
Academy Soccer

An Informative Guide for
Parents



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Coppell Youth Soccer Association

What is Academy soccer?

Per the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSAS) by laws:

3.10.1 Soccer Academies:

1. A "Soccer Academy" is a group of Under 9 through Under 10 registered NTSSA recreational players who desire to participate with other players without following the recreational team formation rules. Players must register with their home association and may or may not be on a recreational team, unless required to be on a recreational team by their home association. Academies are to be governed by NTSSA Youth Associations, and NTSSA Youth Associations may host as many Soccer Academies as they deem desirable.

The NTSSA bylaws for Academy have been copied later in this brochure for your convenience.

What is the purpose of Academy soccer?

To provide recreational players who have aspirations of becoming a more accomplished player an avenue to test and enhance his or her skills.

To provide recreational players an opportunity to train with experienced coaches.

To provide recreational players an opportunity to investigate the level of play with which they are comfortable, which players they would like to play with, and for which coaches they would like to play.

*** Academy league play should be used as an additional league for the recreational player, not to replace the recreational team your child plays with. Remember the more touches on the ball your player gets, the better soccer player he or she will become.*

How is Academy soccer different than recreational soccer?

1. Team formation

Recreational team - formed by following the NTSSA and local association team formation rules.

Academy teams - no team formation rules other than assuring a player's appropriate age division

2. Fees

Recreational soccer— a seasonal registration fee and uniform fee; individual player equipment.

Academy soccer— The Club or Team Fees (varies),

uniform fees, Playing League Fees, any tournament fees, potential skills session fees and home association player registration fees.

3. Playing Time

Recreational soccer—coaches bound by the 50% playing rule (provided player regularly attends practices).

Academy soccer— coaches not bound to 50% playing rule.

4. Coaches

Recreational soccer—volunteer coaches.

Academy soccer—paid coaches.

5. Game and Practice Locations

Recreational soccer—all CYSA team practices and games for Academy eligible age divisions are conducted on CYSA fields.

Academy Soccer—practices and games can be anywhere in the DFW area, depending on the entity organizing your team and the playing league to which your team is registered.

What age divisions may participate in Academy soccer?

U7 & U8— Under 7 and 8 players may participate with Academy teams for one practice only per week and may not compete in any games (league, tournament, or scrimmage games).

U9 & U10— Academy players are limited to one (1) practice per week with each of their academy teams. Academy players may only play in one (1) academy game per week, except tournaments.

Can my child play recreational soccer and Academy soccer at the same time?

Yes! As a matter of fact, Academy is designed to *supplement* the recreational soccer experience, not *replace* it.

What's the difference between SDL and Academy soccer?

SDL (Super Development League)

SDL is organized thru the Plano YMCA.

SDL is not affiliated with NTSSA.

SDL is NOT Academy. But Academy teams may register to play in SDL.

Academy

Academy is affiliated with NTSSA and subject to the NTSSA rules.

Academy teams may participate in any NTSSA sanctioned tournament since all Academy players are registered with their home/local NTSSA soccer association. (CYSA is the home soccer association for any player residing in the Coppell Independent School District boundaries).

Is Academy soccer right for my child/family?

This is a question only a parent can answer by asking yourself a few basic questions:

Is this what my child wants? Or is this what I want?

Is my child passionate about soccer?

Are my child's soccer skills consistently above average?

Am I willing to adjust my expectations from the recreational soccer experience to the Academy experience?

How do I get my child on an Academy team?

Do your own research: (CYSA does not endorse any club or entity that organizes Academy or select soccer.)

Talk to other parents

Check out the links on the NTSSA website for competitive clubs to find those organizing Academy teams.

Check out www.TurfMonster.com—Read online discussion groups about Academy in Region III, North Texas. There are discussion groups specifically for NTX Youth Academy Boys and NTX Youth Academy Girls.

Academy Registration and Paperwork Requirements

1. All players participating in Academy must first register with their home association. CYSA serves as the home soccer association to all players residing in the boundaries of the Coppell Independent School District.
2. Players rostered to a recreational team in CYSA pay a \$10 fee/season to process the Academy Player Registration Form. This form must be completed

and \$10 fee paid each season to indicate that the player is registered for the current playing season.

- A. Players released to CYSA by Irving Soccer Association (ISA) and Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association (GLASA) to play recreational soccer for the current playing season(s) may obtain their Academy Player Registration Form from CYSA per a special agreement between CYSA and these associations. All other players released to play rec in CYSA must go to their home soccer association to obtain the Academy Player Registration Form.
3. Players choosing to not participate in recreational soccer for a season are considered Non-Rostered/Academy Only Players. These players must still pay a registration fee with their home association in order to be a NTSSA player and therefore eligible to participate in Academy soccer events. CYSA's registration fee for Non-Rostered/Academy Only players is \$80 for the Fall '09 and Spring '10 seasons combined or \$70 for the Spring '10 season only (includes form processing fee).
 4. CYSA does not accept electronic copies of any Academy paperwork. All forms provided to the CYSA office must be originals.

A Few Important Rules to Remember about Academy Participation

1. All players participating in a Soccer Academy who are also registered with an NTSSA Member youth association recreational or recreational plus team shall, in the event of a conflict, consider the NTSSA recreational team or recreational plus team to be their primary team and the Academy team as a secondary commitment.
2. Attending an Academy without the completed Academy Player Registration form is a violation of NTSSA Rules and could result in sanctions being levied against the Academy Coach (up to suspension from all soccer activities), and could result in sanctions against the player and/or parent for knowingly participating without having completed the proper forms.
3. Although some coaches will encourage a player to play academy only, that is not the intent of the Academy concept. Academy league play will not be scheduled during regular recreational play times.

NOTE: Remember that SDL games are not subject to this rule.

NTSSA Bylaws/Rules

(revised February '09)

3.10.3 Soccer Academies:

1. A "Soccer Academy" is a group of Under 9 through Under 10 registered NTSSA recreational players who desire to participate with other players without following the recreational team formation rules. Players must register with their home association and may or may not be on a recreational team, unless required to be on a recreational team by their home association. Academies are to be governed by NTSSA Youth Associations, and NTSSA Youth Associations may host as many Soccer Academies as they deem desirable. Academy teams are governed by the league in which they participate. (If more than one association is involved in an academy league an A&D committee should be in place.)
2. Coaches, trainers, administrators, etc., of Soccer Academies must have satisfactorily passed the criminal background check and information sent to NTSSA.
3. Soccer Academy play is in addition to recreational play. Players may join any Soccer Academy of their choosing within their age group, and are not required to obtain a release from their NTSSA recreational team to participate on an Academy team. Players must present a form of proof of registration signed by their home association registrar each time they participate with an Academy. Players may join as many Soccer Academies as they like as long as the Soccer Academy is recognized by a North Texas Soccer Member Youth Association. No formal contract or written commitment may be signed by or on behalf of the player to commit a player to an Academy team. The Academies may charge a fee to cover expenses in addition to the player's recreational soccer registration fees. Academy players are limited to one (1) practice per week with each of their Academy team(s). Academy players may only play in one (1) Academy game per week, except tournaments. Academy players may participate in only one Academy tournament at a time. Violations of this rule shall result in

sanctions against the offending party (coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, or other team representative), which could include suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time.

Exception 1: Academy players and/or Academy teams that are domiciled outside of a one hundred (100) mile radius of the Dallas/Fort Worth airport and participate in an Academy league within the one hundred (100) mile radius shall be allowed to practice and play up to two (2) Academy games and/or practices per week, with a maximum of two (2) academy games per two (2) week period.

Exception 2: Make up games scheduled due to inclement weather or field closures (outside the control of the participating teams) will be counted as played when originally scheduled and will not be used when calculating the maximum number of games played during any one (1) or two (2) week period.

4. Member Associations may provide league play if they have enough teams, or may coordinate with other Member Associations to provide a league or games between Soccer Academy teams from different home associations. Age division play will be designated as Under 9 or Under 10. Scores and standings should not be kept. Under 7 and 8 players may participate with Academy teams for one practice only per week and may not compete in any games (league, tournament, or scrimmage games).

5. Soccer Academy teams are not considered "registered teams," and therefore do not have to follow recreational team formation rules. Soccer Academy teams may not enter NTSSA sanctioned tournaments unless the tournament has specified a "Soccer Academy" bracket. In that event, players must declare which Soccer Academy team they will play with in the tournament and may only play for one team in a tournament. Soccer Academy teams may not travel out of NTSSA as a team to play in tournaments.

Reference Websites:

NTSSA www.ntxsoccer.org

SDL www.superdevelopmentleague.com

PAL www.ccsai.org

Academy Forms:

NTSSA Academy Player Registration Form:

<http://www.coppellyouthsoccer.com/forms.html>

CYSA Academy Only/Non-Rostered Registration Form:

<http://www.coppellyouthsoccer.com/forms.html>



Academy Player REGISTRATION FORM



IMPORTANT

Registration Instructions:

This form must be filled out completely and legibly with all signatures to participate with a North Texas Soccer member association academy program. **Each applicant must first register with their Home Association, and acquire their Home Association registration number.** Players may or may not be on a recreational team, unless required to be on a recreational team by their home association. **A copy of player's Birth Certificate is required at time of registration.** This form is required for player participation in any NTSSA academy program or tournament. **This form must be available at all training and competitions for insurance purposes.** No formal contract or written commitment may be signed by or on behalf of the player to commit a player to an academy team. Players may participate with any academy program regardless of their home association address. Player participation in academy competitions does not guarantee playing time and players may move to other academy teams at anytime. Academy players are limited to one (1) practice per week with each of their academy teams. Academy players may only play in one (1) academy game per week, except tournaments. **U-7 & U-8 players may participate with an Academy Practice only once per week and may not compete in any games (league, tournament, or scrimmage).**(Academies are a sanctioned recreational league with North Texas State Soccer Association operated thru registered member associations) Violation of this rule shall result in sanction against the offending party (coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, or other team representative), which could include suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time. NTSSA Rule 3.10.3

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Date: _____

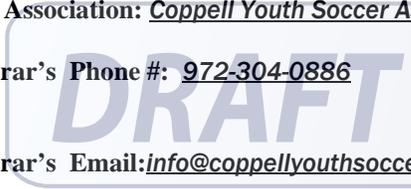
Fall: _____ Spring: _____

Home Association: Coppell Youth Soccer Assoc.

Registrar's Phone #: 972-304-0886

Registrar's Email: info@coppellyouthsoccer.com

Registrar's Signature: _____



League Academy Age (99) U10 _____ (00) U09 _____	Practice Only Academy Age (01) U08 _____ (02) U07 _____	U _____ Boys U _____ Girls	
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Player Registration #: _____

Player's Last Name: _____ Player's First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt #: _____ City: _____ St: _____ TX

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Father's Name: _____ Work Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Person in an emergency: _____ Phone #: _____

Doctor to Notify: _____ Phone #: _____

List any Medical Problems: _____

IMPORTANT

I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, a minor, agree that the registrant and I will abide by the rules of the USYS, its affiliated organizations and sponsors. Recognizing the possibility of physical injury associated with soccer and in consideration for the USYS accepting the registrant for its soccer programs and activities (Programs). I hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify the USYS, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, their employees and associated personnel, including the registrant as a result of the registrant, participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which transportation I hereby authorize. I further grant the USYS Parties the right to use the player's name, pictures and /or likeness in printed, broadcast and other material concerning the Programs provided such use is related to the player's status as a participant in the Programs.

Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print)

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

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Birth Date Verified Yes No

Registration Fees \$ _____

Cash _____

Check # _____

Date _____

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT (MINOR)

As the parent or legal guardian of the above-named player, I hereby give consent for emergency medical care prescribed by a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dentistry. This care may be given under whatever conditions are Necessary to preserve the life, limb or well-being of my dependent.

Signature of Parent or Guardian X _____

Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ TX Zip code: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Bus.: (____) _____

Required To Participate In Academy Tournaments

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the _____

day of _____, Yr _____

Notary Public _____

My Commission expires _____