

World Cup Inspires Soccer Boom in Chicago: Orland Park Sting FC at the Heart of Local Youth Development

Local club expands its programs as interest in youth soccer continues to surge in anticipation of the upcoming 2026 World Cup.

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the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Chicago is witnessing a surge in youth soccer participation, with Orland Park Sting FC leading the charge in [youth soccer development in Orland Park](#), Chicago. With FIFA projecting over 5 million tickets sold and an audience of 3.5 billion expected globally, the upcoming tournament is poised to break records and stimulate interest in soccer across the U.S.

The anticipation of this landmark event has already begun to influence local soccer programs. According to the U.S.

Soccer Federation, the last time the U.S. hosted the World Cup in 1994, youth soccer registrations spiked by over 20%. As soccer fandom grows, especially among Gen Z, with over 50% identifying as fans, local clubs like Orland Park Sting FC are experiencing a surge in new registrations. More families are recognizing the potential of soccer for youth development, providing young players with invaluable skills and life lessons.

The 2026 World Cup is set to generate more than \$5 billion in economic activity, including substantial investments in soccer infrastructure. Cities like Chicago are gearing up to benefit from this influx, and local clubs will see significant improvements in facilities and resources. U.S. Soccer's commitment of \$300 million to youth development initiatives aligns perfectly with this momentum. Increased youth program funding enables Orland Park Sting FC to expand its offerings, ensuring more access to high-quality coaching, equipment, and training facilities for aspiring players.

In response to the growing interest in soccer, Orland Park Sting FC is launching new [youth soccer programs in Orland Park](#) for boys and girls of all skill levels. “We are committed to fostering a love for the game and providing quality training for all young athletes in our community,” said Alex Freidine Director of Orland Park Sting FC . “The upcoming World Cup is an exciting

opportunity for us to engage more families and support the growth of soccer in Orland Park.”

The club is committed to nurturing talent and fostering a love for the game, as participation among children aged 6-12 has risen by 9.5% in recent years. With more than 4 million children registered in youth soccer leagues across the U.S., soccer is becoming one of the most popular team sports for kids.

To learn more about the soccer programs at Orland Park Sting FC and how to register your child or loved one, visit their website.

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