

OP EAGLES Q & A

1. Why is this partnership important for Eagles and OP?
>>>It will allow the individual clubs to build upon each other's success.
>>>OP and Eagles will be more suited to deliver quality programming to their members. It will also allow shared resources between the clubs.
>>>Both clubs have quality coaches and players, and bringing the clubs together makes for one stronger club, giving our players opportunities to compete at higher levels.
>>>OP Eagles is committed to serving and continuing a presence in both communities that they are bringing together.
2. Who is running the club?
>>>A board of directors, consisting of all current OP board members and two members from the current Eagles board, will run the club. There will also be an advisory board in UA.
3. Who will coach our children?
>>>We evaluate coaching changes based on team results, dynamics of coach/children every season.
>>>We expect the majority of Eagles and OP coaches to continue with the new club in various roles and expect the addition of other quality coaches as well.
>>>We are hoping to announce the majority of the coaches by team at try-outs.
4. What are our uniform colors and what is the new logo?
>>>All uniforms will be black and white. If girls' teams win state cup they will get a green jersey. If boys' teams win state cup they will get a blue jersey.
>>>The logo will be a black OP with a green script Eagles through the middle.
>>>We purchase new uniforms every two years. Next year Eagles and OP teams would have to buy a new uniform set anyway. Good timing.
5. What will be the names of the teams? What happens at u13?
>>>We expect to maintain separate Upper Arlington and Dublin teams from the U8 through U12 ages. As a result ...
>>>U8-U12 will be OP Eagles U8 Green (Dublin), OP Eagles U8 Blue (Upper Arlington), OP Eagles U8 Black (Dublin), OP Eagles U8 White (Upper Arlington), etc....
>>>U13 and up will be determined after try-outs and players accept spots on rosters. It will depend on how many kids try-out at each age group. *The Directors will look at many different parameters to determine if u13 is the appropriate age to combine the teams. Each team and each year brings new dynamics and thus it might not make sense to do it at U13. It should be viewed as the age in which it could happen.*
6. How many teams will there be?
>>>It will depend on how many players tryout.
>>>We are committed to form as many teams as possible in each age group so we do not leave any player without a place to play. In some age groups, there may be two "A" teams, depending on players that tryout.
7. Will there be boy's teams in Dublin or just in Arlington?
>>>For U8 thru U12 there will be boy's teams in Dublin and Arlington, just as the girls will be in both locations. Therefore, for U8 thru U12 we will hold tryouts for boys and girls in Dublin and for boys and girls in Arlington.
>>>For U13 and up all the tryouts for boys will be held in one location and tryouts for girls will be held in one location. The location is to be determined, based on field availability.
8. Does the try-out process change? Where do my children have to go?
>>>U8 thru U12 (approximate) will try out in either Upper Arlington or Dublin; you will choose their try out location by what team they would like to play for – Dublin or Upper Arlington.
>>>All players will register for tryouts online. U8 thru U12 will choose which location they are trying out at when they register.
>>>For the U13 and up (approximate): Girls will all tryout in Dublin and the tryout location for boys is still to be determined.
>>>Please continue to check our website for details regarding tryouts: dates, times and locations. They will be posted as soon as we have the information.

9. Where will practices be held?
>>>All U8 thru U12 (approximate) OP Eagles Arlington teams will train in Upper Arlington.
>>>All U8 thru U12 (approximate) OP Eagles Dublin teams will train in Dublin.
>>>U13 thru U18 (approximate) will combine teams and train in either Upper Arlington or Dublin, depending on factors such as the composition of the team, the coach's schedule with other teams and field availability.
10. Where are games going to be played?
>>>The home games for the U8-U12 (approximate) OP Eagles Arlington teams playing in MOSSL will be in Upper Arlington
>>>The home games for the U8-U12 (approximate) OP Eagles Dublin teams playing in MOSSL will be in Dublin.
>>>The home games for U13 and older teams playing in MOSSL will generally be determined by where most of the players live.
>>>The home games for any teams playing in Buckeye Premier League or MRL shall remain the same and be played at Spindler.
11. Will the make-up of current teams change?
>>>For all age groups there are variations on teams each year based on how many players tryout and the quality of those players. We will strive to make up teams based on ability of the players trying out for each age group.
>>>Again, we will make as many teams as we can so players are not left without a team.
12. Does the Buckeye League or MRL limit how many teams from a club can participate in their leagues?
>>>No, it is based on the performance of teams, not limited to a certain number per club.
13. Will my dues be affected by the partnership?
>>>The team fees for the 2009-2010 season will be set before try-outs in May. It is anticipated that the fees will be slightly higher than the Eagles fees this year, but less than the current OP fees. Fees will be listed prior to tryouts.
>>> Fees for Arlington and Dublin will be the same. Fees will be different for each age group, based on tournaments they will be attending and some other factors, but will be the same within a single age group no matter what location or gender of the team.
14. Will there be a discount for additional siblings?
>>>YES! There is a \$300 discount for each additional child in the club (for either boy or girl).
15. What about field availability?
>>> We do not expect there to be any additional strain to the fields because we will have about the same number of teams training in Dublin and same number or less training in Arlington.
>>>Most of the older age groups will not be playing games on local fields since they are in Buckeye and MRL leagues.
>>> That being said, we continue to search for land for our own training facility.
16. What about indoor training?
>>>OP leases and operates their own indoor facility that all teams will be able to utilize.
>>> We will continue to look for more space to accommodate all the teams
>>> Winter training is important to the club, and we will make sure all teams will be able to train indoors.
17. How will the Ohio School mandate of high school players per team affect the partnership?
>>>The partnership actually helps us manage the five per high school rule more efficiently. This means that each OP Eagles team U-15 and up can have up to five players from any given high school. Therefore, with more players coming from multiple high schools, this should actually help the OP Eagles teams not having to limit players based on what high school they attend.
>>> It does not affect high school play at all. The clubs are limited to five players from any given high school.

18. Will the boy teams get to participate in the OP Eagles Fall tournament?
>>>**Yes! This tournament will be held in Dublin and will host both boys and girl teams. The tournament is the weekend of Sept 19-20th.**
19. What are the fundraising opportunities to help offset fees?
>>>**We will continue with the SCRIPS program. Currently, 75% of Ohio Premier parents participate in this program and find it very beneficial in reducing their child's fees. In addition, we will be selling field sponsorships for the OP Tournament. If you sell a sponsorship, a percentage of those sales will go toward reducing your individual fees.**
20. What about corporate fundraising?
>>>**We will be putting a focus on doing some corporate fundraising to help offset the fees for all the players.**
>>>**We will be putting a short survey out to all the parents for the purpose of finding out which corporate sponsors would be the best to target.**
>>>**Corporations will want to be associated with our club for two reasons: 1. Because our families will support their business, 2. Because their name will get out in multiple states as we travel to tournaments in numerous cities. They can have naming rights on jerseys, training shirts, etc...**
21. Why is having a larger club better?
>>>**Bigger clubs are becoming the trend of the top soccer clubs throughout the United States.**
>>>**This will allow more of our teams to compete at the Regional and National levels.**
>>>**We will also be more competitive in what is currently called the Red Bull League, but will become the Elite Clubs National League next year. The ECNL will be even bigger and better than the current Red Bull League.**
>>>**The "critical mass" of being a larger club will allow for increased programming, better resources, fee stabilization, and retention of quality coaches; all of which are direct benefits for all of the kids/communities of OP Eagles.**
22. How big do the OP Eagles want to grow?
>>>**We do not have a set number of players in mind.**
>>>**It depends on how many players tryout out each year and how many coaches we have for the teams.**
23. Will adding a boy's side change things for my daughter? OP was special because it was an all girls club.
>>>**Families and coaches came to OP for this same reason.**
>>>**Our coaches are still fully committed to the girls in the club so they will continue to have the same experience as they have come to expect from OP.**
>>>**Both OP and Eagles have similar philosophies and will continue to expand on them. OP Eagles will always be supportive of the communities we represent. Ohio Premier and Eagles have always been and will continue to be leaders in area of corporate responsibility.**
24. Do you plan to have one site eventually?
>>>**For now, we plan to continue within Arlington and Dublin.**
>>>**As mentioned before, we continue to search for land for our own training facility. We have been searching for a few years, and we hope it will come to fruition in the next couple of years.**
>>>**It would be special to have our U8 players out at the same site as our U18 players, so we are truly a family.**
>>>**Each age group could learn and be role models for other age groups. Our own training complex would allow for unique relationships between all players and teams.**
25. Do we hope to hold National Tournaments eventually?
>>>**With our own facility, it is the plan to host more than one tournament per year with our own facility.**
>>>**It is our plan to attract Regional and National tournaments.**
26. Does this partnership include other clubs like the Crew or OFC (Team Ohio)
>>>**No, this partnership is with OP and the Eagles to become OP Eagles.**
27. How will you advertise this partnership?
>>>**We have press releases going out to all the papers.**
>>>**Each club will also email these questions to all members, as well as post them on the website.**