



ACADEMY TRAINING MODEL & TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

2021/22



INTRODUCTION

In the 2021/22 Competitive Season, NextGen will have a handful of age groups with multiple teams in each. The purpose of this document is to outline the process and management of those teams and their athletes.

The overarching goal at Next Generation Soccer Academy is to provide our coaches and athletes with the best possible learning environment designed to produce elite athletes. Learning is done on the training field, off-field during cross-training and on-field during matches. Age groups with more than one team will be presented with a unique reality to earn and keep a roster spot on the most competitive team. This statement doesn't diminish the purpose of a second team, however we expect all our athletes to strive for excellence and eliminate complacency.

This document will be used as a guide for an Academy plan and designed to answer questions about our Academy training model and team selection. You will find the following contained herein:

- Effective Date
- Team Selection
- Academy Training
- League and Matches
- Athlete Crossover
- Tournaments
- SportsEngine



EFFECTIVE DATE

All athletes impacted by this model will be training together for the first week of season. At that time, coaches and Directors will send out rosters. At that point, teams will follow their normal training dates and times. The next change to rosters will not occur until October 2021.

TEAM SELECTION

Having two or more teams in the same age group allows us to run this age group using the Academy team training plan. With two teams (in the same age group), athletes can move up and down within the teams, providing a new sense of competition during training. Moving from one team to another needs to be predictable for all parties, not done frivolously or inconsistently.

Prior to each month, our coaching and leadership staff will discuss and agree to any possible moves between rosters. Between the 25-28th of each month, we will email all teams impacted and their families the rosters for the following month. Only 3 athletes per month can be moved up or down. Being moved up or down is not permanent and are reflective of many variables of assessment. Such variables include:

- Attitude
- Work Rate
- Decision Making
- Technique
- Attendance
- Position gaps
- Soccer IQ
- Proper Dress
- Fitness Capacity

Once a roster has been established for the month, those athletes will train with their selected team.



ACADEMY TRAINING

Academy training is a unique setup for a soccer Academy. It allows for teams with several teams in the same age group to train together one day per week. This creates a strong bond for the athletes and an environment for the coaches to see all the athletes at the same time.

When will Academy training occur?

First training day of each week

What will the training look like?

Academy training will function like a normal session.

LEAGUE AND MATCHES

Each team will have their own league schedule and athletes will follow their current team schedule.

ATHLETE CROSSOVER

With different league schedules, we may ask athletes to join a team for a match. Here is an example of how that might work.

The 2010B Elite team has a match on Saturday. The 2010B Premier team does not. Therefore, the coaching staff might ask no more than 3 athletes to attend the match for possible playing time. The coaching requirements are that this be communicated to the families a week in advance.



TOURNAMENTS

Teams will play tournaments/showcases with their current rostered team. Should the need arise as described in the Athlete Crossover section of this document, we will follow the rules of notifying families.

SPORTSENGINE

SportsEngine is used for team communication and scheduling. Our administration will update rostering if there are any changes, which would be reflected in the app.

For example, If an athlete is moved from 2010 Premier to Elite, the app will remove the athlete from Premier roster and into Elite. This means the family should see the Elite schedule and communications. If an update to the roster impacts your athlete and you do not see the new team, close the app and restart it.

QUESTIONS

Our coaching staff is happy to answer any questions. Please contact us at info@nextgensocceracademy.com



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