



CRUSA / FC Bucks U7 & U8 Development Academy Outline

Expectations and Guidelines

Evaluation / Selection Process

- Evaluations for these ages are to split the players into equally talented teams
- The following year players will be reshuffled so that kids get to know more of the kids in their age group
- Teams will try to accommodate car pooling as best they can
- Players deemed not to be ready for the program will be asked to continue to develop in intramurals
- Our goal is to accept every interested player into the Developmental Academy but our options may be limited if the number of registration in a given age group fall in between the amounts needed for multiple teams. (too many kids for one team and not enough for a second team)

Commitment

- **The Development Academy is a year round program**
- **We will offer training and games in some capacity from the middle of August to mid June with several weeks off after the fall soccer season thru the holidays**
- Try to attend every Function; Game, Festivals, Training, Meetings
- U7 teams will train 1 or 2 times per week and play 1 game on the weekend in the fall and spring
- U8 teams will try to train 2 times per week and will play 1 game on the weekend in the fall and in the spring
- We will do 1-2 weeks of camp in the late summer for 90 minutes a night for 3-5 nights
- In addition to the registration fees paid to CRUSA (which cover uniform fees, fields maintenance, team training, team photo, fall league fees, player and roster fees, insurance etc), there are also “team dues” needed for travel soccer. Team dues are collected from every player towards a team budget managed by a team treasurer for expenses such as fall league referee fees, winter indoor court rentals for practice time, tournaments, additional team training, spring league registration, spring league referee fees etc.

Professionalism

- **Respect all teammates, coaches and trainers. This is a developmental program where having fun and individual and team skill development are the primary goals and negativity of any kind will not be tolerated within the group or our club in general. If you have a question or a concern about the program, please address in this order: with your team coach, age group coordinator or CRUSA VP of travel.**

Practices

- Teams will train together at least once a week and most likely twice a week
- Please arrive 5 minutes before practice starts with shoes tied, shin guards on and ready for practice.
- Please be sure your size 4 ball is **properly inflated** – after your health, the ball is the most important thing you can have at practice
- Parents; please don't coach the players at practice or games, practice is their time to be on their own with their teammates having fun and learning and games are their time to be instructed by coaches and to make their own decisions.

Respect Everyone

- Please be conscious of your conversations within the soccer community; don't speak negative of other coaches and players, it doesn't reflect well on us (coaches, team, club, and you)
- Players and parents: please be conscious of your behavior at games, keep all comments and cheering positive and non threatening to our players, opposing players, officials and opposing teams supporters. Please represent yourselves, your team and our club in a positive way.
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Communication and Guidelines

- Please e-mail, text or call by 3:00 the day of practice if you can't make it to let us know – **appropriate communication**
- Website calendar will be updated daily/weekly
- Contact managers with any problems financially or logistically

Playing Time

Playing time will be equal and positions will be rotated constantly

GOALS

Coaches Goals

- To prepare each player to the best of our ability to learn to love the game and give them the foundation for future success
- Provide a positive, professional environment that prepares players to achieve success on and off the field
- Keep the game fun; we will not lose sight of the reason we do this, for the kids and their enjoyment and development

Tentative - SCHEDULE

- Aug: 1-2 Possible Camps
- September - November: 2 practices per week and 1 ICSL, PAGES or DELCO game
- November – March: 1-2 times per week of indoor training
- March – June: 2 practices per week and Rock Spring League Games on the weekend??
- July: OFF
- age groups may decide to take part in additional tournaments or leagues

Report Cards – Captain/s – Nutrition – Lifestyle – E-mail list

Finances: - Uniforms, roster: - Questions?

