



Lee's Summit Soccer Association

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LSSA Competitive Division Frequently asked Questions

LSSA Academy Teams

➤ Teams

- There will be 12 teams in the LSSA Academy Program. There will be one boys and one girls teams in the following age brackets (U7 – U8 – U9 – U10 – U11 – U12).
- These teams will be formed at our tryouts on June 11th.
- Players will tryout individually for each age appropriate team. Players will be evaluated at the tryouts and then selected by review panel and assigned to each team.
- Tryout times for specific age brackets are posted on the web site at www.lssa.org . Please have your player at his/her scheduled time at least 15-20 minutes early to warm up.
- This is a true academy style program and players will be placed on teams as determined by their skill level and knowledge of the game.
- The Director of Coaching will serve as the primary advisor to the 3rd Vice President on appointing qualified coaches and trainers to instruct the teams/players within the LSSA Academy Program. The League President and 3rd Vice President will have the final say on the placement of all coaches and players within the Academy, based on input from the Director of Coaching. Appeals may be settled by the Executive Board.
- Each player/team will be responsible for purchasing their uniform. LSSA will help with getting players discounted pricing on uniforms. LSSA will have more information at tryouts regarding uniform purchases and fundraisers.

➤ Coaches

- These teams will be coached by in-house LSSA coaches. These coaches have been identified as coaches that are ready for the LSSA Academy Program. These coaches will get specialized training that correlates to the age bracket and gender they are coaching.
- The coach for the LSSA Academy team cannot have any association with any other competitive club, to eliminate the recruiting perception.

- All coaches are volunteers. We do not have paid coaches in the LSSA Academy Program
- LSSA will send an application to the coaches that have expressed an interest or have been recommended by their peers.

➤ Cost

- LSSA board has established the LSSA Academy registration cost to be \$80 per player based on a minimum of two training sessions per week.
- There are no coaching fees as there are in most competitive clubs.
- LSSA will provide the uniform patch.
- The team may choose to do some tournaments and that cost of those events will be split between all participating players.

➤ Additional Questions

- What if my son/daughter wants to stay with a friend that is also trying out? Can they continue to play together on the academy team?
 - The academy tryouts are individual tryouts and there is no guarantee that the players will be on the same team.
- What if I coach a current recreational team and want to take my entire team competitive?
 - You are encouraged to join the competitive division of LSSA. You will not be an Academy team, but labeled as an LSSA competitive team.
- What if we are out of town on June 11th?
 - I am sorry to say that all teams will be formed at the June 11th tryout.
- Can my son/daughter still play on their recreational team?
 - As long as the team does not have more competitive players than allowed by LSSA policy. The number of roster players is different, depending on age group.

LSSA Competitive Division/Teams

- This is not the same as an LSSA Academy team.
- There are some recreational teams that feel they are ready to go competitive. These teams are encouraged to join the LSSA competitive division.
- These teams would card through the LSSA registrar.
- These teams would wear the LSSA logo on their uniforms.
- These teams would be able to take advantage of the LSSA practice fields.
- The cost for the fall 2011 competitive season will be posted on the web page on June 3.