FIERCE Semi-Pro FAQ's

1. What does FIERCE stand for?

- FIERCE is an acronym that describes the attributes we desire to grow in our players:
 - Fearless: Proactive players who embrace failing forward and maintain a growth mindset.
 - o **Intelligent:** Students of the game who comprehend Total Football and Positional Play concepts.
 - Enthusiastic: Emerging servant leaders who stay optimistic, even when faced with adversity.
 - **Respectful:** Unwavering integrity and extreme empathy, even when nobody is watching.
 - o Coachable: Seek understanding, continuously improve, and trust that iron sharpens iron.
 - **Empowered:** Discipline and accountability fully embraced by every player development stakeholder.

2. What are some ways FIERCE is different?

- FIERCE began as a grassroots startup by a parent who saw a need for a different approach for youth girls soccer: keeping girls/young women engaged in the sport and playing quality soccer, regardless of whether they aspire to play at the highest level, or their paths lie elsewhere.
- Our goal is to prepare young women for the game of life. We are a boutique, women-led club with role models at the Board, Staff, and player levels.

3. What if I can't make it to tryouts, or they already happened?

- If you are unable to make tryouts, that's okay! You are welcome to join one of FIERCE's WPSL training sessions.
- Before you can attend a training session, you must register your player through PlayMetrics using this link.
- Once you have registered, our staff will email you WPSL-specific times and locations.

4. Who can play for the Semi-Pro team?

- The Semi-Pro team competes in the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) U21 platform, so high school and college soccer players are welcome.
- FIERCE consistently has strong internal interest for the Semi-Pro team, so external spots are limited!

5. What is the WPSL-U21?

- The WPSL-U21 is an under-21 model the WPSL created in 2021 to provide an unprecedented opportunity for young women to compete in a program of high-level collegiate student-athletes with a proven track record of players progressing to the highest level the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL).
- The WPSL-U21 is a summer league with games running from May July.

6. What training facilities does FIERCE use?

- Round Rock Sports Center (Indoor): 2400 Chisholm Trail Rd, Round Rock, TX 78681
- Round Rock Multipurpose Complex: 2001 North Kenney Fort Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665
- LISD Fields: Bible Stadium, Ranger Stadium, Rouse HS, Vista Ridge HS

7. How often does the WPSL team train?

• The WPSL team trains 2-3x per week with a combination of indoor and outdoor sessions from May - July.

- 8. Does FIERCE have goalkeeper training?
 - Currently, FIERCE offers once a week goalkeeper training sessions with high-level staff that serve as members of the Olympic Development Program (ODP).
 - In addition to weekly training, goalies at FIERCE receive a free keeper kit and seasonal glove stipend.
- 9. Can parents observe training?
 - Parents are encouraged to observe so they can meet other parents, players, and see the top level instruction FIERCE provides. We only request that parents stay off the pitch/floor and do not interrupt the training.
- 10. When does the season run?
 - FIERCE season: year-round
 - WPSL-U21: May July
- 11. When are WPSL-U21 games?
 - Since it is a summer league, games can fall on weekdays or the weekend. Typically, games will fall between Wednesdays and Sundays.
- 12. Is there a fee to play with the Semi-Pro team?
 - Yes, FIERCE does have an associated cost for Semi-Pro players. The fee is heavily subsidized by the club
 and goes towards league registration and other associated non-refundable league fees.
- 13. How does the onboarding process work?
 - 1. In order to try out with FIERCE, your player must register in PlayMetrics.
 - 2. If FIERCE is a good fit, an offer letter will be sent to your player through PlayMetrics.
 - 3. To complete registration with the league, your player must also register in Squadi. This involves paying a registration fee, completing SafeSport, and uploading identification documents.
 - 4. From that point forward, all invoices and communication will come through PlayMetrics.