

Junior Academy Soccer

Spring 2010

Practices will be held EVERY Mon & Wed 5:30-7:00PM at Waller Lower Soccer Fields starting February 17th, 2010.

Goals of the Program

- Provide a seamless transition from Recreational Soccer to Select/Academy.
- Make players more technically sound.
- Ease the learning curve for first year Academy players, (speed of game, structure, rules, etc.).
- Provide the atmosphere for players to become more creative and passionate about the game.

Objectives of the Program

- Introduce goalkeeping and Select/Academy rules to the players
- Educate the parents as to the progression through the club, moving through the select level.
- Train in age specific curriculum with the priority being placed on player development.
- Be the stepping stone between Recreational Soccer and Select/Academy.

Directors Responsibilities

- Sets the age specific curriculum for training sessions.
- Runs technical warm-up at the beginning of each training session.
- Provides guidance to volunteer coaches as well as players to make sure the ideas/skills are being fully grasped during training.
- Answers curriculum/player based questions.
- Attends/Evaluates some season games and provides feedback to those coaches as to what was done right/wrong.

Volunteer Coaches Responsibilities

Each team will have a volunteer coach who will be responsible for your son/daughters particular team. These responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Follow the training curriculum set by the director
- Ask questions to the director when information is not understood at training sessions or during games
- Know the rules of the game, for game day coaching situations
- Communicate to team practice/game information in a timely manner, including rainouts, makeup practices, and rescheduled games.
- Call in extra practices for their team if desired.
- Be present at all scheduled practices/games.
- Ensure players are at games early in order to properly warm up (20min).

Parents Responsibilities

- Parents must make sure that their players come to each training session ready to train as soon as they walk on the field. We recommend trying to be at the fields 15-20 minutes before each training session and game. Please also make sure your son/daughter has the following with them at **EVERY PRACTICE/GAME**:
 - Water
 - Shin-guards
 - Size 4 Soccer ball
 - Both Uniforms at EVERY GAME
- Make sure your son/daughter is aware that they need these four things at **EVERY PRACTICE/GAME**, will help make all the training sessions start and run the way the were designed.
- Notify your volunteer coach if your child can not attend a practice or game.
- If you wish to discuss any issues during the season regarding the training sessions and/or game situations please consult your teams Volunteer coach or the Director of the program. Try to contact them via email or phone prior to the next scheduled meeting. This will allow the coaches to give the proper time to answer your questions or concerns (their contact information will be provided to you when you are assigned to a team).

If any issues arise during the season regarding anything administrative, (concerns about coaches/program, program suggestions/recommendations, referee issues or general questions), please contact the RRPD Soccer Department, (770) 641-3706.