

Changes from Recreation U7 & U8

- ***Parents at Practice vs. Parents at Games***

- We ask that you allow us to have your children for 2 hours a week uninterrupted so that we can teach them the necessary skills to become better players and people. We DO NOT allow parents to sit or stand on the sidelines of practices. There is usually an area about 30 yards away or so where parents will group together and get to know each other. You will pick up on this after the first couple practices. If you or a family member is too close to the practice field, we will politely ask you to step away a bit to allow your child to function the best at practice. At the end of practice we will walk all the players down towards the parents where you can pick them up and head home. We ask for your cooperation and understanding regarding this matter.

- ***Wear practice shirt, bring jersey to games***

- Each child will receive 3 grey practice shirts along with a navy jersey. On game days we ask that your child show up wearing one of the grey practice shirts and also bring the navy jersey with them. We ask for your cooperation and understanding regarding this matter. There are a couple of reasons for that:
 - This is part of the culture of soccer. As your child moves closer to travel this will become the norm. You show up wearing your practice shirt, then change into your game jersey before the game.
 - When Academy plays against another Academy team, one team will be wearing the red jersey and one team will be wearing the grey practice shirt as their jersey. It will be unknown until you arrive to the field which one your child will be wearing, so we ask that you please bring both.
 - When Academy plays against a Recreation team, your child will be wearing the navy game jersey UNLESS the Recreation team you are playing is wearing a color too close to navy, and in that case the Academy team will wear the grey practice shirts.

- ***Teams TBD***

- We will take the first few practices to evaluate each player in order to create equal teams. You will be notified of the team your child is on sometime after the first few practices. We ask for your cooperation and understanding regarding this matter.

- ***Pool Training vs. Team Training***

- We will train the entire pool of U7s or U8s instead of training several different U7 or U8 teams. Our goal is that each player knows EVERY other player and EVERY other coach. Players will be separated into groups after the first phase of practice. These groups may or may not be the "Team" they have been assigned to. Coaches will rotate as well, so you may have one coach on Monday and a different coach on Friday. This again ensures that all players are coached by every coach within that age group (pool). We ask for your cooperation and understanding regarding this matter.