



PRIDE SC U8 Academy

Mission and Philosophy

To provide a quality training environment for U8 players so they will improve in their technical and tactical abilities. The program is designed to develop the individual skill of players so that they might be better prepared for the Pride SC U9 program. It is also our goal to foster an enjoyment and love for the game of soccer so that players will continue to enjoy the game and strive to get better. We will do this by using training methods that will benefit the abilities of the individual player, while also making each training session fun.

Player Rosters and Teams

The PSC Director and Academy Director will determine the number of players chosen in each program during tryouts in late May. The number of players selected depends upon the number and skill level of players at tryouts. When players are chosen to participate in the Academy they are a member of the program, not one particular team, so they may play with different players throughout the season. They may also have different coaches throughout the season.

Coaching and Training

Coaching and training will be overseen by the Academy Director. Volunteer coaches will be selected based on playing experience, coaching experience, coaching license level, personality and other qualities. PSC staff coaches will train the team 7-10 times per season and coach during games when possible. Volunteer coaches will train and coach during the other training sessions and games.

Training and Games

For fall and spring seasons, players will train three times per week for 1 hour and 15 minutes during the three weeks leading up to the regular season. During the regular game season, teams will train 1-2 per week and play games 1-2 per week, having 3 events per week. Game format will be 6v6. There will be 8-10 league games per season. Teams will also go to one tournament per year with the option to attend additional tournaments at an extra cost. Training sessions will be held in Canal Winchester and regular season games will be played in Canal Winchester and other locations in central Ohio. The fall season starts mid-August and finishes near the end of October. The spring season starts mid-March and finishes near the end of May.

Players will also be encouraged to play join the PSC Winter Training Program during the winter months.

Uniforms

Players will wear Pride Soccer Club uniforms. Players will also wear grey Pride T-shirts for practice gear. Uniforms are not included in the club fee.

Fees

The club fees for fall and spring seasons are \$190 per season per player (\$380 total for fall and spring). A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due the Sunday after tryouts. The balance of fees will be on a payment schedule. The club fee includes: League Fees, CWJRD fee, professional training, PSC team camp, tournament registration fee, and club administration. It does not include uniforms or team travel.

Tryout Dates and Player Registration

The tryout dates for U8 Players are: May 24, 26, and 28

Upon verbal commitment to the team, parents will need to turn in registration materials and deposit on Sunday after tryouts.