



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.
- 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 - \$650.00
- Academy
 - The cost U10 - \$1,050.00
 - U12 - \$1,525.00
 - U14 through U18 - \$1,625.00

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.

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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 added to each player's account if you choose to sign up. These are not required but optional.

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, of course 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 July and continue through December 31st, 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 added for all registrations received after December 31st.

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 coach to determine what optional activities to enroll in. The cost per player is added to the player's 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 according to birth year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) and the 2024-25 season is as follows:

- U8 - 2018 & 2019
- U10 - 2016 & 2017
- U12 - 2014 & 2015
- U14 - 2012 & 2013
- U16 - 2010 & 2011
- U18 - 2008 & 2009

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 \$650 to \$1,625	\$135-\$160 per session
General	Program to develop an individuals 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.