



M.C. UNITED U9 ACADEMY



INFORMATION

There has been enough interest and level of play within the program for the MCYSA to begin participating in the U9 Academy program through the KYSA (Kentucky Youth Soccer Association).

There will be a first informational practice/meeting for those interested on:

February 11th @ 4:00-5:30 at the Boat Docks
(Brandenburg Primary gym if inclement weather)

Purpose:

To give players who desire a higher level of competition an opportunity to play and train against other players of that level and who are also pursuing to play select(competitive) soccer in the future. Any player in the MCYSA meeting the age requirements for U9 may participate in the academy.

Commitment:

There will be three Saturday play dates for the academy team to travel to another association to play games. We are requesting through the KYSA that these dates be on March 31, April 14, and May 12. The times will always be 11:00-1:00 for boys/coed teams and 2:00-4:00 for girls. Practice will be on an as needed basis and will be no more than 2 per week and those will probably be the week before the scheduled play dates. Players will still be able to be on their recreational teams and play in games and tournaments with their current team. There shouldn't be a conflict between academy play and recreational play, as well as practices.

Cost:

There is only going to be an additional cost of \$6 per player once a player has committed to participate in the U9 academy. This is to just cover referee costs.

We are going to look for a sponsor for the T-shirts/jerseys to be worn to the play dates so that there is no cost for that.

Other:

The academy program is all about player development. The practices will be to encourage the players to develop their playing ability, gain confidence, and have fun. As of right now we don't know how many teams there will be. If there is only one team it will definitely be boys/girls, but we could have a boy's and a girl's team if there is enough interest. We will just have to wait and see how the sign-ups go.

Play dates

The play dates are set up like scrimmages. The team(s) will play against one club for a game of 6 v 6, take a break, and then play a different team for another time period. The games are adjusted if lopsided by moving players around if needed to keep a good quality of play and learning environment.

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