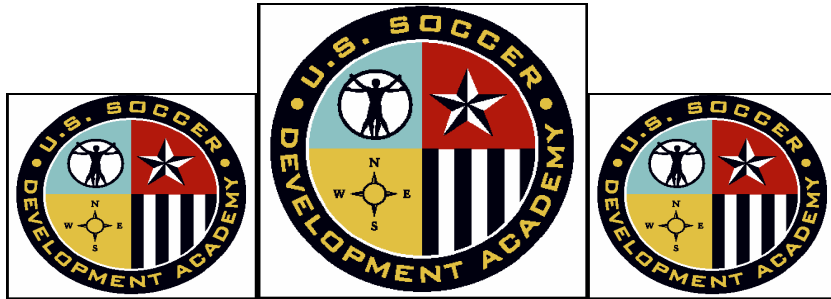


# FORCE SOCCER

US SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY



**FORCE**

## Force Soccer Developmental Academy Overview

Following is a list of details regarding participation in the Force Soccer US Developmental Academy. If you are selected for this program and choose to commit to this program, please make sure you understand fully the details as they are stated. If you have any questions, please email [baicher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baicher@sbcglobal.net)

Birth date Years eligible for the Developmental Academy in the 2009/2010 season:

- U18 Boys** 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 birthdates will be considered for the U18 team depending on a players' ability
- U16 Boys** 1993, 1994 and 1995 birthdates will be considered for the U16 team depending on a players' ability
- U14 Boys** This age has been introduced by the US Soccer Federation for 2009. The Force will do Showcase / exhibition events for 1995, 1996 and 1997 birthdates to participate in the regional program.

### Coaches:

- U18 Boys** Shaun Tsakiris – USSF “B” Licence, Former MLS professional, Olympic Team and US National Team.
- U16 Boys** Chris Dangerfield – USSF “A” License, 17 Year NASL Professional.
- U14 Boys** Jeff Baicher – USSF “A” License, 11 Year professional, MLS, US National team.

### Advisor and Trainer to the Academy

Frank Yallop Head Coach of the San Jose Earthquakes

### Goalkeepers Coach

Jason Batty – Goalkeeper coach for San Jose Earthquakes, Former New Zealand National Goal Keeper, Former Notre Dame Goalkeeper coach

## High School Soccer

The Northwest Division including De Anza, Santa Cruz, California Odyssey, California Development Academy (Placer and San Juan), Crossfire Premier, FC Portland and Washington FC have decided that academy players must be available for the entire season. A schedule will exist through the months of December, January and February in which games will be played several weekends excluding holiday weekends. This conflicts with the Winter High School rules that prohibit club and high school participation at the same time. **This means**

**that any player who chooses to play in the academy is unable to participate in high school soccer in the Winter season in Northern California.**

**Cost:** Estimated cost per player including training, fees, registration, gear and incidentals will be approximately \$200 - \$250 per player, per month; not including travel expenses.

**Roster Size:** Rosters will be anywhere from 18-25 players per roster depending on ability of players. This is to minimize conflicts for players and to maximize competition in the training environment provided by the Developmental Academy.

**Start Date:** A mini-camp will be held with Jeff Baicher and Chris Dangerfield. This will begin Monday, August 3 and run everyday through Friday, August 7, 2009. For athletes who want to be considered for the U16 Academy team, these training sessions are mandatory.

**Additional Information:**

You can find additional information below. Also, there is a good deal of information available at the following websites.

- **[www.deanzaforce.org](http://www.deanzaforce.org) listed to the left under the Developmental Academy**
- **[www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com) under the Teams and Events link. There is a good deal of information that you are encouraged to read about the program.**

CHICAGO (August 14, 2007) – In a move designed to improve the development environment for players throughout the country, the U.S. Soccer Federation has taken the initiative in formalizing a nationwide development academy slated to begin Columbus Day Weekend, October 6-8, 2007 at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. The U.S. Soccer Development Academy will feature 64 elite youth soccer clubs from around the country in its inaugural season.

Created to provide players with the best possible opportunity to develop, the U.S. Soccer Development Academy is being initiated after a comprehensive review of player development systems in the United States and around the world.

Each Development Academy club will not only serve as a home for the nation's top players, but also as a destination point within their community for shared learning and experience. One of the major advantages of the program will see players receiving integrated oversight from both youth club coaches and U.S. Soccer coaches, while training in their home environment. In turn, the Development Academy will provide an improved scouting environment for college, professional and U.S. National Team coaches.

"After completing an extensive review and discussion across the country, we feel that it is the right time for U.S. Soccer to lead a change in the sport at the youth level," said U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati. "We need to shift the focus of our young elite players from an 'overburdened, game emphasis' model to a 'meaningful training and competition' model. This will ultimately lead to more success and will allow players to develop to their full potential."

To begin that process, U.S. Soccer is using the Development Academy to create a wide-reaching movement within the grassroots soccer environment that will educate parents, coaches and players on the value of expanding national player development directly to the clubs. Using the current U.S. Under-17 Residency Program as a model, the youth clubs chosen to be part of the Development Academy will

increase the amount of time spent on meaningful training while also increasing the quality of their matches.

"It's a concept that youth soccer in this country desperately needs and our goal is to truly shift the focus towards increasing player development," said U.S. Soccer's Under-17 National Team head coach John Hackworth. "I think it will create a day-to-day training environment that will allow players the opportunity to develop to the best of their ability. Right now we have only 40 players in that type of environment (at the U-17 Residency Program in Bradenton, Fla.), but this Academy will allow us to put thousands of elite players in a similar environment, which will help us raise the entire level across the nation."

With an emphasis on creating a superior everyday training environment, teams in the Development Academy will have a clean slate for a calendar and will be required to train a minimum of three times a week, eliminating the growing trend of clubs playing an excessive quantity of games in lieu of consistent training patterns. To maintain an emphasis on training, Development Academy teams will compete against other teams in the program and will not play in any other leagues, tournaments or State Cup competitions, and players will only be allowed to compete on their designated Academy team (with exceptions for high school soccer and national team duty).

Clubs that are not part of U.S. Soccer's Development Academy will continue to play in traditional youth soccer competitions, with the longtime Olympic Development Program also continuing unimpeded. With Development Academy players no longer being seen at ODP events, those spots will now be open for additional players to be seen at an elite level.

"I'm very excited about the establishment of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program," said U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach Bob Bradley. "It is very important for U.S. Soccer to work with our top clubs to ensure that our best young players are constantly being challenged in an environment that best promotes player development. With a tremendous amount of reach, this program will help focus training sessions and matches on the areas that are critical to elevating our young players' ability to compete at the elite levels of the sport."

The Development Academy has been divided into eight conferences comprised of eight teams based on geographic proximity. Academy teams will play 30 matches across a complete season with the winner of each conference participating in the annual Academy Finals at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. The Academy clubs will be comprised of Under-16 and Under-18 age groups, with a minimum of 20 players on a roster. Younger players in the Academy system will also be allowed to play "up" within their club.

Academy clubs were chosen by U.S. Soccer's coaches from more than 150 applications based on number of criteria, including a club's history of elite youth player development and past success in elite competitions. The Academy will feature 63 clubs, representing 24 states and the District of Columbia, plus the U.S. National Team from U.S. Soccer's Residency Program, playing at the Under-15/16 and Under-17/18 age levels.

"The Academy is a comprehensive approach to help develop some of the top players across the nation, but it is also designed to be a working model for the grassroots level," said U.S. Soccer Director of Coaching Education & Youth Development Bob Jenkins. "All the clubs involved will be moving in the same direction giving us a similar approach to player development, and then these clubs will act almost like satellites out in the country helping to spread the message out to the clubs around them."

The Academy will also serve as a better coaching development platform, with each participating club receiving two invitations to the U.S. Soccer Development Academy Best Practices seminars. The development platform for U.S. Soccer referees will also be enhanced in the program, with U.S. Soccer assigning referees to all Academy matches.

With the framework of the boys Development Academy serving as a starting point for discussion, a similar initiative to enhance the development of female players will also be explore.



## **U.S. SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY – STRUCTURE**

**Objective:** The focus of the Academy is on player development and providing players with the best possible opportunity to develop to the highest level they are capable of achieving

**Standards:** A minimum requirement of three training sessions and one rest day per week

**Teams:** 74 of the top youth soccer clubs in the U.S.

**Age Groups:** U-16 & U-18 teams (minimum roster of 18 players); providing opportunities for more than 2,000 players

**Competition Format:** Divided into nine or ten conferences with each team playing 30 home and away matches during an eight-month season. Each conference is comprised of 8 teams based on geographic proximity. The winner of each conference will play in the Academy Finals at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

**Player Identification:** This will become the primary means of player identification for the US Men's National program. Any player discovered in this process will be directly moved to the National pool or where appropriate to the residency program in Florida



### **Introduction**

In a move designed to improve the development environment for players throughout the country, the U.S. Soccer Federation has taken the initiative in formalizing a nationwide development academy slated to begin in the Fall of 2007. The U.S. Soccer Development Academy will admit up to 80 elite youth soccer clubs from around the country to join the program.

### **Philosophy**

The U.S. Soccer Development Academy is part of a wide-reaching movement within the grassroots soccer environment that will educate parents, coaches and players on the value of expanding national player development directly to the clubs. Using the current U.S. Under-17 Residency Program as a model, the youth clubs chosen to be part of the Development Academy will increase the amount of time spent on meaningful training while also increasing the quality of their matches.

Each Development Academy club will not only serve as a home for many of the nation's top players, but also as a destination point within their community for shared learning and experience. One of the major advantages of the program will have players receiving integrated oversight from both youth club and U.S. Soccer coaches in their home environment. In turn, the Development Academy will provide an improved scouting environment for college, professional and U.S. National Team coaches.

### **Application for Admission**

#### **How does a club become a Development Academy?**

Clubs interested in being considered for the U.S. Soccer's National Team Development Academy Program must submit their Academy Application to U.S. Soccer no later than Wednesday, August 1, 2009. Applications can be found in the Development Academy page of [ussoccer.com](http://ussoccer.com).

### **Admissions**

#### **What criteria will U.S. Soccer Coaches use to evaluate club applications?**

Applications will be evaluated using the following measures:

- National Team Coach Analysis
- History of Elite Youth Player Development
- History of Success in Elite Competitions
- Geography

#### **Is there a club registration fee to become an Academy Club?**

No. There are no team or club fees associated with becoming a U.S. Soccer Development Academy. However, players and coaches must be registered with U.S. Soccer.

### **Rosters**

#### **Does an Academy Club have to field a team in the U-18 and U-16 division to participate in the Academy?**

Yes. Clubs must field a team in both Academy age groups.

#### **How many players can be included on an Academy Team Roster?**

Academy Teams are required to provide a minimum of 18 players on their Academy Team Roster. There

is no maximum limit on the number of players on the Team Roster as long as each player starts a minimum of 25% of the Academy Team's Matches.

**Can Academy Teams include younger players on their roster?**

Yes. Academy teams are encouraged to place players at their appropriate ability level. Ideally, the U-18 Academy Team will include a balanced mixture of 17 year olds, 16 year olds and a few exceptional 15 year olds.

**Schedule**

**How long is the season?**

The Academy Season will begin in Fall of 2009 and end in July 2010 with the Academy Finals.

**What is the format for Academy Competitions?**

Academy Competitions consist of Academy Conference Matches, Academy Showcases and the Academy Finals. A team is expected to play between 27-38 matches per year between the three competitions. Additional matches will be played in approved tournaments and through friendly competitions

U.S. Soccer will assign Academy Clubs to a geographically-based conference. The Academy Teams will play each of their conference opponents in a home and away match up with no more than two games per week.

Additionally, Academy Teams will be invited to participate in Academy Showcases, which will feature three games, including non-conference opponents. The Showcases will be held during holiday weekends at specific locations throughout the country

Finally, the leading teams in each conference will be invited to participate in the Academy Finals held in mid-July at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California. U.S. Soccer will pay each team's travel and board expenses for this event.

**Will the playing calendar be the same for all conferences?**

No. Each conference calendar will vary depending on climate.

**How much will an Academy Team be required to travel?**

Academy teams will play 15-18 away matches in a given season, some of which will require overnight travel. Exact travel distances will vary between teams depending on their geographic proximity to their conference opponents and Showcases.

**Who will select fields for Academy Competitions?**

The Home Club will make facility arrangements for their Academy Conference matches. U.S. Soccer will make facility arrangements for Academy Showcases and the Academy Finals.

Academy Clubs are expected to secure the best possible playing environment for Academy Conference Matches.

**Participation**

**Can Academy Teams participate in non-Academy Competitions?**

Yes. Academy Teams are only permitted to participate in Academy Competitions (Conference Matches, Showcases and Finals) and elite non-Academy events held during the following windows:

- Winter Windows: Nike Friendlies & Christmas/New Year's Week
- Spring Window: Easter Week (In 2008 - March 19 to March 26) Dallas Cup
- Summer Window: End of Season (July) to September 1 Surf Cup

Please note that elite non-Academy events may only have one game per day.

Academy Teams are not permitted to participate in competitions such as State Cup, Super Y-League and U.S. Club Soccer.

**Can Academy Matches be played in concert with a Club's non-Academy Tournament?**

No. Academy Clubs can request to schedule an Academy Match to coincide with their non-Academy Tournament. However, Academy Teams are not permitted to compete in the Tournament against non-Academy Teams.

**Can Academy Teams schedule 'friendly' matches during the Academy Season?**

Academy Teams can schedule 'friendly' matches during the Academy Season to provide players with heightened development experiences. The matches must not be part of an organized competition, i.e. tournament, league or camp, as defined in the non-participation regulations.

**Referees**

**Who will assign referees to Academy Matches?**

U.S. Soccer will assign officials to all Academy Matches.

**Who will pay referee costs for Academy Matches?**

Academy Clubs will be responsible for covering the expenses for Match Officials during the Regular Season.

**Scouting**

**How will participating in the Academy affect my son's opportunity to be seen by elite coaches?**

Academy Competitions will provide ideal opportunities for coaches to scout players in their natural environment. Academy players will have an increased connection to U.S. National Team programs through enhanced scouting by U.S. Soccer National Team Coaches. College and professional coaches are expected to take advantage of the improved recruiting environment provided by Academy Competitions.

**U.S. Soccer Development Academy: Roster Regulations Overview**

**Birth-year Change**

- Changed to January 1, 1991 (from August 1, 1991)
- Rationale: Does not eliminate any current players from eligibility, aligns Academy with National Teams and Europe

**Roster of no less than 18 players per Academy Team**

- Each roster slot is required to start 25% of the team's games (not including Finals)
- No maximum number of players as long as each player fulfills the minimum start requirement
- Developmental Players do not count toward the minimum required players on the Academy Roster
- Developmental Player Roster of up to 10 players per team
- Developmental Roster spots are reserved to provide opportunities for up-and-coming players to experience

the Academy environment without participating in the Academy full-time

- Not subject to the minimum start requirement
- May only come from players registered with non-Academy teams within the Academy Club
- Each Developmental Player can only appear in 6 Academy Games per season
- No more than 6 Developmental Players can be on any single Game Day Roster
- Can be added until April 1
- Cannot participate in the Academy Finals
- U-16 Academy Roster Players cannot be placed on the U-18 Developmental Roster but they can be selected for the U-18 Game Day Roster and are not required to fulfill minimum start requirement for the U-18 Academy Team
- Requests to add a Developmental Player must be received 10 days prior to their first game

### **U-18 Academy Roster**

\* Min. 18 players

\* Min. 25% Start  
Requirement

### **U-16 Academy Roster**

\* Min. 18 players

\* Min. 25% Start  
Requirement for U-16  
Team

## COLLEGE COACH ATTENDEES AT SPRING SHOWCASE

### **A**

Adelphia: Carlo Acquista Air Force Academy: Anthony Latronica Akron: Jared Embick Alabama: Mike Getman, Justus Griffin Albany: John Aarnio, RJ Bevers American: Kris Hazard Amherst: Justin Serpone Appalachian State: Matt Nelson, Shaun Pendelton Arsenal: Daniel Kabashoon

### **B**

Barry: Henry Apaloo Belmont: Bryan Johnson Benedictine: Art Garza Bentley: Gary Crompton Boston College: Marco Koolman, Sergio Saccoccio Boston University: Scott Black, Neil Roberts Bowling Green: Eric Nichols Bradley: Jeff Gettler Brandeis: Gabriel Margolis Bridgeport: Brian Quinn Brown: Mike Noonan Bucknell: Brendan Nash, Cam Ormsky Buffalo: David Hesch Butler: David Costa

### **C**

Cal Poly: Paul Holocher, Ziggy Korytoski Campbell: Doug Hess Carnegie Mellon: Arron Lujan Case Western Reserve: Dan Palmer Central Arkansas: Chad Flanders Central Florida: Bryan Cunningham, Mauricio Ruiz Charlotte: Kyle Gookins, Jeremy Gunn Cincinnati: Hylton Dayes, Jared Micklos Colgate: Devin Rensing, Erik Ronning College of New Jersey George Nazario Colorado School of Mines: Frank Kohlenstein Colorado-Spring: Henry Ellis, John Sollock Columbia: Kevin Anderson, Jeff Hart, Tommy McMenemy Connecticut: Kevin Bacher, Raymond Reid Cornell: Jaro Zawislan

### **D**

Dartmouth: Jeff Cook Davidson: Kevin Obrien, Matt Spear Dayton: Dennis Currfeu Denison: Rob Russo Denver: Ryan Pflugrad DePaul: Adam Tinkham Duke: Mike Brady, John Kerr

### **E**

East Tennessee State: Scott Calabrese, Ian Luya Eckerd College: Jeremy Wisdo Elon: Jason O'Keefe, Darren Powell Emory: Sonny Travis Evansville: Mike Jacobs, Mike Miller **F**

Fairfield: Phil Murray Florida Gulf Coast: Alex Aldaz, Bob Butehorn Florida International: Matias Asorey Florida Southern: Hugh Seyforth Fordham: Jim McElderry Francis Marion: Kevin Varnado Franklin Pierce: Craig Stewart Furman: Doug Allison, Derek Marchenteos

### **G**

George Mason: Nick Carlin-Voight Georgetown: Zach Samol, Brian Wiese Georgia Southern: Liam Curran, Kevin Kennedy Georgia State: K. Daser

### **H**

Hartwick: Jukka Masalin, Ian McIntyre Harvard: Carl Junot High Point: Dustin Fonder, John Trice Holy Cross: John Fredericks, Ted Priestly Houston Baptist: Dustin Norman

## I

Illinois-Springfield: Joe Eck Indiana: Mike Freitag, P. Presser Indiana Purdue of Indianapolis (IUPUI): Steve Franklin

## J

Jacksonville: Mike Johnson James Madison: Pat McSorley

## K

Kenyon: Chris Brown

## L

La Salle: Kevin Coleman, Bob Wilkinson Lafayette: Brian Gill Lehigh: Michael Benn Lipscomb: Kevin Burk Long Island: Rhett Goldsmith, TJ Kostecky Longwood: Jon Atkinson Louisville: Kenny Lolla, Brian Maisonneuve Loyola Chicago: Brendan Eitz, Tim McBride Loyola Maryland: Matt Dwyer, Mark Mettrick Loyola Marymount: Paul Krumpe, Matt

## M

Manhattan College: Lonny Unger Marist: Ricky Cusano Marquette: Stan Anderson, Louis Bennett Marshall: Mike Nissim-Sabat Mars Hill College: Jonathan Adams Maryland: Sacho Cirovski, Russell Payne Maryland-Baltimore County: Anthony Adams, Pete Caringi Massachusetts-Amherst: Roy Fink Mercer: Brad Ruzzo Michigan: Paul Snape, Chris Grassie Michigan State: Damon Rensing Monmouth: Hugh MacDonald

## N

New Hampshire: Ewan Seabrook, Rob Thompson New Mexico: Chris C, Jeremy Fishbein North Carolina State: Dan Popik Northern Illinois: Eric Luzzi Northwestern: Tim Lenaham Notre Dame: Bobby Clark, BJ Craig Notrtheastern: Brian Ainscough Nova Southeastern: Matt Parry

## O

Oakland: Jason Perry Ohio State: John Bluem, Frank Speth Old Dominion: Mark Waite

## P

Penn State: Barry Gorman Pennsylvania: Rob Irvine Pomona-Pitzer: Bill Swartz Presbyterian College: Ed Joyce Providence: Chaka Daley, David DeMelb

## Q

Quinnipiac: Eric DaCosta

## R

Radford: Spencer Smith Rhode Island: John O'Connor Richmond: Todd Herman, Clint Peay Rider: Daniel Rivers Rochester: Chris Apple Rutgers: Bob Reasso, Jeff Zaun

## S

Saint Leo: Joel Harrison Saint Mary's (CA): Adam Cooper San Jose State: Chris Behler, Ron Smare Seattle: Brad Agoos Seton Hall: Victor Kutynski South Carolina: Mike Babst, Bert Molinary South Florida: Ryan Anatol Southern Methodist: Kevin Hudson, Tim McClements Southern New Hampshire:

Marc Hubbard St. John's: Jeff Matteo, Marc Reeves Stanford: Gregg Olson, Bret Simon Stetson: Eric Dutt, Logan Fleck Stevens Institute of Technology: Kenny Murphy, Tim O'Donohue Syracuse: Tim Cupello

**T** Temple: Rob Johnson, Dave MacWilliams Tigres: Albert Gil, Robert Vidrio Tigres UAML: T. Gamero, Dennis te Kloese Trinity: Paul McGinlay Tulsa: Colin Clarke, Justin Cook

**U** UC Irvine: Michael Ditta UC Riverside: Peter Boyer UC Santa Barbara: Leo Chappel UCLA: Kenny Arena UNC-Greensboro: Michael Parker UNC-Pembroke: Chad Steuck UNC-Wilmington: Aidan Hearnly UNC-Wilmington: Steve Magee UNLV: Chad Brown USFC: Jon Spencer U.S. Naval Academy: Derek Potleiger UW-Green Bay: Mike Kulos

## **V**

Valparaiso: Mike Avery Vassar: Nate Gibboney Vermont: Ross Duncan, Wade Jean Villanova: BJ Callaghan, Tom Carlin Virginia: Matt Chulis, George Gelnovatch Virginia Military Institute: Ben Freakley Virginia Tech: Mike Brizendine

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Wake Forest: Ryan Martin, Bo Oshonyi Washington: Dean Wurzberger West Virginia: Marlon LeBlanc Western Michigan: Stu Riddle Wheaton: Mike Giuliano William & Mary: Chuck Connelly, Chris Workes Winthrop: Daniel Ridenhour Wisconsin: Keith Tiemeyer, Todd Yeagley Wofford: Barry Slagle

## **X**

Xavier: Kevin McCloskey

## **Y**

Yale: George Kostelis