



# **R9 Tampa Academy**

## **Competitive Program 2025-2026**

*“What soccer gave me most was the strength to overcome”*


— Ronaldo Fenômeno.

## About the R9 Competitive Program

Congratulations on joining the R9 Tampa Competitive Program! This is a high-performance environment created to develop the technical, physical, and mental aspects of young athletes.

We compete in official leagues such as:

- NPL (National Premier League)
- WFPL (West Florida Premier League)

 These leagues require real commitment.

## Calendar

We follow the official Hillsborough County school calendar for classes and holidays. Therefore, our classes will officially begin on August 11th, 2025.

## Official Uniform Requirement

**Training uniforms** must be purchased directly at the field. The R9 yellow jersey is mandatory. You may use last season's competitive kit, the yellow one is preferred, but any R9 Academy jersey is acceptable.

- Training uniforms are required for this identification and safety.
  - No uniform, no training.

**The official uniforms** can be ordered directly through our soccer.com website (you will be invited to buy the kit by email). Starting in September, all players must wear the uniform kit to play official games.

- No uniform, no play.

## Training Commitment

Frequent absences impact individual growth and team performance. Only showing up for games is not enough. Training is where players:

- Build chemistry with teammates and coaches;
- Develop rhythm, tactical understanding, and discipline;
- Prove they're ready to compete.

If your child can't make it to practice, please let us know in the WhatsApp group. It helps the coach plan the session properly when players are missing.



## SportsEngine App

### Returning families

- If you are a returning player, no action is needed, you're already in the app.

### New families

- Please download the **SportsEngine App**. You'll receive an email invitation to join the group. Once accepted, you'll have access to the game schedule and the RSVP feature.

### RSVP Policy

- Game confirmations must be submitted by Thursday morning each week. Failure to RSVP by the deadline will automatically remove your child from the game roster;
- If a player shows up without confirming, it is entirely up to the coach whether the player will participate or stay on the bench;
- We will strictly enforce RSVPs this season.

## Team Missed Game Consequences

**If the team fails to show up for a scheduled game, a U\$1.500 fine will be issued to the club.** This amount will be divided among all players on the roster.

- Please respect the schedule and show up as a team.

## Parent Involvement

Parents are not allowed to coach their children during practices or games, **that's the coach's job.** Your role is to support and cheer for the team, not to give instructions. **During training sessions, parents must stay off the field.** Standing on the sidelines is not allowed unless it's a clearly designated parent area. Otherwise, parents should remain in the parking area or outside the field boundaries.

We are here to build smart, confident, and resilient players! Your support is important, but it needs to be properly directed:

- Encourage and support your child's attendance at both training and games;
- Trust our coaches, they are trained professionals dedicated to your child's development.

## 48-Hour Rule

Remember: speak to the coach about anything related to the game after a 48-hour period. **No questions, complaints, or feedback should be shared before this window has passed.** **The 48-hour rule exists to protect the environment for players, parents, and coaches.** After a game, emotions can run high. This time break allows for reflection, clarity, and respectful communication. It ensures that any conversation with the coach is constructive, not reactive.



## Payments

**The competitive program has a full program fee.**

Monthly installments are offered to make payment more manageable. This is not a month-to-month subscription. Everyone starts paying in August, and payments continue monthly until the full amount is covered. There are no breaks or pauses in the payment schedule. By signing the contract, you're committed to the full program, both in terms of participation and payment.




## Late Payments

Late payments will result in suspension from training and games until the balance is cleared.

All the guidelines mentioned here are explained in full detail in the club's official contract and policies. Please make sure to read them carefully.



## Important Links

- Academy Policies & Contract:  
[CONTRACT](#) (CLICK)  
 *Required reading, includes rules, player code of conduct, and zero tolerance policy.*



- Team Rules

[RULES](#) (CLICK)

- Weekly Training Schedule

[SCHEDULE](#) (CLICK)

- Player Registration & Info:

<https://r9tampa.com/comp> (CLICK)



## WhatsApp Team Groups

If you haven't joined your child's team group yet, please scan the QR code provided by your coach or team manager.

2018



2017



GIRLS TEAM



## 2016 WHITE



## 2016 BLACK



## 2015 BLACK





## 2014 BLUE



## 2014 BLACK



## 2013 WHITE



2013



2011/2012



2009/2010





## Ready for a New Season!

We're committed to your child's development, on and off the field.

Welcome to the R9 Tampa Family!

Let the hard work begin.

**R9 TAMPA TEAM**