



## LOUISIANA SOCCER ACADEMY PROGRAM

The concept of Academy-based programming and the sound player development philosophy behind it has grown exponentially over the past few years. Starting our players in an environment that focuses on player development and performance rather than on team achievements and outcomes has been proved world-wide to be the best and most productive formula for introducing kids to the game and in retaining them longer.

### Inaugural Season 2020-2021

Congratulations to those LSA Clubs that joined the LSAP for its inaugural season. With their participation, cooperation and guidance, these Clubs are committing to improving the game of soccer across the State.



The LSAP is designed specifically to:

make learning the game enjoyable for youth players,

help retain players through their years of cognitive and physical growth,

focus on the technical development of each player,

de-emphasize results as a measure of success,

reduce pressure on players and coaches to earn results,

to educate parents and players on the importance of defining long term success in terms of player performance rather than team outcomes, and

bring clubs together in a cooperative environment to focus on player development.

LSA Policy 300.3 specifically outlines the process and criteria for developing an Academy Program. The LSAP is inclusive and club-driven. LSA simply guides and supports the LSAP.