)
MAKES HIS UPSL FIRST TEAM
DEBUT AFTER MAKING HIS WAY
THROUGH THE ACADEMY RANKS

PENNSYLVANIA PRIME ACADEMY (continued)

The standards within Prime Academy are extremely high. Players are expected to train and compete with professionalism, consistency, and drive, reflecting the culture of excellence across the Prime organization. Academy sides also represent the club in the UPSL Academy system, providing elite competition and meaningful exposure against top youth players.

For those truly dedicated to their soccer future, Prime Academy delivers the pathway, the coaching, and the competitive environment needed to pursue their goals at the very highest level.



PRIME ACADEMY BREAKDOWN

- **YEARLY COST \$1400-\$1600**
 - 2-4 TOURNAMENTS TO BE DECIDED ON BY HEAD COACH
 - PARTICIPATION IN UPSL ACADEMY SEASON OR EDP LEAGUE
 - 3 TRAINING SESSIONS A WEEK
 - 2 TEAM SESSIONS AND 1 TECHNICAL SESSION
 - HOME/AWAY MATCH DAY KIT PROVIDED BY ICARUS
 - TO MATCH MEN'S FIRST TEAM AS OF SPRING 26'
 - TRAINING TOP AND WARMUP
 - COLLEGE PREP/PLAN/GUIDANCE

2025 ACADEMY/MEN'S UNIFORM BREAKDOWN



2025
HOME
KIT

2025
AWAY
KIT





PENNSYLVANIA PRIME JUNIORS

Prime Juniors is designed for young athletes who love the game of soccer and want access to high-quality training, but who may also be seeking a more balanced approach to their soccer journey. The program provides a strong developmental environment with professional coaching and a focus on skill building, teamwork, and character — all while allowing players to maintain flexibility for other activities, academics, and family life.

Juniors is an excellent fit for players who are passionate about the sport but may not be ready or looking to commit to the full demands of our Academy sides. Training remains top-tier and highly competitive, with clear expectations and a professional atmosphere. While travel and scheduling may not be as extensive as Academy, players still receive exposure to competitive matches and meaningful opportunities for growth.

Importantly, Prime Juniors also serves as a potential pathway to our Academy program. For players who show the drive and desire to elevate their game, movement into the Academy level is always possible. Expectations are high, but intentionally balanced — ensuring Juniors players can thrive in soccer while maintaining a healthy balance in their overall lifestyle.

PRIME JUNIORS BREAKDOWN

- **SEASONAL COST \$400-\$700**
 - TOURNAMENTS TO BE DECIDED ON BY HEAD COACH (ADDED COST)
 - PARTICIPATION IN ICSL OR EDP SEASON
 - 3 TRAINING SESSIONS A WEEK
 - 2 TEAM SESSIONS AND 1 OPTIONAL TECHNICAL SESSION
 - HOME/AWAY MATCH DAY KIT PROVIDED BY A4
 - TRAINING TOP
 - COLLEGE/SCHOOL PREP/PLAN/GUIDANCE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can my son or daughter move between Juniors and Academy?

A: Yes! We encourage players to explore the full Prime pathway. Athletes can move between Juniors and Academy levels when appropriate for their development. Dual-roster opportunities are also available.

Q: Is this a club-neutral program?

A: Yes. Our UPSL Academy program is fully club-neutral, allowing players from any local club to experience the unique opportunities Prime offers throughout the Valley and surrounding areas. Participation in the UPSL Academy does not affect club passes or registrations with outside clubs. Non-UPSL Academy sides would not be the same as they are registered through EPYSA.

Q: What makes Prime Youth different from other surrounding programs?

A: Prime offers something no other club in the Lehigh Valley can: an official Pathway to Pro. As the region's only organization operating a Men's UPSL Pro Team at the top of the pyramid, we provide youth players with a clear, realistic route toward the professional level—right here at home.

Q: How involved is the Men's UPSL Program with Prime Youth?

A: Very involved. Our UPSL players and staff regularly work with the youth side through clinics, coaching sessions, matchday involvement, and community events. Our Pro players understand their role as mentors, and they take pride in inspiring, guiding, and supporting the next generation of talent in our area.

Q: Being a FIFA affiliated pro league, do any of the Prime programs effect NCAA eligibility?

A: No, NCAA eligibility will not be affected by playing in any of our UPSL programs as none of our players are tied down to monetary contracts.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: What if my son or daughter does not want to play at the professional level when they're older?

A: That is completely okay. At Prime, our mission is to support every player—no matter their goals. For those who aspire to play professionally, we provide a clear Pathway to Pro. But we also fully support players whose ambitions are different. Whether their goal is college soccer, high school success, or simply developing a love for the game, we offer the resources, guidance, and development environment to help them thrive at their desired level.

Q: Where will practices be held?

A: Your head coach will share the specific details regarding training days, locations, and times. Prime's training is primarily based in the Lehigh Valley to ensure accessibility for all families.

Q: Where are home games held?

A: Home game locations depend on your child's level of play.

- UPSL Academy / Pro Pathway teams: Typically play home matches at Cedar Crest College.
- Juniors: Often play at local fields such as Cedar Crest College, Lone Lane Park, Grange Park, and other Lehigh Valley sites.
- We are a community-based club and are committed to providing local home game locations for all teams.

Q: What about away games?

A: Away game locations also vary by level:

- UPSL Academy teams: Compete in the American Conference (PA/NJ/NY), so travel will primarily be within those states.
- Juniors: Typically compete in leagues such as ICSL, EDP, and Rock League, which may include games throughout PA and occasionally in NJ.
- Travel expectations will always be communicated clearly by your coach and team manager.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: Is Prime a boys and girls program?

A: Yes. Beginning in 2026, we are expanding our pathway to include Prime Women's, along with new girls' youth teams. With plans to launch a Women's UPSL side, female players in the Valley will now have access to the same unified development system and pathway offered on the men's side.

Q: Are payment plans available for yearly club costs?

A: Yes. We offer flexible payment plans to help families break up both seasonal and annual club fees into manageable installments.

Q: Can my son or daughter play up an age group or level?

A: Potentially. Playing up is evaluated on a case-by-case basis by our coaching staff. Player development is our priority—if competing in a higher age group or level is truly in the best interest of the player, we will support and allow that opportunity.

Q: How can my son be selected to represent the Men's UPSL Program?

A: At Prime, we stand by the philosophy: "If you're good enough, you're old enough." If a player demonstrates the ability, maturity, and readiness to compete with our Prime II or Men's First Team, they will be given the chance.

That said, our First Team is a highly competitive environment, featuring former professionals and NCAA Division I & II talent. Still, opportunity is real: this past season we saw a 16-year-old—developed through our Academy—make his First Team debut.

When a player proves they are ready, we won't hesitate to give them their shot.