



1. How is the Academy different than recreation soccer?

The Junior Academy follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum through the fall and spring seasons focusing on individual technique and ball control. All Junior Academy training sessions are held at the Yadkin County Park, and the ratio of training sessions to games is about 2:1. Each Junior Academy team trains twice per week.

2. How do I know if my child is "good enough" to be in the Academy?

We hold evaluations for the Junior Academy during the month of May each year for the following fall and spring seasons. We look for players who enjoy playing, try to execute appropriate technique, have great attitudes, and are able to take coaching instruction and follow directions.

3. Where does the Academy train?

The Academy holds all training sessions at the Yadkin County Park. When bad weather won't allow us to train at the park, we will attempt to secure an indoor facility if it appears to be a prolonged situation.

4. How much travel do they do each season?

There is required each season. We try to stay as close to the Triad Area as possible. Travel will typically be centered around the Winston-Salem and Greensboro areas with occasional trips to Charlotte. The Academy will also attend Festivals in the above listed areas as well. Occasionally there are extra events that we will take teams to, but those events are not required and are offered on an invitation only basis.

5. How long is the commitment? One season? Two seasons?

For spring 2019 the commitment is for one season due to this being our first venture into the Academy program. After the spring 2019 season concludes, we will have player evaluations again in May. Once a player commits after the May evaluation sessions, the player will then be registered for the fall and the following spring season. Occasionally there are positions open for the spring after the fall season ends. If this is the case, YSA will post supplement evaluation sessions on www.yadkinsoccer.org. Players joining the Academy are not allowed to participate in Recreation or Classic soccer programs.

6. What are the start dates for the fall? For the spring?

Typically we begin training the first week in August for the fall, and in the spring we start during the last week of January.

7. Why are the fees for the Academy?

The fees for the Academy have been set at \$250 per player for the fall and spring. In addition to these fees, you will also be responsible for the purchase price of uniforms. Cost to attend Academy festivals and referee fees will also be an additional cost depending on the amount of matches scheduled and Festivals attended. Due to spring 2019 being our first endeavor into the academy experience, we will prorate players to a cost of \$200 per participant plus uniform and supplemental fees.

8. Why is the Academy right for player development?

The goal of the Academy is to create an environment where each player has the opportunity to learn. The staff, training sessions, and events are all chosen carefully to aid in the development process. The curriculum is specific for the age groups the player participates in and the emphasis on competing in training and in games helps foster creative attacking play and a great base of soccer skill for players to continue on to the next level.