

Birmingham United Soccer Association 2010-11 US Soccer Development Academy



General overview and information

- Academy Tryouts:** June 2, 6:30-8:30 pm, Rathmell Sports Park
June 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, Sports Blast Complex
- Academy Director & Head Coach** Oliver Weiss, USSF A-License
- Staff & Asst. Coaches:** Jay Howell, Pete Lianos, Robert Starr
- Games & Showcases:**
- 22 League games in the USDA Southeast Division vs. Academy Teams such as: Atlanta Fire Utd (GA), Concorde Fire (GA), SC United (SC), Charlotte SA (NC), CASL Academy (NC), Greensboro YS (NC), McLean YS (VA), Virginia Rush (VA), Richmond Kickers (VA), Richmond Strikers (VA), North Mecklenburg SC (NC), Miami FC (FL), Weston SC, (FL), IMG Academy (FL), Clearwater Chargers (FL).
 - 2 USDA Showcases with 3 games per showcase.
 - Other possible events such as the Disney Showcase, etc...
- Training Commitment:** 4 Times per week (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur.) of which Tuesday & Thursday are mandatory for every player. Wednesdays: Players who travel more than 70 miles (one way) have a choice to join or workout in their hometowns under specific Academy guidelines. Monday is a self-guided training day for every player covering areas such as strength, speed, agility, flexibility & interval training.
- Training Times:**
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| Mondays | Self-guided training under specific Academy instructions |
| Tuesdays | U16 Academy 6:30-8:15 at Rathmell Sports Park
U18 Academy 7:30-9:15 at Rathmell Sports Park |
| Wednesdays | Combined Training 6:30-8:30 at Sports Blast Complex |
| Thursday | U18 Academy 6:30-8:15 at Rathmell Sports Park
U16 Academy 7:30-9:15 at Rathmell Sports Park |
| Goalkeepers | will receive 2 hours of GK specific instruction / week |
- College Guidance:** Academy players will receive individualized college recruiting information and guidance as to their aspirations, both soccer and academically. Realistic expectations as well as communication and correspondence with college soccer programs will be monitored by the Academy Director in conjunction with each player and his parent(s).
- Roster Size:** Each Academy team roster will have between 18-22 players. Rostered players are full-time players in the Academy.
- Developmental Players: (DP)** A DP is a player who trains full-time with the Academy teams, but he is only allowed to play between 0-6 matches during the entire season. DPs join the Academy program at a much reduced fee and are allowed to play full-time on other BUSA teams outside the Academy.

BUSA Fees:

BUSA Fees for rostered Academy Players will be between \$1700-\$2000 for one full year (one season) as per the USDA Academy League schedule.

These fees cover:

- BUSA & US Soccer Registration Fees for coaches & players
- All coaching fees for USDA Academy Director (Head Coach), Assistant Coaches, and Goalkeeper Coach.
- A minimum of three training sessions for the duration of the season.
- College Guidance Program
- SPARQ Speed and Agility Testing
- League Play in the USDA Southeast Division (see teams above)
- Entry into the USDA Winter and Spring Showcases
- Field Usage at the best club fields in Alabama
- Certified athletic trainer at all Academy home games
- All travel expenses for BUSA staff for league and showcase games
- Team publications and brochures
- Travel expenses for Academy Staff should teams make the playoffs

BUSA Fees DO NOT cover the following costs while playing in the Academy program: - Travel and expenses for players or parents (ground transportation, airfare, bus rentals)

- Hotel expenses for players and parents
- Meal expenses for players and parents
- Uniforms and gear
- Entry fees into non-league events or travel expenses for coaches to non-league events.
- The 2009/10 costs for player travel expenses was between \$1800-2500 depending on how many events players participated in

Payment options for BUSA Fees:

- Single Payment of \$1950.00 – due in full by 07/15/2010.
- Two payments of \$975.00 – due 07/15/2010 & 10/15/2010
- Seven payments of \$280 – due 07/15,08/15,09/15,10/15,11/15,12/15,1/15

****Developmental Players*-- BUSA Fees for rostered Developmental Players will be between \$600 - \$800 for one year (one season) as per the USDA Academy League schedule.

For additional information and/or questions, please contact the BUSA Academy Director at oliver@birminghamunited.com.