



# COLORADO IGNITE SOCCER CLUB

\*\*\*\*\*

## Hello Fall Season!

August 2022 Newsletter

First, a huge WELCOME to all our new players and their families! We are excited to get to know all of you and cheer you on throughout the year, GO IGNITE!

Each month we will be sharing what is happening here at the club. We will be highlighting programs, events, sponsors, players, and coaches. Our club has a lot of moving parts and our goal is to make sure you stay informed and involved.

### Get to know your Club Leadership

[Kelly Thomson](#) - Executive Director: [kelly@coloradoignite.com](mailto:kelly@coloradoignite.com)

[Ashley Riley](#) - Director of Soccer Operations: [ashley@coloradoignite.com](mailto:ashley@coloradoignite.com)

[Kyle Cotter](#) - Director of Pre- Academy & Recreational Program: [kyle@coloradoignite.com](mailto:kyle@coloradoignite.com)

### Upcoming events

8/27 Competitive Program League Games begin

9/10 Academy & Rec League Games begin

9/12 Pre- Academy Program begins

9/9 Light It Up Program Begins

11/3 Colorado Ignite AGM

11/14 League Games End

\*\*\*\*\*

THIS MONTH'S  
**TOP STORIES**



## Fun Run Event

We want to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for making our FUN RUN fundraising event a success! We almost hit our goal of raising \$10,000 dollars for our Spark Foundation, which is awesome. It was great seeing our players, parents, and coaches having such a fun time during the event.

The total raised will go toward providing soccer opportunities to players who can not afford to play and also for training equipment and trained coaches for our special needs soccer program, Light It Up. Your generosity is amazing and we are so grateful for all the wonderful families in our club!



Congratulations to our Top Individual Winner Brooklyn Bondeson (2009 G Gold) and our Top Team Winners the 2012 B Navy on raising the most money. Big thanks again to all of you for making this happen!

## TOPSoccer

FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE SOCCER TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY. THIS PROGRAM IS FOR OUR PLAYERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (DOWN SYNDROME, AUTISM, CEREBRAL PALSY). ALL ARE ACCEPTED AND WELCOME!

Our Light It Up program will start on Sept 9th and go until Oct 14th. This program will be on Friday's (only) from 5:30pm-6:15pm at Erie Community Center Civic Green Field. We have adjusted the age for this program to support more of our community. Our Light It Up program will now be open to players 5 years old to 18 years old.

## Coach of the Month

Each month we will highlight one of our amazing coaches in the club! This month we would like to introduce Amber Bender. Coach Amber is currently the head coach of our 2009 Boys Gold and 2009 G Gold teams. She joined our club and staff during the Spring of 2021. Coach Amber brings a wealth of soccer knowledge and passion for the sport and her players.

We would like to congratulate coach Amber and her family on welcoming their new baby boy, Andre to their family.

About Coach Amber:






*"I started coaching because of my love and passion for the game. Soccer has always been the one constant in my life that I can truly depend on. It keeps me honest, focused and holds me accountable in every aspect. I was lucky enough to have some amazing coaches who I knew cared for me beyond the field and I think that was the most impactful piece of my playing career. I had teammates who maybe hadn't had the same experience and had so much potential but quit. So if I can be that positive person for the kids in our soccer community that helps them feel cared for and supported, while helping them grow as a player and person; well that's the best job ever! A coach can be tough and push, but in my opinion a player has the ability to perform even better when they know you are truly rooting for them and their opportunity to be successful. I've been coaching for about 16 years. I currently have my D National license and am looking forward to earning my C in the near future. I love Ignite because of the powerful female presence they have and how much they care about their staff and the kids at our club. I have two kids and our family looks forward to being a part of Colorado Ignite forever!."*

## Team of the Month

Congratulations to the 2009 Girls Gold, 2009 B Gold on placing 1st in the Broomfield Shootout this past weekend! Both teams competed extremely hard and we are very proud of them! GO IGNITE



## NEW Referee Program



### Colorado Ignite Referee Program

Leadership | Learning | Confidence | Giving Back

Ages 12 +

**Paid weekly**  
**Local Erie Parks**  
**Ref Kits Provided**



**Easy to get trained**  
**Online Course +**  
**90min in-person session**

PAY SCALE		
Age	Game Length	Pay
U8	40 min	\$15
U9/U10	50 min	\$20
U11/U12	60 min	\$25
U13/U14	70 min	\$30

**Get Started!**  
Contact us at  
[ref@coloradoignite.com](mailto:ref@coloradoignite.com)  
or complete this form →



We are so excited to introduce our new Referee Program!

As we all know we are still facing a referee shortage across the state and beyond. In an effort to make a positive impact we have developed our new Referee Program for anyone **12 years of age and older**.



This program will allow our newly certified referees to officiate games at the Recreational and Academy levels in Erie. Please take a look and we encourage our players, siblings, and parents to sign up to take advantage of earning income while being outside on the soccer pitch!

If interested, please email [ref@coloradoignite.com](mailto:ref@coloradoignite.com) ASAP to get started!

---

## **LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE**

