



Chicago Soccer Academy Premier Youth Soccer Club





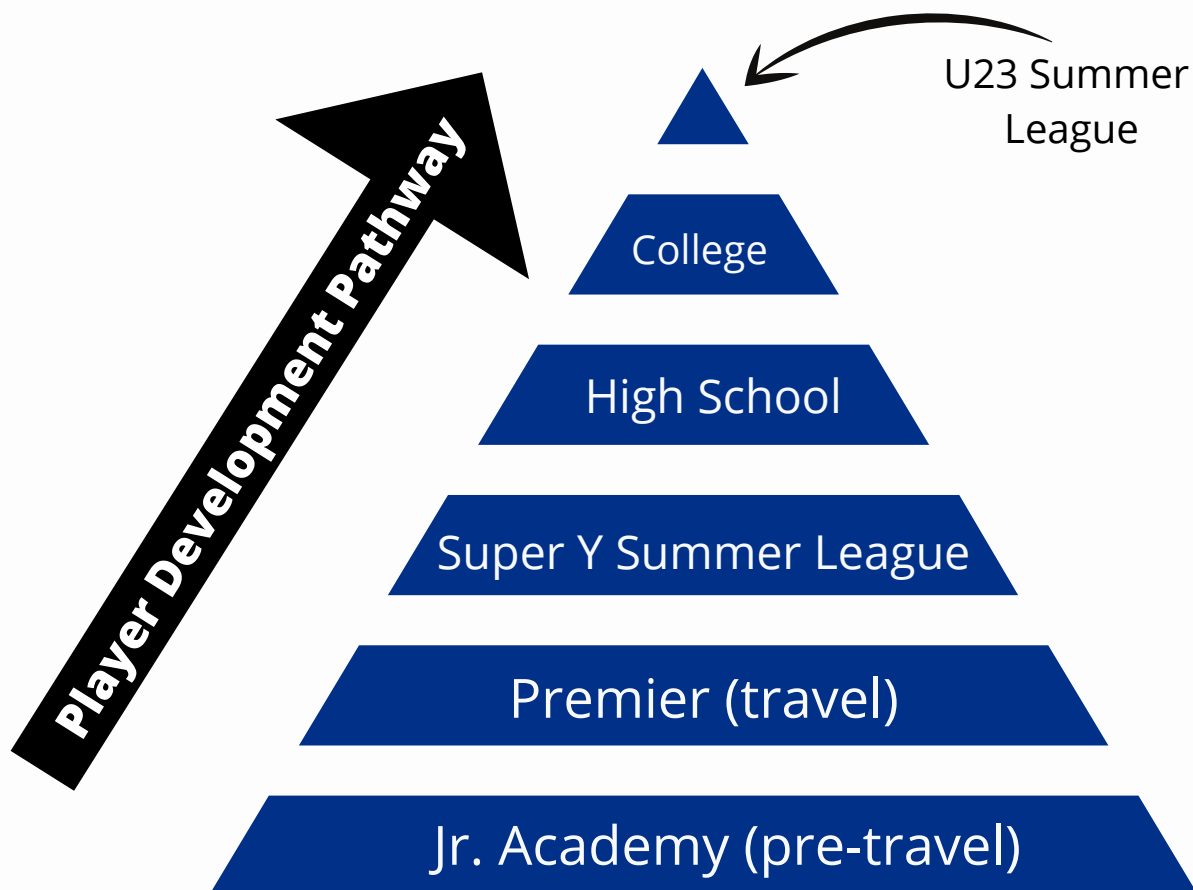
WHAT IS TRAVEL SOCCER?

Travel soccer is a competitive program. All players are welcome to attend tryouts, but not all will be asked to join a team. Once asked to join, players will continue to have to try out every year to keep their roster spot. Coaches are highly licensed and bring a wealth of personal playing and training experience to the teams they lead. Travel soccer is a highly competitive world, and players' development is of the utmost importance. Please realize that travel soccer is not for everyone. To be successful in travel soccer, children should show higher than average level of ability, and their families should recognize that a greater commitment, both in terms of attendance at practices and games as well as financially, is required.

WHY CSA?

Established in 2014, Chicago Soccer Academy (or CSA) is an Premier Youth Soccer Club serving Geneva, Batavia, St. Charles and surrounding communities in the Fox Valley of Northern Illinois. CSA was born out of a desire for something better than the status quo. We are committed to the development and education of young athletes so that each player reaches his/her full potential both on and off the field.

When we take the field, whether it be for a practice or a game, our coaches and trainers truly believe in the greatness of every student athlete. It is our goal to teach every player the highest level of professionalism, ball control and teamwork. Through our innovative training methodology, growth happens simultaneously at the technical, physical, tactical and personal level for each team member. In short, our players are developing not only as better soccer players, but also as better athletes and people by the design of our program.



CORE VALUES: CREATIVITY, CONFIDENCE, COMPOSURE



PROGRAM DETAILS:

JR. ACADEMY/ AGES U3-U10

Jr. Academy is a pre-travel developmental program designed for players as young as 3 years old. This program welcomes all levels and no previous soccer experience is required. The goal of this program is to build a solid foundation of skills in order for the players to be equipped for the next competitive level (Premier Teams). Training sessions are conducted exclusively by professional and licensed coaching staff. Emphasis is on building confidence, footskills, and having fun. We understand that these are formative years for the children so we focus on creating a love for the sport during these early childhood development years.

PREMIER TEAMS/ AGES U7-U14

Premier Teams are competitive travel programs for ages 7-13. All players of all levels are welcome to try out in May. From there, players are hand selected and placed onto teams of various levels of play. Age groups usually consist of 2-3 teams per age group which allows for players to be placed on their appropriate level team. Players will continue to try out on a yearly basis to ensure the right team fit. Note, players can be added outside of the May tryouts once teams are formed by requesting a private try out. Attendance at practices and games are required. Our coaches are highly skilled and licensed professionals that bring a wealth of personal playing and training experience. Focus is on technique, tactics, and high level competition to challenge the players.

SUPER Y SUMMER LEAGUE/ AGES U10-14

This summer program includes 7 weeks of practices and games against the top clubs in the midwest. This is a great opportunity for top players to further develop their skills. All games are regional. The National Championship is held in Florida.





PROGRAM DETAILS:

Super I Summer League/ Ages U8-U14

This summer program includes 7 weeks of practices and games against the top clubs in the midwest. This is a great opportunity for top players to further develop their skills. All games are local. League Championship is held at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, IL.

High School Teams/ Ages U15-U19

The main objective of our High School Teams is to thoroughly prepare players to compete at the college level. This includes various college showcase tournaments where scouts attend to watch players. CSA also equips pre-college players with resumes and summary reel videos. Several of our coaches have played at the college level and serve as mentors to these players. In addition the club can also leverage connections to place players at a college best suits their academic goals as well as athletic aspirations.

High School Summer Program/ Ages U15-U19

This program includes mens and womens teams for high school level players. The goal of this league is to give high school level students more touches on the ball during the summer while attending 2-3 college showcase tournaments.

U23 Summer League/ Ages 17-22

This program includes mens and womens teams for college level players. The goal of this league is to give college level students more touches on the ball during the summer so they are prepared upon return to college.



TRAVEL TEAM FEES 2022-2023 SEASON

	Jr. Academy	Premier Teams (U7- U10)	Premier Teams (U11- U12)	Premier Teams (U13- U14)	High School Teams	High School Summer Program	U23 Summer League	Super Y / I Summer League
Price	\$135- \$190/ Session	\$1350/ Year	\$1675	\$2220	\$2220/ Year	\$325-525	\$200	\$325-525
Season	7 Sessions/ year 6 Weeks each	Year round	Year round	Year round	Year round	June-July	June-July	June-July
Professional Coaches	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
League Registration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Field Rental Fees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Installment Plan		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sibling Discount	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Referral Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Preseason Training Camp		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Training Practices/Week	1/week	2/week	2/week	2/week	2-3/week	2-3/week	2-3/week	2-3/week
Games (Fall/Winter/ Spring)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Tournaments (Fall/Winter/ Spring)		2	3	3	3-4			
Goalkeeping Training		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Futsal/Street Soccer		1/ week	1/ week	1/ week				
Winter Training		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Summer Camps		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Techne At Home Training App		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Player Evaluations		✓	✓	✓	✓			
College Recruitment Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsrecruits account Exact ID Camps In-person Preparation 					✓			
Game Recording				✓ (select games)	✓			

EXTRA COSTS:

Uniforms: Approx. \$300/player (2 year cycle)

Private Training - inquire for more information

Additional Camps- prices vary



Season 2022 - 2023 BOYS & GIRLS TRYOUTS

PREMIER TEAM TRY OUT DATES FOR 2022-2023 SEASON

BOYS YOUTH

May 3rd @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm birth year: 2009, '10, '11

May 4th @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm birth year: 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16

May 5th @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm birth year: 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm birth year: 2009, '10, '11

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

May 3rd @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm birth year: 2004, '05, '06, '07, '08

May 4th @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm birth year: 2004, '05, '06, '07, '08

GIRLS YOUTH

May 23rd @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm birth year: 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm birth year: 2009, '10, '11

May 24th @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm birth year: 2012, '13, '14, '15, '16

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm birth year: 2009, '10, '11

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

May 8th @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm birth year: 2004, '05, '06, '07, '08

May 15th @ Good Templar Park, Geneva

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm birth year: 2004, '05, '06, '07, '08



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. What sets CSA apart from other soccer clubs?

A. Our values- We instill a love for the game as well as our core values throughout every level of play. In addition to this our club competes at high levels and has a proven success record for developing players.

Q. What is your coaching philosophy?

A. The players need to have fun and love the game first and CSA staff have the experience and techniques to get the effort out of each player. Once this is accomplished, confidence starts appearing in each player. Players will be introduced to technical and tactical components of the game in a fun learning environment.

Q. My child attended the tryout. What next?

A. CSA coaching staff will evaluate each player and select them to play on teams according to their age and abilities. You will receive an email notification of the final decision no later than 48 hours after the tryouts. If your child made a team, you will be asked to make a deposit to save a roster spot on a team.

Q. What if my child didn't make a team?

A. CSA encourages your child to continue playing soccer in our Jr. Academy program where they can continue to develop their skills and understanding of the game. Every child grows and develops at a different pace. It is not in anyone's best interest to promote a player past their capabilities and then have them suffer a crisis in confidence which may cause them to lose enjoyment and interest in the sport. Ask us about non-travel options for players over 10 years old.

Q. How far do we need to travel?

A. Most games are played in the Chicago-land area. Generally speaking, away games are within one hour drive time at most. High level teams will require out of state travel (regional and national).

Q. What if my child plays another sport?

A. Travel soccer is not for everyone. A substantial time commitment is required. That being said, many of our players are able to juggle a schedule that includes baseball, basketball, hockey, swimming, dance, etc. We are very flexible in accommodating busy family schedules, however we do expect a high level of commitment. Showing up for games only but not practices is not acceptable and playing time will not be guaranteed! Commitment is important to teach to children and we expect parents to be involved and help us enforce this important character trait.

Q. Is playing time guaranteed?

A. No. It must be earned!

Q. Is a game schedule available?

A. League schedule is available after the league's scheduling meeting (late August for the Fall season, late December for Winter season and late March for Spring season). Normally boys games are played on Saturdays and girls games on Sundays.

Q. What is your refund policy?

A. We strongly believe in what we do and if you are unhappy we will not hold you back. Since most families opt in to pay their club dues via monthly installment plan, once we receive the last month's payment, we will mail your child's player pass to the league and he/she can transfer to another club. No questions asked!



TIM BALATSOUKAS

Following a successful professional soccer career in Europe Tim arrived to the US in 2004 to play Midfielder at Judson University (Elgin, IL). While there, he played under the most successful coach in NAIA history, Mr. Steve Burke. Tim was a four year starter for Judson University, four time NCCAA National Champions.

As a player he earned a number of honors including Top 3 Leading Points Scorer twice, was named to All-Regional and All-Area Teams, Team Captain and was named to the 2006 All-Illinois State Team.

Tim started CSA in June 2014 and has since been active as the Director of Coaching.

Visit this link to view our full coaching staff:

<https://www.csasocceracademy.com/page/show/4122387-coaching-staff>



WHAT OUR CSA FAMILIES ARE SAYING?

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CSA is fantastic!!! The coaches are phenomenal. They do a wonderful job of helping the kids develop both the physical and mental parts of the game. If your child is considering playing in college, they explain and help guide the parents and child through the process. Tim has done an amazing job building the Chicago Soccer Academy. A big thank you to CSA for helping the kids!!!

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We have all 3 kids in a CSA program and couldn't be happier. Our 8 year old is in the travel league and our other two (7& 5) are in the Jr. academy program. The coaches are amazing and the organization is extremely family oriented. We are very pleased we chose this program.

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Coach Ryan is amazing with the younger soccer players. He keeps them engaged, having fun, AND learning soccer skills for an hour every practice. I am so appreciative of his patience and positive energy.

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We have had our sons in CSA since 2015, when our older son was 4. We've done Jr Academy that whole time and club team for the past two years. The coaches are great, very knowledgeable and good with kids. The Jr Academy coaches are super patient, learn all the kids' names, and help them have fun as well as learn the game. There are often new coaches at the younger levels but we always see familiar faces too, and the program is consistent. We've been on various teams with Coach Martin over the years, and he takes an interest in his players as whole people and has helped our son love the game. The first year on club it was hard for our son to really feel like part of the team, but this year he has made a big effort to improve in skill and in getting to know his teammates and he's having a lot more fun. You get out what you put in, but CSA is a good place to learn soccer.

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My daughter is in the Junior Academy and is now going into her fourth season at CSA. I have seen her develop a love for the game and has learned so much. She has only had coach Ryan so far and she absolutely loves him and he is really good with the kids and very patient. I hope to see my daughter go here until she graduates high school.

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CSA has been great to me, my son and family. The coaches and staff have made us feel welcomed and part of their club since the first day we joined. I am very thankful for the opportunity to join their club and for the coaches who encourage and guide my son in his soccer journey. I look forward to growing with this team, and will definitely recommend this club to any friends and family in the area. Thank you CSA

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I played with CSA my senior year of high school. The coaching staff was super supportive and helpful during my recruiting process. The level of play was high and the girls and overall environment was amazing. A great club to play at if you are looking to play at the next level.

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We have really enjoyed being a part of Chicago Soccer Academy. The coaches take their job of teaching the kids seriously while still insuring that they are having a great time and learning. My kids have so much fun participating and are always confident when they leave while still knowing what they need to practice. It is a very well run club with lots of communication to parents as well as safety precautions being taken.

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We absolutely love CSA! Both of our sons play there. The entire organization has a long-term, development approach focused on each individual and team as a whole. Thank you!!



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