

# Soccer School Argentina

Supporting children in Argentina through sports and spiritual development

## Vision of the project

Leandro and his team are founding a soccer academy in Rosario, Argentina, with a clear and hopeful mission: soccer should not primarily serve as a means of talent scouting, but rather as a tool for the holistic development of children and for spreading the gospel.

The project aims to help children grow into responsible, value-oriented individuals through mentoring, training, and spiritual guidance in a safe, inspiring environment for children with and without a Christian background.



## Project context

Rosario is a city that loves soccer—but it is also marked by poverty, violence, and a lack of prospects. Many children grow up without safe leisure activities, stable role models, or guidance. This is where the academy comes in: a place of stability, community, and hope, founded by people from the region, for the region. Leandro, a former professional soccer player with roots in Rosario, wants to offer children more than just training with his brother: mentoring, values, and the gospel – made tangible through soccer. The project is being launched in collaboration with a Christian school. The goal is to nurture a generation that takes responsibility and carries hope forward.

***“More than just soccer—it's about shaping lives, bringing hope, and accompanying children on their journey.”***

***– Leandro Grech***





# Pilot launch: Aug–Dec 2025

- **Dauer:** 4-monatiges Pilotprojekt
- **Zeitplan:** Vormittags, 2–3 Trainingseinheiten pro Woche
- **Zielgruppe:** Schulkinder aus verschiedenen Hintergründen
- **Ort:** Christliche Partnerschule in Rosario
- **Leitung:** Leo und sein Bruder
- **Teilnahmegebühr:** ca. 2–3 €/Monat zur Förderung von Verbindlichkeit
- **Geplanter offizieller Start:** März 2026 (Beginn des Schuljahrs in Argentinien)



## Sustainability & Outlook

The project is being launched in the pilot phase with a simple but sustainable model: children pay a small fee, local coaches are involved, and parents are actively invited to tournaments and devotionals. Starting in 2026, the academy will be expanded to additional locations in Rosario and other neighborhoods with the goal of establishing a long-term, locally run sports mission.

## Prayer requests

- **For helpers:** That committed and suitable people will be found to support and help shape the project.
- **For necessary finances and materials:** That the financial resources and necessary equipment (e.g., sports equipment) will be available.
- **For the participants:** That the children who participate will be positively influenced by the project—both athletically and spiritually.



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