

alamo **revolution**



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Introduction

Alamo Revolution is an elite soccer club in San Antonio, Texas, founded in 2007 by Director of Coaching, Olivier Pheulpin.



Philosophy

Alamo Revolution focuses on player development through the mastery of skills so that the individual is free to play in any situation that may arise and stresses increased knowledge of the game so that the individual can make their own decisions and aren't reliant upon continual coach's instruction.

« Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master » – Albert Einstein





Practical Theories

- Juggling is the player's homework. Good touches lead to better vision.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes. It will speed up the learning process.
- Ask questions. Be curious. Watch games. Have fun.
- Communicate.
- Moving without the ball is a key element of the game.
- The player in possession of the ball must have constant support from teammates.
- The ball should flow from inside to outside and outside to inside.
- Play simple. Pass the ball.



Practical Theories

- Look up. Have vision with and without the ball.
- A good first touch relieves pressure.
- When you lose the ball, do all you can to win it back quickly.
- Players must act swiftly when possession changes.
- All players participate in total football both defending and attacking.
- Players learn and can play every position on the field.
- Organized pressure forces the opponents to commit errors.
- Love the game.



Player and Team Placement

Alamo Revolution goes to great lengths to place players and teams in the appropriate divisions and situations that provide them the best opportunities to develop, learn the game and progress throughout their soccer career at the club level. We will not play teams up a division just to say we have teams at that level nor will we play teams down just to win games.

The development of the individual players and the collective team is the only determining factor in their placement in a given season.



Player Code of Conduct

I understand that it is my responsibility to be ready to participate in practices and games per the directions of my coach.

I will arrive at practice at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of practice and 45 minutes before every game. I will bring with me my cleats, shin guards, a soccer ball, drinking water and any other equipment needed for that session.

I pledge to play the right way, respect the game and always give my best effort. I understand the importance of setting a good example for the team, club and my family. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game and display respect for rules, opponents, officials and teammates.

I pledge to refrain from yelling out negative criticism to my teammates during a games and practices. I understand that it is the coach's job to instruct and teach players. I will limit my comments during games to encouraging my teammates.

During games I will not question the calls or actions of the referees, coaches or club officials. I will show sportsmanship and individual responsibility in support of my team in both success and defeat.

I understand that Alamo Revolution will provide training and coaching to help me become a better player. I will conduct myself in accordance with FIFA rules, and in adherence to STYSA rules, or will be subject to disciplinary actions.

I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do. I will treat my coaches, other team's players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.



Parent Code of Conduct

I will remember that my child plays for his or her enjoyment, not mine.

I will model positive behavior for my child.

I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, coach, official or parent. Including but not limited to: booing, taunting, use of profane language or gestures, or physical contact.

I will refrain from coaching my child or any other player from the sidelines during games and practices and entrust soccer decisions to the coaches. Such behavior is confusing to the players on the field and is often in direct conflict with the coach's instructions.

I will teach my child to HONOR the game. I will reinforce fair play, respect for the letter and spirit of the laws, respect for the officials and our opponents.

I will give my child positive support at home, in the car, on the practice field, and on the competition field.

I will discuss any issues with the coaching staff in the appropriate manner and environment.

I will behave in a manner that always reflects positively on everyone at Alamo Revolution.



Future Endeavors

Beyond the on field performance of our players and teams we at Alamo Revolution are working to build a true club based on cooperation amongst all members regardless of age and including not only the players but coaches, staff, parents and extended families as well.

We are committed to belief that “together” “we” can achieve anything and that being a part of Alamo Revolution will be a source of great pride and accomplishment for all of our members.

In the near future we will begin or continue to work on the following projects:

Alamo Revolution Scholarship Fund.

Alamo Revolution Training Facility (with lighted fields in the AH / OP area).

Affiliation with the French professional club Dijon CFO.

We will also build a program within the club to provide players and parents with all of the information and guidance they need in regards to playing soccer in college.

