Development Academy Teams

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I play HS Soccer?
  - You cannot play both HS soccer and participate in the DA at the same time.
  - US soccer wants a player in one soccer environment
- What will travel look like?
  - We are looking at two options, team travel and parent travel. We will do what is best for the player. We will know more as the actual schedule gets released but it will be a mixture of both parent and team travel.
- What is the cost?
  - The cost is to be determined. We are waiting on corporate sponsors to finalize their financial support but we want to align with our current fees.
- Numbers of players on the roster?
  - 16-22 players
  - No more than 18 will travel

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- Who will the coaches be?
  - Coaching staff will be announced when appropriate
  - Bobby, Tiffany, and other highly qualified coaches will coach teams
- Showcases/College Recruiting?
  - US Soccer will incorporate 3 college showcases within the schedule where coaches will attend
  - There will be college recruiting at DA games within the regular season. History has proven that the men's DA is the number one recruiting opportunity. We anticipate the women's program will match.
- Numbers of Games/Injury Prevention?
  - The DA is providing the proper training to game ratio
  - Fewer, but more meaningful games within a consistent schedule
  - Focus on developing players
  - Consistent everyday environment
  - Recovery and rest cycles are important
  - Professional Environment

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- Uniforms?
  - The DA is currently seeking a brand to supply uniforms. The cost of a uniform will not exceed what you currently pay for a uniform
- Split Age Groups- younger vs. older?
  - The best players will be brought into the team and training pools.
  - There is no standard from US Soccer with regard to percentage on older vs. younger kids within a team.
- Training Facilities?
  - We are going to utilize all of our facilities and try to simplify it as much as we can.
  - Walnut/Withrow/Grooms will be considered central locations
  - Town and Country/Posey are considered outliers
- Financial Aid?
  - It will be available as it is within both programs currently.

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- Substitution rules?
  - Men's DA Rules U15-U18- There are a maximum of 5 substitutions across three stoppages within the game.
  - Men's DA Rules U13-U14- There are a maximum of 7 substitutions across three stoppages within the game.
  - No re-entry U15-U18
- Playing Time?
  - Men's DA Rules U13-U18- Full time Academy players are required to start at least 25% of the games.

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