

SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED



Junior Academy Fact Sheet 2011 – 2012

Junior Academy Players

- A **Junior Academy Player** is a registered U10, U11 or U12 player participating in a developmental soccer program.
- Boys and Girls ages 7 to 12 may participate in the South Carolina United Junior Academy Program.
- SCYSA guidelines do not have a classification for U9 Junior Academy players. Players that have birthdays that fall into a club-designated U9 classification or younger will be evaluated as U10 players and will be rostered as such. Within our club, they will be grouped into age-appropriate teams.

Junior Academy Evaluations

- An occasion at which a player attends several sessions that may directly result in that player playing in the Junior Academy division.
- A selection of the Junior Academy coaches will evaluate the players and make recommendations as to which team the player should be assigned or could recommend that the player participate in the Player Development Program.

Junior Academy Fee Structure

Club Fees:

- U9-U10 = \$700 per year (2 seasons) paid to the club
- U11-U12 = \$800 per year (2 seasons) paid to the club
- Uniform Cost = \$175 (uniforms are normally used for 2 years – the new uniform cycle began in Fall 2011). The cost of the standard uniform kit will be included in the payment plan, but must be paid in full before the uniform can be received. Additional uniform pieces must be ordered through your Team Coordinator by June 1, 2011.
- **What Club Fees pay for:**
 - Training Fees
 - General Administration for the Club (field maintenance, etc)
 - League Fees (intra-league and/or Sandlapper)
 - Referee Fees

Team Fees:

- Team Fees \$150 - \$200 per season paid to the Team Manager. Each Junior Academy Division has a separate account to pay team fees during the season.

- **What Team Fees pay for:**
 - Tournament Entry Fees
 - Coach's expenses, meals, mileage and hotel (if required)
 - Miscellaneous SCYSA Fees

Documents Required for Registration

- Medical Release Form
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- 1 small photo for player card
- Financial Contract

Practice Schedule

- All Junior Academy teams practice twice a week. Girls teams traditionally practice on Monday and Wednesday with boys teams practicing on Tuesday and Thursday. Practices generally are scheduled for 1½ hours each.
- A third night of optional Speed, Agility and Technical training is offered up to 12 times during the season. This information is posted on the Junior Academy website.
- During the off season, the Junior Academy may offer a “maintenance schedule” of practices which are not mandatory but strongly encouraged. Also, optional Speed and Agility camps, as well as other training camps are offered during the off season.

Junior Academy Season Schedule

- **Fall Season** – Late August thru Mid - November
 - Includes but is not limited to the following events
 - Sandlapper League
 - Friendly Matches
 - Intra League Matches
 - Junior Academy Event Dates
 - Player Combine
 - Dutch 4 vs. 4 tournament
 - Up to 3 Competitive tournaments
 - Within a 4-hour radius of Columbia
- **Spring Season** – late January through late April
 - Includes but is not limited to the following events
 - Sandlapper League
 - Friendly Matches
 - Intra League Matches
 - Junior Academy Event Dates
 - Player Combine
 - Dutch 4 vs. 4 tournament
 - Up to 3 competitive tournaments
 - Within a 4-hour radius of Columbia

PMSL (U12 Elite and/or Palmetto teams only)

The U12 Elite and/or Palmetto Boys and Girls teams are a part of our Select program and participate in the President's Medal Soccer League (PMSL), which consists of a group of teams within SC. They will be playing up an age group in the U13 Classic Division so that they can play 11v11 soccer.

- Fall Season (U13) - Late August thru Early November
- Spring Season (U13) - Early February thru Early May
- Average 10 games per season, depending on number of teams in league – 1 or 2 per weekend
- Travel Sites – Aiken, Augusta, Greenville, Summerville, Rock Hill, Mt, Pleasant, Lexington, Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head and other possible locations
- Teams play in the SCYSA Classic State Cup Tournament at the end of their soccer season. The State Cup winners ages U13 and older are invited to a Classic Cup Regional Tournament.
- Additional information and games schedules can be found on the SCYSA web site http://www.scysa.org/leagues_pmsl.shtml

Playing Time

- For league games, Junior Academy pool players will follow the recreational rules which require all players to play at least one-half (1/2) of each game except for reasons or injury, illness or discipline.
 - Discipline includes, but is not limited to, unexcused absences for practices and/or games, misbehavior, tardiness and/or coming unprepared for practices and/or games, etc.
- For tournament games, once a Junior Academy player is rostered on an official Tournament Team Roster, the players and team take on the status of a classic player or team and shall follow the rules for the classic division which has no requirements for playing time.

Parent Communication – Email Required

- Please make sure your Team Manager has your email address for communications.
- Please email your Team Manager and/or Coach when you are not able to make practices or games.
- Check the website often (both main page and Junior Academy pages) for important announcements.

Volunteer Duties (Mandatory) – Parents

- South Carolina United FC is an organization of players and volunteers. Fees do not cover all the costs of maintaining the soccer fields or running our tournaments.
- Each Spring Season – Teams have one week of assigned duties to prepare the fields for weekend play. Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Trash pickup
 - Bathroom cleanup
 - Goal repair
- Tournaments – each team will have assigned duties. Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Concessions
 - Field Marshall

- T-Shirt sales
- Field preparation
- Tournament clean-up

Uniforms

- Basic Uniform – Royal Shorts, Black Shorts, Royal Jersey, White Jersey, Royal socks, Black Socks
- Practice Jerseys – Royal and Gray
- Soccer Bags and Warm-ups – Optional, but encouraged

Inclement Weather

- Weather information and field status can be checked two ways:
 - RainedOut.Com – free text and/or email service to receive field closure and opening announcements. Text “SCUFC” to 70359 to subscribe. On the website, you can also check the Field Status at:
<http://www.southcarolinaunitedfc.com/home/129737.html>
 - Weather Hotline – 1-866-I-L-SCUFC (457-2832) ext. 50
- Team Managers will email parents about cancellations and changes whenever possible.

G. RULES AFFECTING THE JUNIOR ACADEMY DIVISION

(taken from the SCYSA Rules 2006)

1. **AN ACADEMY PLAYER** is a registered U10, U11, or U12 player participating in a developmental soccer program.
2. **ALL REGISTERED** Academy players/coaches/DOCs shall have the word “Academy” on their player/coach/DOC pass.
3. **THE ACADEMY EVALUATION** is an occasion at which a player attends a session that will directly result in that player playing in the Academy division. These players are registered as non-rostered pool players and shall follow the recreation rules.
4. **WHEN AN ACADEMY TEAM** is rostered on an official tournament team roster by the State Registrar/designee, they play in an Academy Division or Classic Division. Upon completion of the tournament, the team will return to Academy pool status.
5. **SCYSA REQUIRES EACH NON-ROSTERED ACADEMY PLAYER** to play at least one-half (1/2) of each game except for reasons of injury, illness or discipline.
6. **ONCE ACADEMY PLAYER(S) ARE ROSTERED** on an Official SCYSA state roster, they take on the status of a classic player or team and shall follow the rules for the classic division.
7. **THE ACADEMY PLAYER** may play on a recreation team or a recreation tournament team roster if the number of Academy players allowed on the recreation team is not exceeded. A recreation team roster or recreation tournament team roster may not have more than three (3) Academy players.
8. **U11-U12 ACADEMY PLAYERS** may declare as a Classic team on or before roster freeze date to participate in the SCYSA Palmetto Cup. When they declare classic, the team will follow all the Classic rules which include the Red Card Ejection Notice. U10 Academy players may play on a tournament team roster in the Academy Division of the American Cup.
9. **EACH PLAYER/COACH/DOC** shall be issued a US Youth Soccer pass which is required at the field for all interhouse or league games.
10. **SCYSA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS** may not conduct any evaluations involving any players registered with another SCYSA organization until evaluation dates specified on the SCYSA calendar.

H. RULES AFFECTING THE CLASSIC DIVISION

1. A **CLASSIC PLAYER** is a registered player who is or has been selected to be a member of an officially rostered team during the current seasonal year. The player remains a classic player for the remainder of the current seasonal year.
2. A **CLASSIC PLAYER MAY TRANSFER TO A CLASSIC TEAM** if the number of transfers allowed a classic team is not exceeded. A classic team is limited to a total of five (5) previously rostered players at the time of the roster freeze date.
3. A **CLASSIC PLAYER MAY TRANSFER TO A RECREATIONAL TEAM** if the number of classic players allowed on a recreational team is not exceeded. A recreation team may have no more than three (3) classic players transferred to it.
4. A **CLASSIC TEAM** is a SCYSA officially rostered team in the U11 or older age group, registered and playing in the Classic Division.
5. A **CLASSIC TEAM MAY CONVERT TO A RECREATIONAL TEAM** only by requesting the change in writing and receiving the approval of the SCYSA Board of Directors as well as paying the appropriate fees. This team will not be allowed to play in any state cup competition or tournament play.

6. For **ALL CLASSIC TEAMS**, the official SCYSA State Roster and U S Youth Soccer player/coach/DOC passes must be available at the game site at all times and shown to the referees prior to each game match.
7. A **NONROSTERED RECREATION PLAYER** who has never been rostered on a SCYSA Official Team Roster during the current seasonal year may be added to a classic team.
8. **CLASSIC AGE GROUPS** shall be comprised of players who are before the first day of August immediately preceding the seasonal year:
 - a. under 19 years of age
 - b. under 18 years of age
 - c. under 17 years of age
 - d.) under 16 years of ages
 - e.) under 15 years of age
 - f.) under 14 years of age
 - g.) under 13 years of age
 - h.) under 12 years of age
 - i.) under 11 years of age
9. The **SCYSA RED CARD/EJECTION NOTICE** must be completed and submitted within 48 hours of the match. This form must be submitted to the SCYSA State Office. Failure to submit the Red Card/Ejection Notice within 48 hours of the match will result in a \$50 fine. Any team allowing an ejected player/coach to participate will forfeit the match, forfeit their team's performance bond or \$200 whichever is greater, and be deemed ineligible for state cup competition. The coach shall also be suspended immediately from ALL SCYSA activities for no less than one (1) year pending a hearing.
 - a. The individual receiving the red card/ejection suspension is suspended for the remainder of the current match and the next scheduled match.
 - b. Upon receiving a second red card/ejection during a tracking period, the suspension is served in the next two scheduled matches.
 - c. Upon receiving a third red card/ejection during a tracking period, the individual will be suspended immediately for 10 months from all SCYSA activities pending a hearing.
 - d. Red Card/ejection suspensions are to be served in the "competition" in which they were assigned. However, a suspension assigned in:
 - i. a league cannot be served in another league, unless a player transfers. (ex. SCSCCL suspensions cannot be served in a Premier League match.)
 - ii. the last league match, and not served during league play, shall be served in the next scheduled league or state cup match, whichever comes first
 - iii. the last tournament match, and not served during that tournament, shall be served in the next scheduled league, state cup match, or Regional/National competition whichever comes first.
 - e. Any league or tournament suspensions not served from August 1 through July 31 will carry over to the first scheduled league match of the next tracking period. (No matter which club he/she played/is playing for.)
 - f. Any state cup suspension not served will carry over to the first scheduled league match which begins in the tracking period of August 1 through January 31 and the first state cup match.
 - g. Fall tracking period is August 1 through January 31; spring tracking period is February 1 through July 31.