



US Soccer and SCSA Development Academy



Development Academy teams will have a "clean slate" on their calendars and will compete against other teams within the Development Academy and will not play in other leagues, tournaments or State Cup competitions; players will only be allowed to compete on their designated Academy team (with exception for high school teams and National Team duties). Emphasis is on training versus games.

1. Minimum roster size is 20.
2. Each team will have a head coach and an assistant coach.
3. Age group based on calendar year (Jan1-Dec 31). U16 players will have a 1991 or 1992 birth year and U18 will be a 1990 or 1989 birth year
4. Training will be minimum 3 days a week with at least one rest day per week.
5. Every player must start 30% of the games. Each game limited to 7 substitutions with no re-entry.
6. League play starts in January to avoid conflicts with HS soccer.
7. Teams will play in 2 additional National showcase tournaments prior to the start of the season (November/December timeframe)
8. Teams will compete in three different types of game weekends - individual conference games, travel partner weekends and showcase weekends to provide them with the optimum balance of playing rhythm, economy of travel and exposure to scouts.
9. Our conference opponents are:

Atlantic Conference

Bridge FA
CASL
Greensboro Youth SC
North Meck SC
Richmond Kickers SC
Richmond Strikers
South Charlotte SA
VA Rush SC

Great Lakes Conference

Carmel United Soccer Club (IN)
CASA (Ohio)
Columbus Crew (Ohio)
Empire United SA (Syracuse, NY)
Internationals SC (Ohio)
Michigan Wolves (Michigan)
Ohio Elite SA (Ohio)
Vardar (Michigan)

10. There will be 3 additional Showcase events at some of the top facilities in the country (IMG academy, Florida, Pizza Hut Park Frisco Texas, Bryan Park Greensboro etc, dates and times TBD)
11. Conference Champions will play in the National Championships (all expenses paid) at the Home Depot Center LA at the end of July