

East Hudson Soccer Academy



Questions and Answers

What is the East Hudson Academy?

The East Hudson Academy is a developmental and supplemental program for the youth soccer members of the league. It is developmental in that its purpose is to further develop each player so they may return to their respective club team with improved skills with which they can raise the level of play with their teammates. It is supplemental as it adds to each player's club experience without having to leave their club team.

When and Where are training sessions held?

Indoor training sessions are held once per week at The Net beginning early November through the end of March. Each training session is 1 1/2 hours in duration. Day and times are to be determined. There is limited or no training during the holiday weeks. A complete practice schedule will be provided by your coach or team manager.

Outdoor training sessions are held once per week on Monday's from 6:30pm-8:00pm at either Beekman Town Center Park, Doherty Park in Beekman or Tymor Park in Unionvale. At the completion of the league season, practices will be twice a week through the final tournament. Holding training sessions at pre-determined sites was a direct response to survey responses from past seasons.

Tournament Information:

All teams will attend at least four outdoor tournaments with each player guaranteed to play in at least two of the four. Most players play in at least three tournaments depending on roster size and player availability. For the 2017-2018 season, all Academy teams will participate in the same four tournaments. We hope this will foster a sense of unity within the program and collaboration among the coaches. It will allow for schedule planning and minimize travel for families with children on different Academy teams. The tournaments the Academy plans to attend in 2018 are to be determined. Tournaments attended the past few years have included:

March: MAPS Tournament, NJ

June: Empire Cup- Albany, NY

July: Seaside Classic – Rhode Island

July: Hudson Invitational - our home tournament

July: Lititz Summer Showcase – Lancaster, PA

In addition, many teams participate in one or more indoor tournaments during the winter. The cost of these indoor tournaments is not included in Academy registration and is an optional fee for each team.

Player Commitment:

Once selected to an Academy team all players are expected to make the Academy their top soccer priority outside of their EHYSL club team commitments. **You are excused from attendance during the EHYSL League schedule dates to attend EHYSL club teams games and tournaments. These are the only exceptions. Players playing State ODP can play with the Academy teams as the tournament schedules do not usually conflict and credit will be issued for practices missed due to ODP participation.**

Roster Sizes:

Team will be formed with rosters of approximately 20 players. Most tournaments limit roster size to 18 players so players will be competing for playing time as well as number of tournaments they will attend. This competition generally raises all player's level of play and makes attendance at all training sessions more meaningful.

Coaching Staff:

All of our Academy Head Coaches possess at a minimum a National USSF license or NSCAA National Diploma. Many are college and high school coaches and have considerable playing and/or coaching experience as well.

Academy Cost:

The Academy cost for 2017-2018 for full season teams (U11, U12, U13, U14) will be \$1,200 plus uniform cost. The cost for the U15 and older age teams is \$850 plus uniform cost. This fee covers all indoor and outdoor training costs as well as all registration and tournament entry fees. The uniform fee will be approximately \$100.00 and includes two jerseys, short and two pair of socks. We divide our Academy fee into three payments payable in November, January and March (January, March and May for older groups) so as to reduce any financial burden at one time. The cost for the U10 developmental program which consists solely of foot skill and ball control training will be \$575.00. This year payment can be made by either check or credit card.

Tryout Outcome Notification:

All players will be notified by email as to the outcome of tryouts. If you are selected to a team, you are asked to respond accepting the position on the team. A team meeting will be scheduled and practice schedules will be forth coming.

If you have any questions that were not covered here, please feel free to speak with any of the Academy Staff at tryouts or email Jeff Wexler, Academy Committee Director at jdwxler@optonline.net.