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## Why choose HUNTSVILLE FUTBOL CLUB?

Player development has always been at the forefront of our curriculum and programming. Winning has never been the entire focus of Huntsville FC. Over time, with the right development, success will happen. The past years represents the culmination of that development and the fruits of labor provided by our players, coaches, and parents with over 50 State Championships and more than 100 appearances in the finals.

The primary goal of HFC is to provide development and competitive opportunities for youth soccer players in all ages and all ability levels. To accomplish this goal, we have implemented a "Total Soccer Development" system of training. The HFC "Total Soccer Development" system of training is both a Curriculum and a Philosophy – and a model of success as evidenced by our achievements.

HFC currently offers playing opportunities at all levels of ability from recreational soccer to Regional Champions League levels. The starting point for Toddler through 8U players is our Jr. Academy Program designed to focus on basic abilities in soccer. Based on individual progress and readiness level, players may move to an Academy Program. Academy programs are offered from 9U to 11U levels and help to put the players that are ready for the HFC competitive environment together for additional training and competition. At 12U, we still operate within a pool structure but players will be paired together with like players. For the most advanced players, HFC offers competitive training with our Sr. Academy Program beginning at 13U+ age group.

Foremost in our minds is the desire to share with every HFC player a genuine love for the world's beautiful game. Our coaching staff is unparalleled in Alabama and one of the most experienced in the south. Among our staff, we have several coaches with highest levels of United States Soccer Federation National Coaching Licenses; many former college players; former college All-Americans; former National team players; former professional players, coaches with additional Brazilian, Dutch and German Coaching Licenses; current and former high school and college coaches; and playing experience from the United States, England, Finland, Germany, Uganda and others. It is our intention that each child will receive a mixture of coaching talent and experience diverse views on how the game is played by frequent coaching staff changes.

### The Largest Club in North Alabama

- Over 600 Players
- More than 55 Teams
- 35 Professional Coaches

### The Most Successful Club in North Alabama

- Over 50 State Championships
- More than 100 Appearances in State Finals
- Numerous ODP Players
- Several Regional ODP Players
- *3 National Team Players*



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## General Information

US Youth Soccer has mandated small sided games and revised the player age chart, which determines a player's age group. These changes are meant to improve the overall level of play within the United States.

### Small Sided Games:

The number of players per side mirrors the international systems of play. There are other minor changes to field and goal sizes but that will be covered with your coach.

9U and 10U teams will play with 7v7 systems.

11U and 12U teams will play with 9v9 systems.

### Birth Year Season Matrix:

The following chart outlines the age groups for team organization:

Season	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
<b>Birth Year</b>									
2020									
2019									U6
2018								U6	U7
2017							U6	U7	U8
2016						U6	U7	U8	U9
2015					U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
2014				U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
2013			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2012		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
2011	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
2010	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
2009	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
2008	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
2007	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2006	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
2005	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
2004	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
2003	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19			
2002	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19				
2001	U16	U17	U18	U19					
2000	U17	U18	U19						
1999	U18	U19							



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## Frequently Asked Questions about Tryouts

### *What is the tryout procedure?*

All players, both new and existing are required to tryout each year. The tryout fee is \$10 per player. Players will go through evaluations and team selections will be determined. Players are expected to be at designated tryout dates for their age group.

### *How many sessions does a player need to attend during the tryout process?*

Players should attend every possible session to ensure adequate time for proper evaluation.

### *Which team should my child tryout for?*

When possible, HFC strives to offer teams of varying ability and commitment within the same age group. Consult the web for team summaries, basic framework for team structure, and expectations of players.

### *Can players play up an age group?*

We encourage our players to play in the most competitive bracket possible for maximum development. A player may play on a higher age group team ONLY if that player is deemed an "impact player" (see definition below) by the DOC and the coaching staff of both the player's true age group and the age group above. The DOC will make the final decision after consultation with the coaching staff and the family of the player concerned. The decision will be made at the end of the tryout period.

Depending on the age group, an "impact player" is a player who is deemed to be in the top 7-11 players of the older age team. This determination takes into account the player's technical and physical abilities, tactical knowledge and emotional development



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## Frequently Asked Questions about Tryouts (Cont'd)

### *What is your philosophy on when tryouts should be competitive?*

HFC endorses a strong system of development in the younger age groups. As such, players at the 12U and younger age groups do not participate in a tryout that involves cutting or dropping players. Tryouts at the 13U and above age groups are competitive and do cut and/ or drop players to form the best teams possible.

### *How are teams at 12U and younger formed?*

Players will be placed into pools and divided into appropriate levels for games. 9U-11U players will participate in the Alabama Youth Academy and in the Local League. 12U players will participate in the Alabama State League and in the Local League. Players will routinely be shared between teams to help balance and provide an adequate number of games per player. HFC strongly believes that the youth program is paramount to our long-term success and will make every effort to place young players on a team and to ensure the players participate at the most appropriate level of competition.

### *How are teams at 13U and older formed?*

Huntsville FC will form the top team for that division in order to prepare them for competition. Additional teams are formed as players are available. This begins the first process of developing competitive teams.



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### *What factors are the coaches considering when evaluating my child?*

There are many factors when forming the upper age group teams. All coaches vary in their exact approach but common factors include; skill, tactical awareness, fitness, coach-ability/attitude, commitment to soccer, and personality.

### *Can my child ask to be on a friend's team?*

Coaching and "friend" requests are considered in the younger age groups. We want the players' experience in soccer to be fun and understand the need for young players to be with their friends. These requests should be noted on the application for tryouts and we will strive to meet all requests.

### *Do returning players still have to tryout?*

All returning players must tryout regardless of team assignment or age.

### *Who will coach my child?*

Coaches for established teams are announced in advance of tryouts. The Director of Coaching reserves the right to shift coaches to accommodate the best interest of the players and club. We often have reserve coaches waiting to take on a new or additional team to accommodate any new teams that may be formed. In this case, your prospective coach will be made known to you before asking your intent to play. Some of our coaches also coach High School teams. Soccer is a Spring High School sport. Due to the time commitments of High School soccer, a backup coach may be needed during the Spring club soccer season.



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### *Do existing teams stay the same during the next season?*

Huntsville FC does not endorse a system of cutting and/or dropping players at 12U and younger. However, team transition in the 9U – 12U age groups may be necessary to keep players of like abilities and commitments together. 13U and older teams are subject to change at each tryout. However, for all age groups - teams formed for the fall season are intact for the seasonal year, which concludes in the spring of the following year. The DOC's will aid in formation of any hybrid teams necessary to compete in winter and/or spring leagues.



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## Age Group Expectations and Commitments

### 9U – 11U Boys and Girls

9U-11U is more of a registration process as we create parity and/or developmentally appropriate teams at these ages. Priority is placed on developing large pools of players that train together and play games in the ASA Youth Academy program. As part of your program fee, we are offering a team preseason camp. Consult the Huntsville FC website for dates/times. These teams train twice per week with an added third practice for the whole pool at 11U+

## Age Group Expectations and Commitments

### 12U Boys and Girls

We are currently offering Division II teams. At 12U – all players move to the Huntsville location so all players can compete for the top team. Teams will be put together to compete in the State League at appropriate competition levels. There is a raised expectation of travel and expense due to the structure of this age group's goals. In the Fall, a DII team expects players to prioritize soccer over other extracurricular activities, while not having to eliminate those activities. Both teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the Fall and Spring seasons. When appropriate a team may play DIII with a lesser travel and commitment expectation. This is a new level for our players and their complete dedication both physically and mentally will be needed to be successful on these teams. As part of your program fee for the DII teams, we are offering a team preseason camp. Consult the Huntsville FC website for dates/ times and additional camp information. All players should be attentive, punctual, and hard working. Notifying the coaches before missing sessions and working on skills at home is very important and necessary. Unavoidable missed sessions should be replaced by attending a session with a similar team within the club. These teams train twice per week with an added third practice for the whole pool.





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## 13U-14U Boys and Girls

We are offering Division I/NL, Division II, and Recreational teams. The expectations of the **DI/NL** team include an aggressive schedule of games and training to develop a State Championship quality team. **DI/NL team(s) will have a required team camp.** (Consult the club website for more information on the team camp.) There is a raised expectation of travel, expense, and commitment attached to the **DI/NL** team. In the Fall, a **DI/NL** team expects players to prioritize soccer over other extracurricular activities, while not having to eliminate those activities. All teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the **Fall and Spring** seasons. For the **DI/NL** team, a **commitment is** needed for the preparation to compete as a team during the **Fall, Spring, and even the Summer in the event of winning your State Championship.** For the **DI/NL** and **DII**, we are offering a team preseason camp. Consult the club website for dates/times. **HFC** does support middle school soccer, which may impact a player's eligibility in the spring. All players should be attentive, punctual, and hard working. Notifying the coaches and discussing reasons for missed sessions is a must. Working on fitness and personal skills at home is absolutely necessary. Unavoidable missed sessions should be replaced by attending a session with a similar team within the club. Division 1/NL teams train three times per week. Division II and Rec train two times per week

## Age Group Expectations and Commitments

### 15U – 19U Boys and Girls

We are offering, Division I/NL, II, and Recreational teams. **The Div. I/NL teams will have a required team camp (Consult the club website for more information on the team camp).** The expectations of the **D1/NL** teams include a highly competitive schedule of games and training to develop a State Championship quality team. There is an expectation of travel, expense, and commitment attached to these teams due to the State & Region league requirements. The **D1/NL** teams should be prepared to compete as a team during the **Fall, Spring and even the Summer in the event of winning your State Championship.** The **DII** teams carry a significant commitment to play in the State league. As part of your program fee for the **DII** teams, a team preseason camp in the late July - early August time frame is offered. Consult the club website for dates/times. We do support middle school and high school soccer during the Spring season. Division 1/NL teams train three times per week. Division II and Rec train two times per week



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## Age Group Expectations and Commitments (Cont'd)

### 15U+ High School Prep Team

We are offering a boys and girls team that will compete to stay sharp for the upcoming high school season. Similar to the description above, this team could be placed in DI or DII based on the expectations of the team, players, and directors. We will make this determination at the tryouts after interviewing the players and parents. The intent of these teams is to offer a reduced commitment of time, travel, and expense but still allow the players to develop in a professional environment. HFC would like to foster a more relaxed team structure and provide a training/game season that will provide the foundation for a high school bound player. These teams generally have large rosters to allow for some freedom in participating in school or social functions at the older ages. As part of your program fee for the HS Prep Team, we are offering a team preseason camp. These teams train 2/3 times per week. Consult the club website for more details.

### ECNL Opportunities

HFC and BUSA (Alabama FC) have formed a strategic alliance to offer ECNL opportunities to our elite girls and boys aged 13U – 19U. See the web for details or contact Henry Mpagi, Director of Coaching for further information.



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## 9U-11U Fall & Spring Season Budget Estimates

The following is schedule of club dues and team fee estimates required to play with the HFC. HFC strives to reduce costs while maximizing value in our player program. It is a core value of HFC to provide soccer to all players that are willing to commit to the program. As such, we offer financial aid to qualified players in need.

This is truly an investment in your child's overall development. We have a professional licensed staff with many years of experience, organized infrastructure, and a solid volunteer base to provide the best development opportunities available within North Alabama for your child's Total Soccer Development.

Age	Division	Training	Fall	Fall	Spring	Spring
	Academy	Months	Club Fees	Team Fees	Club Fees	Team Fees
9U(11)	Academy	7	\$270.00	\$100-200	\$235.00	\$100-200
10U(10)	Academy	7	\$330.00	\$100-200	\$285.00	\$100-200
11U(09)	Academy	7	\$480.00	\$100-200	\$350.00	\$100-200

### What your HFC Club dues cover:

- Director Salaries & Club Administration
- Head Coach Salary
- Facility Development Fee
- Skills & Keeper Training
- Team Manager Discount
- State Administration Fees Coaching Education Fund
- State League Fees & Bonds
- Player Registration, Insurance, & Player Card
- Preseason Team Camp
- City Field Usage Fees

### What your Team Expenses Cover:

- State and Local Referees
- Tournaments (typically 2-4)
- Coach Tournament Travel Expenses
- Coach Hotel for Travel
- Travel Permits

**Refund Policy:** There will be no refunds. Partial refunds (for moving out of Alabama or major injury) will be considered by the Board of Directors.

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Age	Division	Training	Fall	Fall	Spring	Spring
State League		Months	Club Fees	Team Fees	Club Fees	Team Fees
12U(08)	Division2	7	\$600.00	\$150-250	\$380.00	\$150-250
13U(07)	Division 2	7	\$600.00	\$150-250	\$380.00	\$150-250
14U(06)	Division 2	7	\$600.00	\$150-250	\$380.00	\$150-250
15U(05)	Division 2	4	\$600.00	\$150-250		
16U(04)	Division 2	4	\$600.00	\$150-250		
17U(03)	Division 2	4	\$600.00	\$150-250		
18U(02)	Division 2	4	\$600.00	\$150-250		
19U(01)	Division 2	4	\$600.00	\$150-250		

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13U(07)	Division 1	7	\$800.00	\$150-250	\$400.00	\$150-250
14U(06)	Division 1	7	\$800.00	\$150-250	\$400.00	\$150-250
15U(05)	Division 1	4	\$800.00	\$150-250		
16U(04)	Division 1	4	\$800.00	\$150-250		
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Age	Division	Training Months	Fall Club Fees	Fall Team Fees	Spring Club Fees	Spring Team Fees
13U(07)	National League	7	\$850.00	\$200-300	\$400.00	\$200-300
14U(06)	National League	7	\$850.00	\$200-300	\$400.00	\$200-300
15U(05)	National League	4	\$850.00	\$200-300		
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## HFC KITS

Sizes	Price
9U-11U Youth Sizes	~\$100
9U-11U Adult Sizes	~\$110
12U-19U Youth Sizes	~\$110
12U-19U Adult Sizes	~\$235





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## Volunteer Requirements

HFC organizes four major fundraisers throughout the year. These are successful year after year due to the amazing support of our volunteers. Each of these events requires a small amount of time and effort from each family but is an invaluable investment in the club.

### **Spring Classic Tournament**

The Spring Classic is held in April. Although smaller than the KIT, this is a great fundraiser that needs your support.



### **Kicks Invitational Tournament (KIT)**

The Kicks Invitational Tournament is held in October. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and requires many volunteers to be successful.





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### **North Alabama Rec Championship**

The North Alabama Rec Championship is held in November. This is a great fundraiser for our recreational programs and needs your support.



### **North Alabama Spring Rec Tournament**

The North Alabama Spring Rec Tournament is held in May. This is a great fundraiser for our recreational programs and needs your support.

