



ACADEMY

U9 - U12

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# Academy Program

SSC's Academy Program is designed to support and guide players who wish to make the transition from recreational to competitive soccer.

Designed for more technically advanced U9 – U12 recreational players

Provides training for players who have a strong desire to increase technical skills

Provides training for players who want to learn more about tactical aspects of the game

## **JOINING A TEAM**

Players interested in participating within the Academy Program must be evaluated *every year* before a decision will be made regarding player placement on a team.

To register for Academy evaluations, complete the following 2 step process:

Step 1: Pre-Register and pay online at [www.summervillesoccerclub.com](http://www.summervillesoccerclub.com)

Step 2: Complete Registration at SSC May 5, 6 & 8, 2009 from 5:00-7:00, by verifying paper work, obtaining player shirt and number, and receiving handout information

Players arrive at SSC Fields for Academy evaluations on May 5, 6 & 8 ready to play and wearing their evaluation bib (provided by SSC)

Players also can request to be assessed for potential inclusion in the Academy program at any time during the year

## **TRAINING**

The most important aspect of SSC's Academy Program is training.

Professional SSC coaches train each team

Technical and tactical training provided 2-3 times per week in 1.5 hour sessions

Players are expected to work at home on basic technical skills

Players must be committed to practice

## **GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND TRAVEL**

U12 games consist of eight players per team competing in two 30 minute halves on an 80x50 yard field

U9 games consist of 6 players per team competing in two 25 minute halves on a 60x40 yard field

Games are on Saturdays & Sundays locally or in other cities, such as Columbia, Greenville, Charlotte and Charleston

Teams typically participate in 1 fall and 2 spring tournaments

Fees

The Academy Program Club fee is \$810 per year, of which \$300 is due with online registration by May 26, 2009

Team Fees are in addition to Club fees and are typically \$300-\$500 per year, and cover tournament application fees, coach's travel expenses, and other team expenses

Uniforms must be purchased, with estimated costs starting at \$250

Players and their families are responsible for their own travel costs

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is the Academy the same as Select soccer?

A: No. The Academy program is specifically designed for the U9 to U12 age group. The Select Program is for players in the U13 age group and older. However, like the Select program, the Academy program provides professional coaches and advanced training.

Q: Can a U12 player join a team if he or she did not play on a U11 Academy team?

A: Yes. Players can be evaluated for a team in their age group during Academy evaluations in May or at any time during the year. Prior inclusion on an Academy team is not required.

Q: What is a "pool"?

A: Some Academy teams are pools. A pool is a group of about 20 players that trains together. For games, the pool players are split into two groups.

Q: Can I still be a "team parent" for my child's team?

A: Academy teams rely on parents to fill volunteer jobs as team managers, treasurers and travel coordinators. Team managers are responsible for maintaining team records, budgeting, tournament registration, and communicating information to the team. Team treasurers are responsible for budgeting and managing team funds by collecting fees and paying expenses. Travel coordinators arrange accommodations for out of town games.

Q: Do all teams train at SSC?

A: Academy teams will mostly likely always train at SSC, but we do have the option to train at Pinewood Prep School as well.

Q: Do all teams train 3 times each week?

A: Most teams train two nights each week, plus the optional benefit of participating in SSC's skills development program on a third night.

Q: On which days do teams practice?

A: For Fall 2009, Academy teams will practice on Tues and Thurs, with skills training on Wednesday.

Q: Are there ways I can be involved with coaching my player?

A: No. SSC's professional staff trains all teams.

Q: When and how do we find out about game and tournament schedules?

A: Game and tournament schedules are posted on-line through "HotStat" (which is a link on the SSC website) and are updated throughout the season. The August schedule usually comes out in July, and the fall schedule follows in September.

Q: Does every away game require a hotel stay?

A: No. For some games, players ride up in the morning and return that evening.

Q: Do teams travel together to away games?

A: Players are responsible for their own transportation and lodging for away games.

Q: Do all players have to stay in the same hotel?

A: Travel coordinators arrange for out of town accommodations for the team. Staying with your team enhances camaraderie among teammates and facilitates easy communication about any changes on game day. SSC prefers that all players stay at the same hotel.

Q: Is financial assistance available?

A: Yes, financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Applications are located on the SSC website at: [www.summervillesoccerclub.com](http://www.summervillesoccerclub.com) Under "Forms."

Q: Are all fees due the beginning of the season?

A: Fees are usually paid incrementally:

# FEES

May:

- \$300 for initial Club dues payable with online registration by May 26
- \$210 for uniforms (starting price for basic uniforms) at May 30 Parent Meeting

By August 1:

- \$100 "Start up" team fees, used to cover the cost of early tournaments, payable to your team treasurer (May be paid at Parent Meeting)
- \$40 for remainder of uniform fee
- \$300 in second installment of Club dues

By October 1:

- \$210 for remaining Club dues\*
- Through May 2010:  
\$200-\$400 for team fees, depending on the size of the team and number of tournaments\*

*\*Can be paid to your team treasurer all at once or in monthly increments due the first of each month.*

# IMPORTANT DATES

- May 2-8: Registration for Academy
- May 5, 6, 8: Evaluations at SSC fields
- May 26: Registration deadline
- May 30: Parent meeting and uniform ordering

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