



Griffin Excel Football Club



Academy Program for U9 – U12

The primary focus for the Academy program is individual player development and individual technical skill training. Players are introduced to team tactics and usually play multiple positions as part of training and games. Training will be held 2 nights a week, usually 1 ½ hours each night. Training is performed by National and State certified coaches and trainers under the direction of the Griffin Youth Soccer Club Director of Coaching.

Academy soccer is a two-season commitment for players in the U-9 through U-12 age groups. Players are requested to play both the Fall and Spring season once listed on the Academy team roster. Games are scheduled for both home and away with clubs such as Coweta, Macon, Henry, Warner Robins, Norcross, Rockdale and others in the Metro Atlanta area. Games are scheduled for both Saturdays and Sundays during the season with Sundays being after 1:00 pm. We try to minimize the distance traveled for games to the extent possible but travel is part of the Academy experience. All teams will have the option to participate in one or two tournaments during the season.

Training will begin first week of August, dates and times to be announced. The season will begin in September.

Players Commitment

It is expected that players will attend practice sessions. It is understood that school, church and family activity conflicts will occur but it is very important for the team that players regularly attend training sessions. Coaches should be notified as early as possible of any practice or game conflicts.

It is expected that all players attend every game.

Academy soccer focus is to prepare players for advanced level select soccer. Training 3 hours a week is a great start but players should enhance their skills by practicing on their own.

Parents Commitment

Make sure players are on time to practice and games, fully prepared and ready to start at the scheduled time.

Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative of your child's play on the field and represent the club in a positive manner.

Communicate openly with the coach and trainers; be supportive and respectful of their decisions and actions.

Academy Evaluations

Academy Evaluations for the 2010/2011 season will be the first week in June. Evaluations are performed on all players for the purpose of placing them in the appropriate developmental program. Players will be notified of team placement following evaluations.