



Springfield SC Development Academy F.A.Q.

How is the SSC Development Academy different?

The SSC DA is designed to give youth in the greater Ozarks area an opportunity to play the game of soccer without having to be committed to the sport full time. It allows young people to experience and enjoy the game while deciding if they want to be involved more with time and commitment.

Where will the SSC DA play league games?

The SSC DA will play all league games at Lake Country Soccer. There will be absolutely no travel for league games.

Will DA teams take part in tournaments?

The SSC DA teams will take part in a local tournament only if a development level option is available. A potential end of the year tournament can be explored as well.

Can a player move from the SSC DA to the competitive side of SSC (and vice-versa)?

YES!!! That is definitely an option and why the SSC DA was created. Right now the only options for youth in our area are to play at the YMCA or move to teams that play at LCS. LCS itself only offers "house" teams where players sign up as individuals and are placed on a team. Otherwise youth players must sign up for one of the clubs in town. There is no middle option for soccer choices. That option is now the SSC Development Academy! If a player would like to start in our program, and then shows signs of developing beyond that level, and the player wants to step up in commitment and level of competition, then the SSC Competitive option is there for them. The same if a player decides to lighten their soccer load; they can move from the SSC Competitive to SSC DA. Players that show signs of wanting/needing more can test the waters by attending an SSC Competitive team's training session(s) and can also be invited to guest play at a tournament.

Who will be the SSC DA coaches?

The Springfield Soccer Club will oversee and implement the training curriculum and long term planning. There will be an SSC DA Director to work fulltime with the coaches and players involved. Only Springfield SC caliber coaches will be used in the DA program. Those coaches must possess a high desire to teach kids the game of soccer. Development is the #1 goal!

How many teams will the SSC DA have in each age group?

We will keep as many players as possible that wish to take part in the program. The idea is to give any and all players a chance to play. We will find a way to offer your son/daughter the chance to play soccer. That is truly the only way to develop kids!

What will the cost be to join the SSC DA?

The cost will be significantly lower than any competitive option in the area. Players will have to pay a DA administration fee, pay for their uniforms (2 jersey's, 1 short, 1 sock), and their LCS league fees (and tournament fee if applicable).

How often will practices take place?

Practices will be different depending on the age group, but will go along these guidelines (and are subject to change per season): u9-10—2 one hour sessions per week, u11-18—2 one hour (potential for 1 ½ hours) sessions per week

Does my player have to tryout to make a Development Academy team?

NO!! We want every person to be able to play if they want. Soccer is the greatest sport in the world and we want more kids playing. We will place as many kids as possible into the Academy and form as many teams as possible. Players might even have the chance to play on more than one team to help fill roster spots so teams can be formed.

When does the SSC Development Academy begin?

Registration will open on November 10 at noon. The program will begin with training in mid-January to coincide with the next session of indoor at LCS. The outdoor league at LCS has typically begun in mid-March. Specific dates will be communicated once they are passed on to us.