



LOUISVILLE CITY FC & RACING LOUISVILLE FC

ACADEMY PLAYER PACKET



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OUR CLUB OUR CULTURE



THE PITCH MODEL:



WE BELIEVE IN **PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

I own my behavior, my results and my development and accept constructive feedback on all. I hold myself – and others – to the same high standard.



WE BELIEVE IN **INTELLECTUALLY ENGAGED**

Intellectually Engaged – I am continuous learner of the game, of being a good teammate and athlete. I seek out new approaches and help others do the same.



WE BELIEVE IN **TRUST**

My behavior is predictable. I act in others' best interest. I anticipate the same good intentions from others.



WE BELIEVE IN **COMMITMENT**

I will do whatever I can to help the club succeed and to support others to do the same, regardless of role.



WE BELIEVE IN **HUMILITY**

My actions demonstrate appreciation for every role in the club, as well as those that contribute to my participation. I am an ambassador to the community.

MISSION

We provide a clear pathway to professional, collegiate and national teams by maximizing individual potential through best practices, proven process and an aligned culture.

VISION

To develop more professional, collegiate and national team players than any academy in the United States.



 **PRO FACILITIES** 



TRAIN WHERE THE PROS TRAIN

WORLD CLASS TRAINING FACILITY

- ★ **\$15 million facility with four turf fields (locker rooms, video rooms, and meeting rooms)**
- ★ **Train ALL YEAR!**
- ★ **Minutes from Downtown**
- ★ **3 Grass Professional Team Fields**
- ★ **Full-Service Concession Stand with covered patio**





OLDHAM CO. SOCCER PARK



★ 20 grass fields of 5v5, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11

★ Located in the heart of Oldham County





ACADEMY

 **FULLTIME** **DIRECTORS** 



ACADEMY STAFF



Full-Time Directors



**MARIO
SANCHEZ**

ACADEMY DIRECTOR

A USSF 'A' license coach with 21 years of NCAA Div. I coaching experience. This California native played collegiately at Fresno State and assistant at his alma mater from 1999-2003, Sanchez moved to Akron for three seasons before becoming the head coach at UNLV. An assistant at the University of Louisville from 2010-15, Sanchez was a part of UofL's most-successful seasons before he became the head coach at SIUE in 2015.



**KRISTEN
WALLACE**

ACADEMY EXEC. DIRECTOR

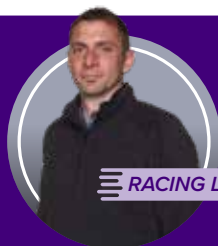
Working with Mockingbird Valley SC and Kentucky Fire Juniors since 2007 when Louisville City FC founder Wayne Estopinal purchased the club, Wallace has worked full-time in youth soccer since 2011. Wallace helped launch the Louisville Lightning PASL team in 2009 and helped the fledgling Louisville City FC launch before it had full-time staff.



**LUKE
SPENCER**

LOUCITY ACADEMY DIRECTOR

Spencer spent four years in purple, joining LouCity in 2017 as it won back-to-back USL Championship titles, scoring the lone goal in the 2018 final win. He numbered 28 goals and 11 assists overall in 104 club appearances. Coaching always seemed inevitable for Spencer, who served as an assistant for alma mater Xavier University while healing up from a knee injury. He also co-coached LouCity's first team during a 2018 coaching transition.



**TIM
NOWAK**

RACING LOUISVILLE ACADEMY DIRECTOR

With over 20 years of coaching youth collegiate soccer, this St. Louis native and Western Illinois University alum arrived in Louisville in 2001 as an assistant women's soccer coach at the U of L. Since 2010 he has been part of the girls' youth program at KFJ and Mockingbird where he has been influential in helping to grow the game for local young women in the Louisville area. Nowak holds a USSF C License and a USCA Advanced National Diploma.



**KINCAID
SCHMIDT**

U8-U10 ACADEMY DIRECTOR

The Florida native came up through the IMG Academy program and competed collegiately at Division II Flagler College in her home state. After graduating she coached for 3 years in Florida before her move to Colorado. With the Rapids, Schmidt concentrated on the jr. academy before taking a leadership role overseeing ages 5-10 player development. Schmidt holds a National A License, National Youth License and Grassroots Instructor License.



**CRAIG
JONES**

ACADEMY DIR. OF SOCCER OPERATIONS

A successful head coach at Hanover College and a assistant coach at Bellarmine University, Jones has been coaching for two decades. A native of Washington where he played for Western Washington University. Jones has more than a decade of experience coaching at the youth level with United 1996 and KFJ. He holds a USSF A License and a National Youth Coaching License.



ACADEMY STAFF



Full-Time Directors



**GUILLERMO
SANCHEZ**

ASST. BOYS DIRECTOR

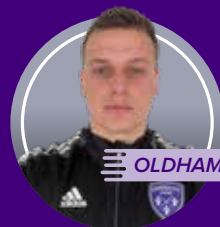
Will lead the LouCity Academies U11-U14 age groups. Coached at Graceland University as well as working at the professional and youth level in Venezuela, India, USA, Greece, Paraguay, and Bolivia. Guillermo holds a USSF A License and a Master in Sports Psychology.



**DECLAN
DOHERTY**

ASST. GIRLS DIRECTOR

The Belfast, Ireland Native joins the LouCity/Racing Academy after two years as a Performance Analyst at the University of Louisville. Declan has previously served as an Assistant Coach at the University of Evansville from 2016 – 2019. Prior to his time in Evansville, Declan also served as an Assistant coach for the University of Buffalo men's program from 2015 – 2016.



**JOE
JESSOP**

OLDHAM DIRECTOR

The Lincoln, England, native played collegiately at St. Catherine College. After three seasons, Jessop played his final season at Midway University in 2017. Jessop was an assistant coach at Bellarmine University from 2018 to 2020. Jessop is the current Director of Coaching at Oldham Soccer Club and has been full time at the club since 2017. Jessop currently holds a USSF C License and is working towards his B License.



**THABANE
SUTU**

BOYS GOALKEEPING DIRECTOR

The Maseru, Lesotho native, has coached goalkeepers at the top levels of American Soccer with Orlando City of MLS and Louisville City FC of the USL Championship. Sutu, who played professionally in Lesotho with Arsenal and in Egypt with the club Al Ahly, has been coaching top-level goalkeepers in the Louisville area for nearly two decades first.



**LIBBY
STOUT**

GIRLS GOALKEEPING DIRECTOR

The Louisville native and DuPont Manual graduate, starred collegiately at Western Kentucky University, where she was an All-American. As a professional, she played in Europe, Cyprus, and the USA. She was a member of a Liverpool squad that won the league title while captained by current Racing first team defender Gemma Bonner. Stout holds a USCA Level 3 Goalkeeping Diploma.



PLAYER PATHWAY TO THE PROS



PLAYER PATHWAY



LOUISVILLE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB™

FIRST TEAM

is for the professional player. The fabric of the club is built on this player being humble and hungry with a championship mentality. It's all about the stars on top of the crest!



AGES U23

USL ACADEMY LEAGUE

provides a clear youth-to-professional path in each of the communities where USL clubs reside, creating more opportunities than ever for young Americans to pursue professional soccer.

BOYS ACADEMY THE MISSION

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★ ★ DEVELOPMENT CENTER ★ ★

Build your technical skills in our Academy Development Centers! These sessions are designed to build a strong technical foundation in young players U7-U10 (Birth Years 2014-2011) as well as promote quick decision-making through the use of small-sided games. Our professional staff will model various individual skills and techniques used to beat opponents in 1v1 and 2v1 situations, then encourage players to try these skills in 1v1, 2v2 and 3v3 games. This program is great for players looking to develop the skills necessary to be successful in our Academy.

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ACADEMY JUNIORS LEAGUE

The Academy Juniors League (AJL) provides a fun, safe and developmentally-appropriate environment for young players to come to learn the game of soccer through training and game play. We help players aged 4 to 10 grow in the sport by introducing them to formalized weekend game-play in addition to staff-led training sessions.

Participants in the Academy Juniors League practice once per week in sessions facilitated by parent volunteer coaches and supported by Academy Directors. Our specialized curriculum helps players grow their technical skills and apply these skills in age-appropriate game-day environments.



ACADEMY Kids SOCCER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE



AGES 3-4

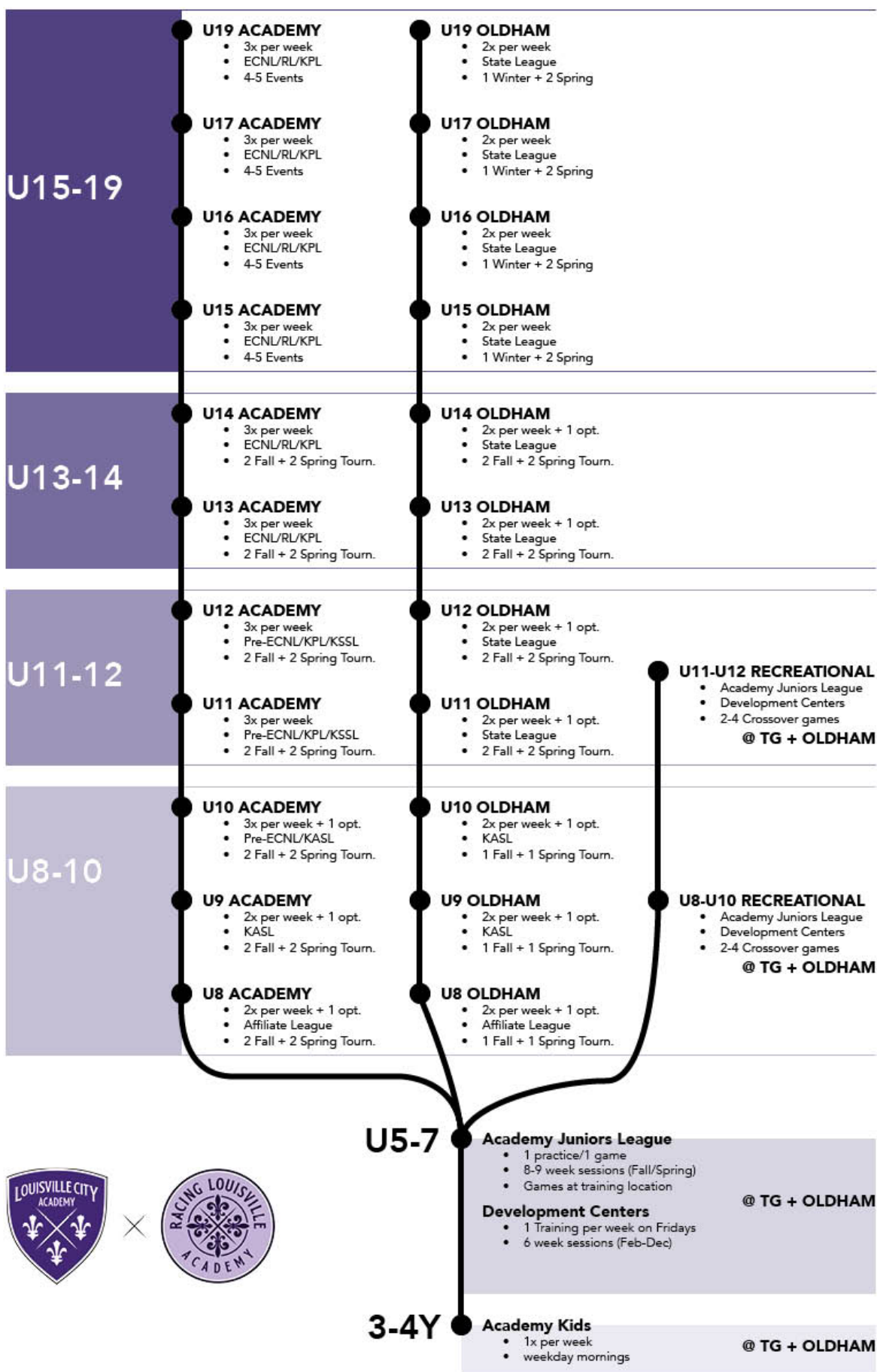
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Professional coaches use fun and imaginative games to teach children ages 3-4 the basics of athletic movement, soccer skills and peer socialization. Sessions include 30-40 minutes of fundamentals and 20-30 minutes of small-sided game play. While all sessions will be led by a paid coach, we invite interested parents to volunteer to assist the professional coach in these sessions as well!





PLAYER PATHWAY





ACADEMY JRS ★
SOCCER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE



PLAYER PROGRAM





✦ ✦ ✦ ACADEMY JUNIORS ✦ ✦ ✦

Build your technical skills through our recreational programming! We offer programming starting at age 3 all the way up to high school ages for our camps. Each session below will be available for players at both the Lynn Family Sports Vision and Training center and Oldham Soccer Park.

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ACADEMY[★]Kids

Our youngest fans can now join us for weekly programming at our new training grounds! Player Ages 3-4 are invited to learn the fundamentals of soccer in our new Spring Academy Juniors series. Our professional coaches will use fun and imaginative games to teach children the basics of athletic movement, soccer skills and peer socialization. Sessions include 20-30 minutes of fundamentals and 20-30 minutes of small-sided game play. While all sessions will be led by a paid coach, we invite interested parents to volunteer to assist the professional coach in these sessions as well!



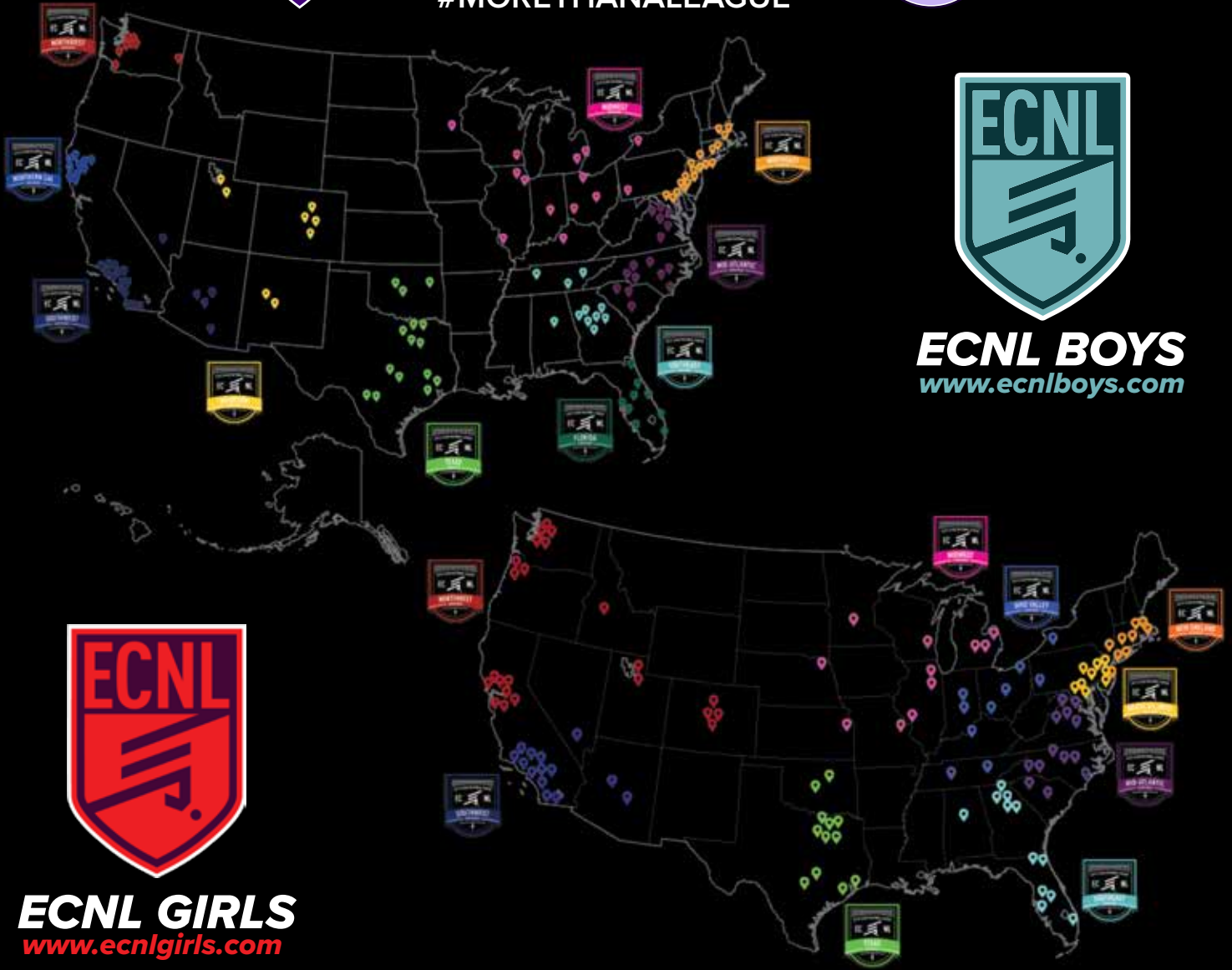
THE ACADEMY





WHO WE PLAY

#MORETHANALEAGUE



ECNL BOYS
www.ecnlboys.com



ECNL GIRLS
www.ecnlgirls.com

THE ECNL LEAGUE

The season runs from late fall through the spring
 There is a national championship in the summer
 ECNL offers showcase events for all age groups
 U13/U14 national showcase event
 U15-U18/19 national showcase events
 The top league/showcases for college recruiting
 ECNL National Team Training Camp U16-U19
 (FREE for selected kids)

We anticipate that we will participate in the following:
 GLC U13-U18/19
 Kentucky Premier League U11-U19
 Kentucky Amateur Soccer League U8-U10
 For the U8-U10 we will also participate in self-organized
 play dates against other clubs

OTHER LEAGUES



KSSL U13-U18/19
 KPL U11-U19

KASL U8-U10
 U8-U10 Affiliate Playdates





Advantages of Playing in the Academy

The LouCity and Racing Louisville Academy seeks to be an organization that is synonymous with empowering soccer players in all aspects of their development. This organization will pioneer the pathway for its members to be exposed to, as well as benefit from the professional game at unprecedented levels, all of which are unique to any other soccer organization in the region. This will include:

- ★ Training at the same facility as LouCity USL and Racing Louisville NWSL
- ★ A direct pathway to becoming a professional athlete
- ★ Access to a professional coaching staff throughout your youth development as well as college exposure and preparation that supersedes the current community standard
- ★ Cultivated programming that will unite other NWSL academy programs
- ★ Potential to earn a professional contract or USL Academy Contract
- ★ Participate in the USL League (06-02 age groups)
- ★ Participate in the USL W League

Professional Development Standards

- ★ Coaching Qualifications – 8 “A” USSF licensed coaches throughout full-time staff and continued coaching education investment
- ★ Use of analytics through Veo and Playmaker technology
- ★ Individual Development Plans (IDP) for both Coaches and Players
- ★ Certified trainers at weekly trainings and games





ACADEMY FAQ'S



How Many Players Will be Selected For Each Team?

Age groups will practice at the same time location to give fluidity and collaboration between teams. This will allow us to continue to challenge each player developmentally as well as instilling the “club,” as opposed to “team” concept.

**LOUISVILLE
ACADEMY**

U8-U9 GROUP

**10-12 PLAYERS
PER TEAM**

U10-U12 GROUP

**10-14 PLAYERS
PER TEAM**

U13-U18/19 GROUP

**16-20 PLAYERS
PER TEAM**

How Often Will We Train?

**LOUISVILLE
ACADEMY**

U8-U9

2 times per week

U10

3times per week

U11-U14

3 times per week

U15-U18/19

3 times per week

Can Academy Players Play Other Sports?

Yes. We believe that participation in other youth sports is an important part of physical and social development for kids.

Will My Player Be Able to Play High School Soccer?

Yes. We fully support all of our players who participate in high school soccer.

How does the Academy Handle Trapped Players?

ECNL allows high school age participants who do not want to play high school soccer to participate in the fall trapped season.



ACADEMY FAQ's

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College Preparation Program

FREE access to SportsRecruits (<https://sportsrecruits.com/clubs>) This is a leading college search system (NOT a recruiting service) that streamlines the search and communication process into one simple platform. College Recruiting Seminars led by experienced current and former NCAA DI, DII, DIII, NAIA coaches. A coaching staff with collegiate head and assistant coaching experience -NCAA DI, DII, DII - Established relationships with college coaches across the country

Costs

Player fees include all training, tournament, league and coaching travel/pay. The only fee outside of the player fee is your personal travel and uniform costs. **WE HAVE NO HIDDEN FEES!** Financial assistance will be available to make sure each child gets the opportunity to participate in the club.

LOUISVILLE
ACADEMY

ACADEMY
U8
\$1295

U9
\$1325

U10
\$1660

U11-12
\$1865

U13-U14
\$1960

U15-U19
\$1910

TRAPPED
\$2215

Uniform Costs

2 Game Jerseys, 2 Game Shorts, 2 Socks, 1 Training Jersey, 1 Training Short, 1 Training Pullover, 1 Training Pan- \$300 and 1 Backpack (backpack is not required for returning players)





 **OLDHAM** 



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OLDHAM	U8-U9 \$1195	U10 \$1295	U11-U12 \$1495
	U13-U14 \$1595	U15-U19 \$1395	TRAPPED \$1700

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Questions?



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