



ESC Academy 2023/2024

Introduction to ESC Academy Program

- ESC Academy Program is designed to support and guide young players (ages 8-11) who wish to make the transition from recreational to competitive soccer. The program is designed for that recreational player who has a strong desire to increase those technical skills while also learning more about the tactical aspects of the game.
- **Training:** Technical and tactical training is provided 2 times per week in 1.5-hour sessions by our professional coaches (2 mandatory team practices with coaches). In addition, players are encouraged to work at home on basic technical skills such as juggling, receiving, passing, etc.
- It is important that the player understands that a commitment to practice will help the player to reach their goals.



Commitments

- Upon accepting the position offered on an Academy team, the parents are responsible for the following:
 - Financial Commitment
 - Training Commitment
 - Parent Code of Conduct



ESC Academy Financial Commitments

- Fees for the Academy/Select Programs are higher than recreational soccer programs but reflect the higher level of commitment, training, and professional coaching provided to our promising players.
- *ESC Academy/Select fees include registration, insurance, SCYSA fees, coaching fees, training fees, league fees, supplemental training, operational costs, field usage, referee fees, team fees, one tournament fee and travel reimbursements for the coach. Please note that a lot of the area clubs do not combine the all fees into one cost. There are no other hidden fees. Fees do not include the uniform fee or personal tournament travel expenses.
- Payments can be made in full or paid monthly during the season. Please note it is not ESC's intention to exclude any player from participating on an Academy or Select team because of money. We offer scholarships to those families/players that qualify.



ESC Academy Financial Commitments

- A player's club dues are determined by their team assignment. Club dues do include team fees, which include but are not limited to: SCYSA fees, referee fees, tournament entry fees, training fees, coach's tournament expenses, field fees and league fees.
- All dues/payments are to be made in accordance with the terms on the payment sheet.
- All payments are due on the 15th of the month. If a player's dues are not paid by the 1st of the following month the responsible party will have one week to bring the account current. If the account is not current after that time the player will not be allowed to practice and will result of the surrender of the player's membership card until the delinquent balance due is paid. Players will not be allowed to play until the membership card is reinstated. In addition to any outstanding fees due, a \$25.00 reinstatement charge shall be required to reinstate the player's card.



ESC Academy Financial Commitments

- ESC 2023-2025 Uniform Fee is \$165.00* (Excludes shipping and taxes).
- Other optional ESC player items will be available.
- The ESC uniform will be available for ordering through the Lloyd's Soccer online order system.
- **Required Uniforms:**
 - Due to manufacturer availability and production, uniform styles now cycle out every two years. Fall 2023 marked the start of a new two-year term. The new Elite kit is provided by Adidas.
 - All Players need to order a new uniform and training jerseys.
 - Players will need to wait for numbers to be assigned before ordering. A link for ordering will be sent to each player.
 - Jersey numbers must be coordinated with team managers or ESC admin.
 - **Order DEADLINE is June 18th**



ESC Academy Training Commitments

- Arrive on time for practice.
- Arrive to games 30 minutes before the game to allow for warm-up
- Attend practice and/or make-up practices.
- Dress in soccer gear (appropriate training shirt, shorts, soccer socks, shin guards, and soccer cleats)
- Bring your soccer ball to practice
- Bring water
- Attend tournaments and games.
- Attend skills sessions and goalie training (if applicable).
- Practice at home on basic technical skills.



Parent Commitment

- Parents are asked to support their coach and the Academy Program by ensuring their child attends training as listed above.
- Parents are asked not to “coach” from the sidelines during games.
- Parents are asked to represent ESC in a positive manner with correct sideline behavior and to set a good example for their player.
- Academy parents will be asked to volunteer for team duties. Your support is needed at all ESC functions throughout the year.



Parent Commitment

Parent Conduct:

- Please keep ALL comments from the sidelines positive ones.
- Never address (or confront) the Referee or AR. That will be handled by the coach or club official.
- Never address an opposing player or comment out loud about an opposing player.
- Please try not to address (or confront) opposing fans, even if they are being idiots. We can't control their stupidity, but we can control our own actions. If you feel something needs to be addressed, then let your coach know after the game.
- Please do not approach an opposing team coach to discuss wrongs of his parents or wrongs perceived in the game. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, let your coach know and he/she will address with the other coach.



Parent Commitment

Parent Conduct Cont'd:

- Blatant disregard of these guidelines will result in parent suspension from their kid's games and continued bad behavior from the parent will result in the player being suspended.

- As parents, we set the example for our children, we can choose to be one of encouragement or one of criticism. Our kids have worked hard during the season and need to be commended for their hard work and be able to enjoy their accomplishments no matter the outcome of the games.



Games, Tournaments, and Travel

- Games for U11 – U12 consist of nine (9) players per team competing in two thirty-minute halves on an 80x50 yard field.
- Games for U9 and U10 consist of seven (7) players per team competing in two twenty-five minute halves on a 66x42 yard field.
- Games are on Sundays in the CESA Academy League at the MeSA Soccer Complex.
- Teams typically participate in 1 tournament per season – depending on the team the tournament may be in town or out of town within 3 hours. If the team participates in a second tournament there will be an additional tournament fee paid by the parents.
- Players and their families are responsible for their own travel costs to tournaments and games.



Celtic FC Partnership

- ESC is a Celtic Soccer Academy International Partner
- Coach mentoring.
- Additional monthly online training and coaching sessions for ESC coaches
- Summer Celtic Camp at ESC run by Celtic FC Academy Coaches
- Players have an opportunity to attend Celtic FC Elite Camp at the IMG Academy. Players chosen from the Elite Camp will attend the Celtic Academy in Glasgow, Scotland.



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Player Development

ESC Philosophy

- ESC's focus is on developing players from a recreational to a competitive level while fostering a love and passion for soccer in a structured environment. Younger players will spend large amounts of time on the ball developing skill and composure under pressure while older players in our program will be exposed to top coaches during their training sessions, where the main emphasis will be to develop technical skill and tactical awareness.

Player centric

- The player must be placed at the central point of learning! Our focus must always remain on the technical, tactical, physical and mental development of the individual player. Every child that enters our program is expected to leave our program, not only a better player but more importantly a better person. The player's academic education must work "hand-in-hand" with their learning as a player.

Coaching Methodology



How will your child prepare for next season?

- In a few days your coach will email you a conditioning plan for this summer. It will include basic technical work, conditioning options and the weekly log that you will send to them each week before official practices begin. Each team will have fitness testing in August.
- Celtic FC Academy Camp
- Our ESC July training provides 8 nights of technical training and conditioning as our players prepare for pre-season.
- ESC Speed and Agility Camp in July



- **Who can I talk to if I have more questions?**
- If you have additional questions that are not covered in this presentation, please feel free to email:
- ESC operations, fees, club culture/history, Academy, or Select questions: Jeff Young at jeffy@easleysoccer.com
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