

Frequently Asked Questions regarding Academy League (PAL)

What is PAL or Premiere Academy League?

Organizations that offer Academy training have been informed that they may bring teams to an Academy League to compete with other Academy teams. Fort Worth Youth Soccer participates in the Premiere Academy League along with several other cities in the metroplex.

How do I get onto an Academy team?

Visit various Academies. Find a coach that responds well to your child and to whom your child responds well. Let them know you are interested in playing on their Academy team.

How does my child make the team?

Try outs, recruitment, and selection of players are prohibited. Any child that wants to play, is allowed to play. They must register for Academy participation through their home association. Unlike recreational soccer, players are not guaranteed a certain amount of playing time. A fair and equitable coach will make sure each player plays a certain amount of time per game. In some cases, less skilled players will spend much of the time on the bench as a substitute. In addition, children are not required to stay with one team. You may participate in as many Academy sessions and teams as you like.

Can this replace recreational team participation?

Some parents decide to choose one or the other. Truly Academy training and league participation have always been intended as a supplement for the younger players soccer experience.

What ages may participate?

U9 and U10 players are the primary participants. Some U8 players participate but this is strongly discouraged by North Texas State Soccer and Fort Worth Youth Soccer.

What children are encouraged to participate in an Academy League?

The more skilled, competitive players are the ones who benefit most from this level of play. This becomes almost an "All Star" or competitive level of play. Children who are considering going competitive or select in the future would benefit from trying this level as well.

What is the cost?

Each soccer association is different. FWYSA will register your child for free if they are already registered on one of our recreational teams. Some clubs have additional charges to participate on their teams. You will need to ask each team with whom you participate if there are any other charges.

Where are my games played?

It depends on the Academy and the team. If you are with Fort Worth FC or Fort Worth United, you will have a few games at Westside. However, your other games could be in various parts of the metroplex.

For more information please write to FWYSoccer@aol.com or fwysavp2@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to register for Academy League play, please visit your home association for registration information.