

## PSC Panama City, FL Combine Information Pack



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## Combine Schedule

If you have any questions that are not covered in this information pack please do not hesitate to ask, we want you to be as comfortable, and informed, as possible so you can showcase to the best of your ability.

### Facility Location:

Panama City Beach Sports Complex:  
50 Chip Seal Pkwy, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

### Schedule:

Saturday August 1: 9am – 1pm: 11 v 11 showcase games

Sunday August 2: 9am – 1pm: 11 v 11 showcase games

Monday August 3 9am – 1pm: 11 v 11 showcase games

***Each day you will be given a check in time to report for. This will be sent by text and email 48 hours prior to day one.***

### Playing Equipment and What to Wear to the Tryout:

Please arrive at the facility dressed in the following

- Black Shorts
- Black Socks (tennis socks will not be allowed)
- White tee-shirt

Please bring the following playing equipment with you:

- Cleats
- Shin guards (compulsory)
- Gloves (GK's only)

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**Important notes and FAQ's (please be sure to read carefully):**

- ⇒ The combine will be played on **ARTIFICIAL TURF** so please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. This includes shin guards.
- ⇒ Please bring plenty of water to keep hydrated during the event.
- ⇒ We ask players do not contact the facilities prior to the event or on the day of the event. They are simply providing a facility and will not have any information or details regarding the combine.
- ⇒ If you arrive before registration time, please do not enter the field of play, we will give you plenty of time to get warmed up before your game time.
- ⇒ Players will be assigned positions based upon their registration form. If you would like to showcase yourself in a different position, please let a PSC staff member know. We will do what we can to showcase you in that position, however, if you did not originally list it on your registration form we cannot guarantee it.
- ⇒ Over the course of the three days, if you are late for your assigned games, this will result in a reduction of playing time, please be sure to arrive on time.

### *Confirmed Coaches, Scouts & Representatives*

PSC Company Directors hand-pick attending Combine scouts and coaches for PSC events, bringing together a group of experienced individuals who can offer their wealth of elite knowledge and expertise to players present at Combines – potentially leading to trial and contract opportunities. Coaches we have confirmed so far are as follows, ***more are planned to be announced*** in the coming weeks.

#### **Balzan FC (Malta Premier League)**



Balzan Football Club play in the Maltese Premier League and have qualified for the Europa League for the last 5 seasons in a row. They finished runners up in the Premier League in seasons 16/17 and 17/18 and finalists in the 15/16 FA Trophy Final. PSC Guest Coach Mark Miller has been appointed Head Coach in June 2020 and will be using PSC's Florida Pro Soccer Tryout to recruit talent ahead of the new season. Miller has provided a mandate and authorization to

PSC to scout on his behalf this summer. Miller has signed and trialed over 20 PSC players using this format in the last 3 years.

#### **Bodens BK (Sweden, Division Two)**



Over the last 5 years, Bodens BK have regularly attended PSC's pro soccer tryouts and signed/trialed over 25 players from our events and through agency recommendations. The club have provided PSC with an official mandate to recruit from our Florida pro soccer tryout. Many PSC players have benefited from this relationship such as Eddy Prugh who scored 21 goals for the club over 3 seasons and earned a move to Colorado Switchbacks in the USL, Andy

Lorei, who scored 15 goals for the club and earned a move to the Tulsa Roughnecks of the USL. Recent 2018 players that have signed with the club from PSC includes, [Willie Clemons](#), [John Quintanilla](#) and [Jesus Ibarra](#).

## Charleston Battery (USL Championship)



The Battery is one of the oldest operating professional clubs in the US. Head Coach Michael Anhaeuser, along with assistants John Wilson and Dustin Hudock have been attending PSC tryouts for over 6 years and have trialed and signed over 20 players during that time. The club have a good relationship with PSC, signing [Vincenzo Candela](#) in 2018 (resigning in 2019) Kyle Nelson in 2019, and following our 2020 January events in Orlando and Pennsylvania signed [Paul Lewis](#) and [Darlan MaCauley](#).

## Seaford Rangers (Australia)



Seaford Rangers are a soccer club from Seaford, South Australia who play in the South Australian State League. Multiple time PSC success story Jamie Dell is a former player for the club and is scouting on their behalf at our Atlanta Pro Soccer Tryout. Having lived in Australia and played for the club Jamie knows what type of player the club are looking to scout, and as a former PSC success story who has played professionally in Sweden, Australia and USA (North Carolina FC, Cincinnati FC, Chattanooga Red Wolves) he is familiar with the PSC process which has seen over 475 players placed.



## Adrian Gaitan: Spain & Gibraltar Recruitment



Adrian is a professional coach who has most recently been Head Coach at CD San Roque De Lepe in Spain's 2nd Division. With excellent contacts in the Southern Spain Region, he currently holds the UEFA A license and will be attending our Florida pro soccer tryout. He has a number of years experience coaching

professionally in Spain and has excellent knowledge on the desired level to play professionally in this region. He will be working closely with PSC this summer to identify potential prospects to send to Spain and Gibraltar. As well as his experience coaching in Europe he has played professionally in the USL, been a member of the USA U20 squad and held the Director of Coaching Position with Albertson Development Academy in New York guiding a number of players into the professional game. He is currently coaching with full time program Olympians FC in Phoenix and has signed 3 PSC players to the program in recent months.

## PSC Agency Staff (Worldwide Recruitment)



Over the last 10 years [PSC Agency staff](#) have recommended over 450 players from events like this for placement or trial in Europe, America, Australia, and Asia. Our agency staff have so many connections and contacts from events and combines over the years and it is not possible to invite them all to a tryout. We are eager to get as many players placed as possible and are constantly reaching out to clubs to find out their player needs. Recent examples are Chase Webert, Patick Kibler (signed in Australia), David Brown, [Tobi](#)

[Jnohope](#) (signed in Malta), [Jesus Ibarra \(Signed in Sweden\)](#), [Jamie Dell](#) (Signed in USA) and [Devin Morgan](#), (signed in Iceland). All of whom were signed by clubs who did not attend a combine but trusted PSC's professional experience and judgment. If you prove

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you are a strong enough player at our Florida Pro Soccer Tryout , we will look to place you with any club in our network.

### **What our Agency Staff, and attending coaches, are looking for?**

Players often ask what the Agency staff are looking for in a player. First and foremost, we are looking for players who have technical, tactical and athletic ability to play at the professional level.

Following that, we are looking for players who display professional attitudes in terms of time-keeping, attitude on the field, attitude off the field, ability to work with fellow team mates and respect shown to attending coaches and staff. Players who do not show the above will not be recommended to professional clubs by Agency staff.

## How to Impress a coach at a PSC Combine?

Players often ask us what they can do to stand out and catch the eye of attending coaches. It is a tough question to answer definitively, as football is a game of opinions and every coach looks for something different in the players they sign.

For example, ask the next 10 people you meet to give their top 10 players in the world and you will get 10 different lists. It is the same at a PSC combine as each of the coaches evaluating players will have a different opinion and be looking for different qualities in the players they see at a tryout.

However, we can certainly give players basic advice on do's and don'ts during the tryout based on what we have witnessed over the last 10 years of running events. All of these have happened at previous events:

### Don't

- **Turn up late:** *Coaches need to trust you are a reliable person if they are to sign you for their club*
- **Spend more time moaning at the referee than playing the game:** *You are not at this event to win games, but to showcase. Coaches will not be impressed with how many different ways you can tell the referee they made a bad call*
- **Get in to fights and arguments with players around you:** *Coaches are looking not just for players with ability, but players who will fit into their team chemistry.*
- **Get in to fights and arguments with coaches:** *At one tryout, a player was gaining interest before swearing aggressively at a coach. Every coach on the sideline then lost interest in that player*
- **Text or email coaches or staff asking for a ride to the fields:** *Players are expected to provide their own transport and accommodation. By asking for a ride or accommodation with the coaches it shows a lack of ability to follow instructions.*
- **Refuse to follow instructions given to you by the coach:** *A coach may wish to see you in a different position This shows he has an interest in signing you. There is no quicker way for a coach to lose interest than a player refusing to play another position.*

### Do

- Work hard on the field both attacking and defending
- Follow instructions covered in this information pack
- Follow instructions given to you during the tryout by coaches and by PSC staff
- Arrive on time to the event, coaches look down on
- Work well and co-operate with the players around you on the field
- Remember you are being judged for your character as much as your ability



## What happens after the tryout?

After the tryout, one of four outcomes will follow:

1. Selected to sign or trial with an attending club (this can involve immediate travel to Europe so please be sure you are ready to accept an opportunity like that)
2. Recommended to trial or sign with a non-attending club through PSC Agency staff recommendation (this can involve immediate travel to Europe so please be sure you are ready to accept an opportunity like that)
3. Invited on a PSC European Showcase tour, European Residential Program, or Southern California Residential Program.
4. Not considered ready for the professional level at this time and provided an individual feedback sheet with guidance direct from the coaches.

EVERY player will be contacted via email within ten days so please be sure to add the domain name [@pscltd.co.uk](mailto:@pscltd.co.uk) to your safe senders list or check your junk folder daily following the combine.

### Contact Details

If you have any questions or issues prior to the combine, please contact [simon@pscltd.co.uk](mailto:simon@pscltd.co.uk)

If you have any questions during the event, please contact:

714-280-5793

*(Please note, this phone number is only used during combine hours and is not a year-round contact number)*

### Important Links

[Success Stories](#)

[Testimonials](#)

[Combine FAQ](#)

***We look forward to welcoming you, and evaluating you over the three days.***

***Good Luck!***