



Heatwave Herald

LFSC Newsletter



News & Information

In this week's edition of the Heatwave Herald...



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Meet Coach: Allan Castro

Name/Nickname: Allan Castro

Current Team Coaching: 2011 Boys White & 2008 Boys Navy

Number of Years with the Club: Since 2014

Nationality: Honduran

Favorite Professional Team: Barcelona

Favorite Soccer Player: Ronaldinho

Playing Background: Honduritas Academy

Coaching Background: LFSC Staff Coach, St. Martins, Patrick Taylor, Brother Martin High School.

Have C License, working towards B license.

Favorite Movie: Dont watch TV!

Advice for players: Effort beats talent when talent doesn't work hard!

Fun Fact: After a big game I like to stay on the field for an extended period of time, taking it all in, reflecting, celebrating, and thinking about how to get better.





TEAM OF THE WEEK - OPEN CUP CHAMPS! 2009 WHITE BOYS



The 2009 White Boys went to Baton Rouge to defend their Open Cup win from the previous season. For our opening round, we had PSC 09/10. We had a strong showing and shut them out for a big win. The 2nd game was against BRSC 09 Red. Having met in a previous tournament, we were ready for a battle. The decision seemed to come early from two crosses that we converted. The final score was 3-1. With fantastic field conditions, we played Mandeville for the title. Their defense was holding up well until the 17th minute. Our #56 Jose Corrales was able to isolate a defender and convert on a breakaway. Neither side was able to convert their chances and the one goal separated us until 5 minutes from the final whistle. #33 Angel Mejia was able to overpower the center back and secured the win with a strong left footed shot.

TEAM OF THE WEEK - OPEN CUP CHAMPS! 2012 GOLD BOYS



The Boys' 2012 Gold team secured its first silverware of the season thanks to hard work, team work and some brilliant displays by several individuals. In their first game, they had an intense 4-4 tie against a team they would see again in the final. Next up, rivals Westbank FC who were eliminated. The boys then moved on to a must-win match against BRSC, where they maintained possession with poise, allowing only 1 attempt on goal from the home team. The boys would meet Carranza again in the finals in another intense match. Leo Serna put the boys ahead with a strong shot from outside the box. A strong defensive performance was the key as the boys, behind the efforts of Landon Thomas and Bryan Lopez, held on to the lead. Then with 10 minutes left, Otavio Silva got another goal with a well-placed shot to the side net after a great first touch. This was enough to seal the deal. Congrats, boys!

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

COLE SEEGER 2009 WHITE BOYS DEFENDER



Cole Seeger #24 played an excellent Open Cup in Baton Rouge. In charge of the back line for 09 White, he played every minute of the tournament. With him as center back, we were able to win the ball in the air numerous times and gain key turnovers in our defensive third with the coolness of a Chiellini.

He is an essential part of the attacks we build, and his free kicks are dangerous every time.

Colie is an outstanding leader on the field, always good for a joke, and a great example how one can mature in the LA Fire system.

We are grateful for this teammate and the wonderful season we shared.

BRYAN LOPEZ 2012 GOLD BOYS DEFENDER



Bryan was a standout this weekend for the 2012 Boys Gold as his defensive prowess helped the team to an Open Cup Championship.

Bryan is a hard working player who puts everything into practice and games. He can play numerous positions across the backline, but in the final he really showed up as a defensive ventral midfielder, counteracting the opponents long ball style, mopping up everything that was thrown his way.

Bryan is a favorite amongst his team, and despite an initial language barrier, he has gelled brilliantly with the rest of the boys.

Bryan is a coach's dream: playing wherever his teammates need him and always setting a great example.

NOTABLE TEAM PERFORMANCES



2009 White Boys - Champions

2012 Gold Boys - Champions

2011 Girls - Finalists

2009 Navy Boys - Finalists

2015/16 Girls Allen - Jamboree



2010 Red Boys - Champions



2016 Girls - Ceka - Champions

2014 CP Red Boys - Finalists

2014 CP Navy Boys - Finalists

Manager Spotlight

Meet Manager: Michael Pulizzano

Team: 2011 White Boys

As a parent volunteer, Michael Pulizzano has been an outstanding manager for the 2011 White Boys team and Coach Allan Castro. Michael is not only knowledgeable about the game but he is also extremely organized and detail orientated. He excels at scheduling games and practices efficiently, ensuring that communication is always clear and timely with parents, admin, officials etc. Michael is proactive in answering questions, and knows every detail needed to keep the team running smoothly.

Michael is a great partner for Coach Allan, and has been for the last two years. His consistency, dedication, and hard work have been truly impressive. Thank you, Michael, for all you do for the boys, your impact on them both on and off the field is something special.



Michael Pulizzano Sr. & Jr.



Michael Pulizzano, 2011 White Boys



Global Results

FA CUP, EPL, & COPA DEL REY

APR 26TH & 27TH

FA CUP

Crystal Palace 3 – 0 Aston Villa

Man City 2 – 0 Notts Forest

EPL

Liverpool 5 – 1 Spurs

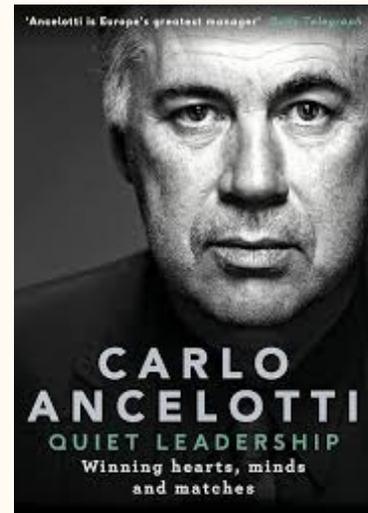
Copa Del Rey

Barcelona 3 – 2 Real Madrid

[LINK TO FOTMOB](#)

Coaches Corner

COACH STU BOOK RECCOMENDATION



In Quiet Leadership, Ancelotti reveals the full, riveting story of his managerial career - his methods, mentors, mistakes and triumphs - and takes us inside the dressing room to trace the characters, challenges and decisions that have shaped him. The result is both a scintillating memoir and a rare insight into the business of leadership.

Ancelotti is one of the most decorated and revered coaches of the current era; this is a must read for any soccer fan!

What's Happening at LFSC

CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Coach Poch Easter Challenge

Thank you to all who participated in our 'Coach Poch' Easter Egg Hunt in the last edition of the Heatwave Herald.

The correct number was 17!!

We had several people who found all 17 stickers of the USA Men's Head Coach Mauricio Pochettino.

We entered those names into a hat and pulled out the winner...

Anamarie Hildebrand

Anamarie, please contact Coach Stu for your LFSC swag!



High Performance Pathway Title Sponsor Opportunities

With the addition of our High Performance pathway, we are excited to announce new sponsorship opportunities.

As Louisiana's only ECNL club, we will be exponentially increasing our reach within the region and increasing the number of teams, and families, to the Greater New Orleans area.

All LFSC sponsorships go to our "Let Them Play" campaign, created to ensure we provide safe, affordable, and professional opportunities for EVERYONE to play the beautiful game.

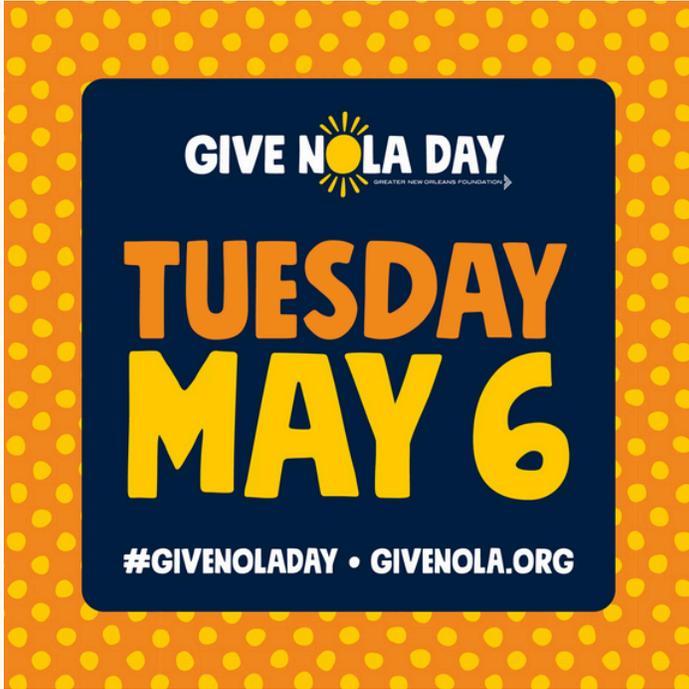
If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of our High Performance programming, or any part of our club's structure, please reach out to **SHAYERS@LAFIRESOCCER.COM**.

"LFSC is a registered 501c3 non-profit providing a tax advantage, as sponsorship contributions may be tax-deductible, reducing taxable income while supporting a meaningful cause. Additionally, it enhances brand visibility and reputation, as sponsors are often recognized in marketing materials, events, and social media, aligning their brand with positive community impact. Sponsorship also creates community goodwill, showing commitment to social responsibility, which can foster customer loyalty and attract socially conscious consumers. For businesses, it can also lead to networking opportunities, connecting with other sponsors, community leaders, and potential customers. Lastly, it helps fulfill corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals, demonstrating a dedication to supporting youth development, sports, education, or other community initiatives".



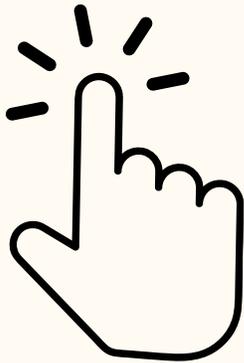


GIVE NOLA DAY



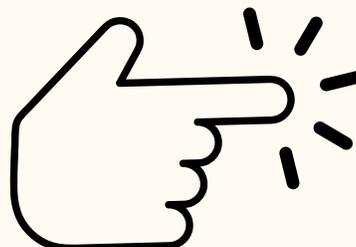
What is GiveNOLA Day?

GiveNOLA Day, an initiative of the Greater New Orleans Foundation, is a one-day online giving event. For 24 hours, everyone who loves our region can support their favorite local causes by donating to one or more of 900+ participating nonprofit organizations. Since our first event in 2013, GiveNOLA Day has raised over \$64.3 million for our region's nonprofits. This year, we hope to do even more!



When will GiveNOLA Day 2025 take place?

It will be from 12:00:01 a.m. to 11:59:59 p.m. on May 6, 2025. All event-related donations must be made online during the 24-hour period or during our scheduled giving period of April 29, 2025 through May 5, 2025



Do You Want To Nominate Your



Coach For

‘Coach of the Year’?

*Great
job*

APPRECIATE
you

*Thank
You*

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with your coach’s info and a
reason for your nomination!



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SHOP NOW & SHOW OFF YOUR TEAM PRIDE!

SHOP

HOW LIVERPOOL BECAME CHAMPIONS – SLOT’S MAGIC FORMULA



In many ways, Slot's main job has been to build on and improve the outstanding squad left behind by his predecessor, who averaged 80.33 points in his last three seasons at Anfield.

Three more victories would mean Liverpool break the 90-point barrier after Slot tightened the defense and brought more control to the midfield.

"They've amassed these points by winning when it's hard, winning when it's ugly, winning when the opposition have put up a fight," adds Atkinson.

"Liverpool have managed to do that – none of their rivals have."

While Federico Chiesa was the only addition to Slot's squad for this season, the Dutch coach has improved players, including Ryan Gravenberch, who has grasped his opportunity at the base of Liverpool's midfield after the club missed out on signing Martin Zubimendi from Real Sociedad. With 28 Premier League goals and 18 assists in 34 appearances – compared to 18 goals and 10 assists in 32 appearances in Klopp's final season – Mohamed Salah's figures under Slot have been seriously impressive.

Gravenberch's Netherlands team-mate Cody Gakpo has provided 17 goals in all competitions in 2024-25, beating his tally from last season.

"In his first meeting with the players, Arne had all the data from the season they were champions in 2019-20 and all the data from the final season under Klopp," adds Westerveld.

"Last season, compared to the title season, there were less sprints, the team was less effective. Instead of saying to the players, 'come on, work hard,' he was telling them exactly what they had to do and needed to know showing them all the data."

There have been tweaks off the field too, with Slot implementing a new routine for how his players build up to games.

Under Klopp, the day would begin later, but this season players have been at the training ground in Kirkby, about six and a half miles from Anfield, at 9.15am for breakfast.

Slot and his backroom team have introduced a process known as 'body wake-up,' which involves breathing exercises before both training and matches.

Under Klopp, the Liverpool squad would stay together in a hotel before home games. That is no longer the case, with players allowed to remain at their own homes.

Training sessions have been longer than before but less intense to reduce injury risk, with fitness issues undermining several campaigns in recent years.

Just goes to show that sometimes you don't need to make big signings or try to reinvent the wheel, just a few subtle changes can win you a Premier League Title.



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Sun: 4pm & 5pm

Wed: 6pm & 7pm

One Game Per Day

GAME FORMATS:

2 X 25Min Halves

50 Min Games

6v6

9 Player Rosters Max

Teams formed by coaching staff

LOCATION:

Footy Sports Center

663 Time Saver Ave

PRICING:

League Fee \$195

8 Match Dates

Sundays & Wednesdays

AGES:

2014/2015 League

2016/2017 League



OR



MATCH DATES

SUNDAY MAY 4TH

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH

SUNDAY MAY 11TH

WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH

SUNDAY MAY 18TH

WEDNESDAY MAY 21ST

SUNDAY MAY 25TH

WEDNESDAY 28TH



Keir, Stu. & Hugh



SUMMER CAMPS 2025

[CLICK HERE](#) 

PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION



DATES:

CLUB CAMP 1 – JUNE 3–5

CLUB CAMP 2 – JUNE 10–12

GIRLS ONLY CAMP – JUNE 16–18

CLUB CAMP 3 – JUNE 24–26

CLUB CAMP 4 – JUNE 30–JULY 2

3V3 TOURNEY – JULY 21–24

PRESEASON CAMP – AUG' 6–8

LOCATION: LAFRENIERE PARK TURF FIELDS

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$75

TIMES: 5:45pm–8:30pm

ALL AGES BOYS AND GIRLS

FOR CAMPS IN BLACK BOXES PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL FLYERS WITH INFORMATION

MORE INFO: WWW.LAFIRESOCCER.COM



GIRLS ONLY CAMP



GIRLS CAMP

DATES:

JUNE 16TH 17TH 18TH

Our Girls Only camp is just that, a camp designed for girls only. Our LFSC coaches will take the girls through a range of drills and games within a girls-only environment.

LOCATION: LAFRENIERE PARK TURF FIELDS

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$75

TIMES: 5:45pm-8:30pm

AGES: 7 YEARS OLD - 15 YEARS OLD

GIRLS ONLY!!!

CLICK HERE



PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION

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3V3 FLASH TOURNEY/CAMP



DATES:
JULY 21ST 22TH 23TH 24TH

This camp will focus on games games games! Players will be split into teams everyday and get to compete in small sided games.

LOCATION: City Park Marconi Fields

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$60

TIMES: 5:45pm-8pm

AGES: 7 YEARS OLD - 13 YEARS OLD



PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION

MORE INFO: WWW.LAFIRESOCCER.COM



PRESEASON CAMP



DATES:

AUGUST 6TH 7TH 8TH

Preseason Camp is to get the players ready for the fall season. Get a head start on the competition with our inclusive camp that will prepare players physically and mentally for the season.



LOCATION: LAFRENIERE PARK TURF FIELDS

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$75

TIMES: 5:45pm-8:30pm

AGES: 9 YEARS OLD - 16 YEARS OLD

BOYS & GIRLS



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LFSC Tryouts

Frequently Asked Questions



We'd like everyone to have all the pertinent information about the tryout and player placement processes before the players take the field. We hope these FAQ answers can fill common inquiries and concerns, allowing everyone to focus on their player's experience and performance during evaluations.

- LFSC Directors

1 What if my son/daughter can only make one of the tryout dates? As long as they are registered and we can get eyes on them at least once we will be able to offer them a spot on a roster. Making two sessions is optimal (where offered) but not mandatory.

2 What if I have to miss both tryout sessions? We will try to include your son/daughter with another age group, or on another date, to ensure we get to see them. **They still need to register.**

3 Will there be makeup dates? We have rainout dates scheduled (see tryout matrix and flyers on our website) and have some makeup dates for different age groups. If none of those work, we can look to evaluate your son/daughter during a practice.

4 How do you choose teams? The tryouts are important but are not the only thing we look at. We also use coaches evaluations and team/age group depth charts which are created twice a season. The utmost care is taken to ensure your player is placed on a developmentally appropriate team.

5 How will the players be evaluated at tryouts? Coaching staff from those specific age groups will be running sessions and observing play. They have a program on their cell phones and tablets that allows them to make quantitative and qualitative remarks on each player instantaneously.

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6 Can you tryout for both the high performance teams (ECNL & ECNL-RL) and the competitive (signature) teams? Yes. You can tryout for both, but do not have to pay for both tryouts. If you do not get offered a spot on a high performance roster you will be eligible for selection on a competitive roster. All fees will be transferred to the next tryout your player attends.

7 I want to tryout for PRE-ECNL, when are those tryouts? PRE-ECNL tryouts are for U11 and U12 boys and girls. Those teams will be selected from the competitive 2014 & 2015 tryouts, and will be considered the top teams in the age groups.

8 Is the tryout fee refundable if we do not decide to join a LFSC team? The tryout fee covers our labor, facility, administrative, and insurance costs. The fee is non-refundable.

9 When will coaches be assigned to teams? Coach assignments will be released with rosters.

¹⁰ When will rosters be released? Rosters will be released around 2 weeks from the tryout date. Coaches and Directors reserve the right to adjust rosters where necessary.



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| 11 | What are the coaches looking at during tryouts? | Coaches will be looking at a player's technical ability, tactical understanding, as well as physical presence and character. Attitude and sportsmanship are also taken into consideration, as well as commitment to the team/program/sport. |
| 12 | My son/daughter is not a current LFSC player. Will they be given a fair look? | Yes. We welcome all players at LFSC and work hard to ensure everyone that wants to play is offered a roster spot. Teams are not predetermined and new additions are welcome. |
| 13 | What do I need to bring? | Soccer ball and soccer equipment. Water and snack. Good attitude. |
| 14 | How do I check in? | Check in will start 30 minutes before the designated time slot. There will be two distinct lines at the gate, one for exiting LFSC players that have preregistered, and one for players coming from other clubs and that have NOT preregistered. |
| 15 | How will my player be identified? | Current LFSC players will wear their game jerseys with roster numbers visible. New players will be given a paper number to pin on their shorts, which must be returned after the session. |
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16 How do I identify the coaches and can I approach them during the tryout?
LFSC coaches will be wearing red or black LFSC branded apparel for easy identification. Please do not approach a coach during the tryout process. IF you have a question, you can ask a registrar. Directors will address the parents at the end of the last day of tryouts.

17 Where do parents stand during the tryouts?
Parents and guardians must remain on the outside of the playing area at all times and are not to enter the field. At the turf complex, parents can observe from the parking lot side of the fields.

18 If I have further questions who should I reach out to?
Boys Director - Keir Hannity - khannity@lafiresoccer.com
Girls Director - Bobby Velasquez - bvelasquez@lafiresoccer.com

19 Will there be movement on and off teams after they are announced?
There are always possibilities of player movement after teams are formed. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. No decisions will be made without informing impacted parties.

20 How long will I have to accept or reject the roster spot and how do we accept?
You must accept or reject your roster spot within 10 days. You accept your roster spot on Playmetrics and make a non refundable deposit of a first payment (amount varies based on program registration) to ensure your roster spot.



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21 Is there an early bird discount for registration? If you register within 7 days of your team assignment, you will be entered into a raffle with the chance of receiving up to \$500 off your total registration.

22 Is there financial aid available? Yes. We offer financial aid. Applicants must apply through the FACTS link on Playmetrics. We also offer payment plans, up to 6 months, interest free. Any other financial questions can be directed to ddehoog@lafiresoccer.com

23 Can I try out for multiple clubs/programs? Yes. You are free to tryout for any club during the tryout period for your specific age group.

24 Will there be movement between teams/rosters/programs throughout the year? If there is a need or an opportunity to move a player to help with another team or program we will make that decision on a case by case basis. Practice player opportunities will also be available in some age groups.

25 Is there any summer programming offered by LFSC? Yes. We have a host of camps throughout the summer. Please scan the QR code at the bottom of the page, or check out our website www.lafiresoccer.com





COMPETITIVE DEVELOPMENT
2025-26 PLAYER PLACEMENTS
April 28 and May 6
City Park

2016 and 2017
Boys and Girls
5:30P - 7:00

April 28 - During Ignite Max Practice
and
Tuesday May 6

registration via playmetrics
lafiresoccer.com



2025-26

GIRLS PLAYER PLACEMENTS

ECNL-RL and COMPETITIVE

MAY 27 - 30 at LAFRENIERE TURF FIELDS

2007 **2008** **2009**

T/W May 27 and 28

4P - 5:30

2010

Th/F May 29 and 30

5:30P - 7

2011

T/W May 27 and 28

7P - 8:30

2012

T/W May 27 and 28

5:30P - 7

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LOUISIANA FIRE

**BOYS COMPETITIVE
U14 through U19
2025-26 PLAYER PLACEMENTS
May 27 through 30
LAFRENIERE TURF FIELDS**

2007 2008 2009

T/W May 27 and 28
4P - 5:30

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LOUISIANA FIRE SOCCER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to educate and develop our youth through the sport of soccer. We believe that soccer provides the best education in all of sports through teamwork, confidence, discipline, character, adversity, and on-field problem solving. We have created a "PATHWAY FOR ALL" concept that benefits all players, at all ages and at all stages of development.

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