



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Academy U10 – U18 Junior Academy U8

The Academy Program provides players interested in developing skills and knowledge with an environment designed to challenge players at all levels. The teams are led by experienced, licensed coaches who are dedicated to improving each individual's skills and knowledge of the game. The Academy is a 9-10 month program which includes a Fall, Winter & Spring training component, culminating in participation in the Spring outdoor league.

The Academy Program (U10 – U18) and Junior Academy Program (U8) are identical with the only difference being 1 indoor training session during the Winter training for Junior Academy. There is a more detailed description of the program available on the BSC website. However, below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the program.

Q. What is included in the Academy program and registration fee.

A. This includes:

- Fall Outdoor Training:
 - U8-U12 Begins week of September 8th until the end of early November – 1/week.
 - U14 and up – **No Fall academy due to school season**
- Winter / Indoor Training - Starting in early November
 - Academy - 2/week for 16 weeks.
 - Junior Academy - 1/week for 16 weeks.
- Spring Outdoor Training and League play – Outdoor training 2/week beginning in early April with participation in CDYSL or EDP Spring league.
- Skill Training sessions (4) during indoor training period (ie: Beestera)
- Expert Technical training by licensed professional coaches.

Q. What is the financial commitment?

A. The cost of the Junior Academy and Academy are as follows:

- Junior Academy - \$675.00 / Spring Only - \$450
- Academy
 - U10 - \$1,075.00 / Spring Only - \$575
 - U12 - \$1,550.00 / Spring Only - \$775
 - U14 through U18 - \$1,650.00 / Spring Only - \$825
 - U14 Girls Spring Flex - \$1100

The higher age group costs are due to increased number of players on the field, larger field rentals, and more referees needed.

Q. Is there a scholarship program to assist with the Academy cost?

A. Yes, there is a need-based [scholarship program](#) that is available through the club.

Contact the BSC Administrator for more information – administrator@bscny.org or choose Financial Aid and select the Request Financial Aid button in PlayMetrics before you register

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the PlayMetrics website. The address bar shows 'playmetrics.com/programs'. The page title is 'CLUB PROGRAMS'. There are two tabs: 'Programs' and 'Financial Aid'. A blue arrow points to the 'Financial Aid' tab. Below the tabs, there are two program cards. The first card is for '2026-2027 Academy / Junior Academy Registration' and has a 'Continue' button. The second card is for '2025-2026 Academy / Junior Academy Registration' and has a 'Register' button. On the right side, there is a 'MY PLAYERS' section with a list of players: Mary Soccer, Martin Soccer, Marvin Soccer, and Testy McTester. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with the date and time as 11:27 AM on 6/10/2026.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the PlayMetrics website. The browser's address bar shows 'playmetrics.com/programs/financial-aid'. The page has a yellow header with the text 'You are logged in as a Test User' and an 'Exit Test Account' button. A dark blue sidebar on the left contains navigation links: 'Player Contact', 'Home', 'Forms', 'Club Programs', 'Volunteer Signups', 'Billing', 'Family Contacts', 'Club Resources', 'Help', and 'Account'. The main content area is titled 'CLUB PROGRAMS' and has a sub-tab for 'Financial Aid'. A blue button labeled 'Request Financial Aid' is located in the top right of the main content area, with a blue arrow pointing to it. Below the button, there is a section titled 'Bethlehem Soccer Club Financial Aid Policy' with the text: 'Bethlehem Soccer Club provides Financial Aid for families in need of assistance. Please read [Our Policy](#) before applying.' Below this is a section for 'Financial Aid Requests' which shows 'No results'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date and time as 11:26 AM on 6/10/2026, and the weather as 76°F Partly sunny.

- Q.** Are additional indoor practices, tournament play, and indoor league play included in my registration fee?
- A.** No, these are optional items that you will need to pay for. They will be billed to your account separately if you choose to sign up. The amount is the cost of the event including the coach pay divided by the number of players who participate. Examples include Afrim's Fall League, Afrim's Winter Indoor Sessions, the Mountain Mayhem Tournament. These are optional and not required.
- Q.** I am not sure if my child is good enough to play in the Academy Program?
- A.** The focus of this program is to develop each individual players skills and knowledge related to the game. There are players of all abilities, from the beginner just exposed to the game through the Recreation Program, right up through the children who have been playing since they could run. The only thing that the coaches require is a commitment to work hard!

Q. My child participates in other activities / sports. Is it possible to do soccer while participating in other activities / sports?

A. Yes, it is possible. There are very few players who only participate in soccer. Many of the players play at least one other sport at some point during the year. Participation in a variety of activities assists the children in developing a wide variety of skills. The club understands that the players have other interests and does its best to create schedules which are sensitive to other activities, however, it is impossible to avoid all conflicts. The coaches are aware of these conflicts and understand that some may be unavoidable. This is a team sport, and it is important all the players are dedicated to improving as an individual and as a team.

Q. What is the time commitment?

A. The expectation is that the player will participate in training, according to the general schedule outlined above, during each season and the Spring game schedule. We understand that conflicts do occur, however it is important to the development of both the individual and the team that players are attending as many activities as possible. Participation in optional activities are encouraged, and will vary by team.

Q. When can I register for the Academy?

A. Regular registration for the Academy program will begin in June and continue through December 1st, so please register before then to avoid a late fee and possibly missing team activities in the early fall and winter months. There will be a late fee of \$150 added for all registrations received after December 1st.

Q. How does a team schedule optional indoor practices, games, tournaments, etc...?

A. Each team will be assigned a team manager. The team manager works with the coach to determine what optional activities to enroll in. The cost per player is added to the players sports sign up account. The club official and team manager will handle registering for this optional activity.

Q. How do you know what age division your player is eligible to play on?

A. Age groups are based on Aug. 1-July 31 and the 2026-27 season is as follows:

U8 – Aug. 1, 2018 – July 31, 2020

U10 – Aug. 1, 2016 – July 31, 2018

U12 – Aug. 1, 2014 – July 31, 2016

U14 – Aug. 1, 2012 – July 31, 2014

U16 – Aug. 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012

Q. What is the purpose of the tryouts in June?

A. Tryouts are used to determine which players will be placed on our most competitive teams in each age group. It is our philosophy that players should be placed in an environment where they can find success as they develop the skills that they learned in practice. We want our players to have fun while also being challenged as they grow in the game of soccer. We believe that the correct team placement is instrumental in succeeding in this.

Q. What is the difference between the Academy Program and the Recreation Program?

A. The Academy Program is for children who are interested in developing their soccer skills and knowledge of the game and participate in the sport in a competitive environment. The Recreation Program is for the less serious player who wants to play soccer for fun and is not concerned about skill development and competing at a highly competitive level.

Below is a table which generally outlines the difference between the programs.

	ACADEMY	RECREATION
Focus	Structured training / competition	Provide fun atmosphere in practice and games
Duration	Full season – 9 months + Fall Outdoor, Indoor & Spring Outdoor	Fall and Spring Seasons Winter Sessions (when available)
Coaches	Professional licensed coaches	Parent volunteer coaches
Training	1 to 2 training sessions / week throughout season	1 / week during Fall and Spring Programs as well as Indoor Programs
Ages	Ages 6 to 18	Ages 4 to 13
Cost	Varies \$675 to \$1,650	\$135-\$160 per session
General	Program to develop an individual skills and knowledge of the game, while providing challenging competitive opportunities for team play development.	Program provides an enjoyable environment for the children to be exposed to the sport and participate in non-result-oriented games.