

Meridian Youth Soccer Development Model



Meridian, Mississippi

Mission of Meridian Youth Soccer

The Meridian Youth Soccer Organization exists to promote the development of youth in our community through participation in athletic competition. Our goal is to provide activities that offer recreational, social, and physical development for children of all skill levels. We are committed to providing participants with the opportunity to develop athletically and personally in a positive, supportive, and safe environment. The Meridian Youth Soccer Organization encourages and promotes ethical and moral behavior, good sportsmanship, community involvement, and citizenship.

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Awareness

“What is Soccer?”



Technical Skills

“Look what I can do!”

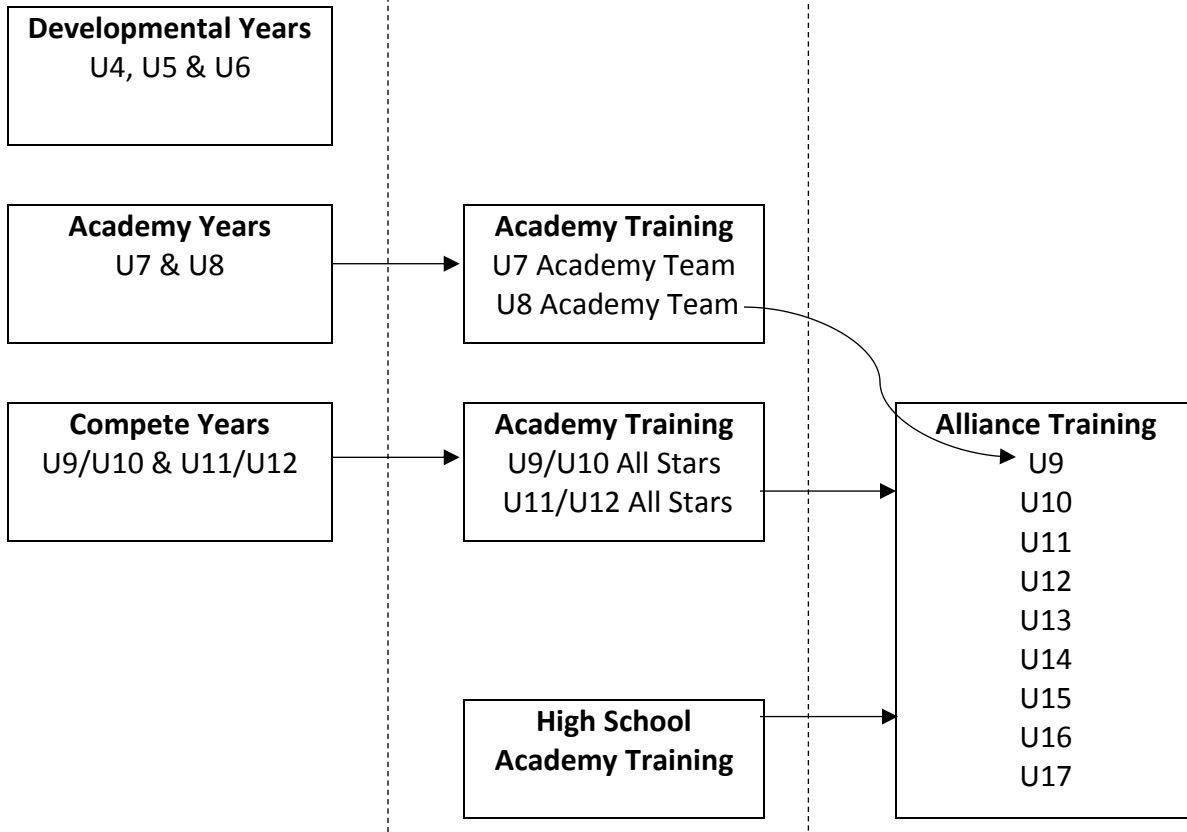
- *Foot skills and 1v1
- *Learning the “right way”



Tactical Skills

“Seeing the game”

- *Position play
- *Continued technical development





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Recreational Soccer League

Goal: Soccer Awareness

Introduction

The passion begins for almost 100% of our athletes in the MYSO recreational league. For children of Meridian and the surrounding area, MYSO's recreational league provides the first "taste" of soccer.

Format

The MYSO recreational league includes both a fall and spring season (6-8 weeks each). Fall games start the end of September and the spring season begins the first of February. Practices occur during the week, as determined by the coach, and games are played on Saturdays.

Coaches

Teams are formed randomly within each gender and age. Parents and community volunteers coach each team. MYSO provides assistance to the volunteer coaches through the League Directors, PACE Director and available coaching courses.

Divisions

The MYSO recreational league has 3 divisions developmental, academy and complete.

- Developmental- This league is U4, U5 and U6. Based on the USYS model, teams play 3v3 (3 players play at a time from each team) with a maximum of 6 players are on each team.
- Academy- This league is U7 and U8. Based on the USYS model, teams play 4v4 or 5v5 and a maximum of 8-10 players are on each team. MYSO uses referees in this leagues to encourage player development.
- Compete- This leagues is the U9/U10 and U11/U12 teams. The U9/U10 play 7v7 with a maximum of 14 players while the U11/U12 teams play 9v9 with a maximum of 18 players. MYSO uses referees in this leagues to encourage player development.

Cost

The 2016/2017 cost of the MYSO recreational league is \$110-\$130 and includes the fall, spring and uniforms. The U7 to U12 cost is higher due to the additional cost of referees.



MYSO Anderson Academy

Goal: Technical Development

Introduction

The MYSO Academy program is the next step in soccer development and provides MYSO players with additional training with more advanced coaching and instruction. The training sessions focus on Ball Mastery and Skill Moves. The overall objective is to help players improve their comfort with the ball at their feet, be more confident in 1v1 situations and learn to play faster in tighter spaces.

Format

The MYSO Academy takes place on Monday nights at the Jaycee Soccer Complex. Additional weekend camps will be available in the winter. In order to participate in the Academy a player must be involved in the MYSO Recreational league or AFC.

Coaches

MYSO invests in high quality licensed coaches in the Academy Program. These coaches include AFC and other area coaches who are focused on player development.

Divisions

The MYSO Academy is available for players from U6 to U12. Additionally, from the Academy program the following teams will be formed:

- U7 Academy Pool- The U7 Academy Pool will be formed after April 15th to introduce young players to a higher level of competitive play at the end of their U7 recreational schedule. This introduction will be all inclusive with the specific intent of participation an introduction. The Pool will compete in the State Games of Mississippi's noncompetitive bracket.
- U8 Academy Pool- The U8 Academy Pool will be formed after November 15th for a continued introduction of higher level competitive play for U8 Academy players. This continued introduction will be all inclusive with the specific intent of training and skill development. The U8 teams may compete in no more than four tournaments which are to include the State Games of Mississippi. The U8 Academy Pool will develop a strong

pool of players to complete state wide at a higher level of competitive play in the U9 division for AFC the next year.

- U9/U10 and U11/U12 All Star Teams- The U10 and U12 All Star teams will be formed after March 12th. The main focus of the U10 and U12 MYSO D2 Secondary team (otherwise known as an All-Star team) is to identify and train the best players from their respective divisions for a higher level of competitive play after the MYSO recreational spring season. U10 and or U12 teams may compete in no more than four tournaments which are to include the State Games of Mississippi. All-star games may not interfere with the Recreational league.

The MYSO High School Academy is available for players from U13+ on Thursday nights at the Jaycee Complex. The goal of the High School Academy is to provide the high school athlete an additional place to train outside of High School season.

Cost

The 2016/2017 cost of the MYSO Academy is \$55 and includes the fall, spring and t-shirts. For players joining the Academy or All Star teams, additional costs will be incurred.

The 2016/2017 cost of the High School Academy is \$60 for registration and \$25-\$35 per month for monthly dues.



Alliance Futbol Club

Goal: Tactical Development

Introduction

Alliance Futbol Club (AFC) is the competitive arm of the Meridian Youth Soccer Organization (MYSO). AFC and MYSO are the same club, and as such, are combined in the goal of player development. The AFC program is the next step in soccer development and provides players with additional training with more advanced coaching and instruction.

Format

Tryouts for AFC occur during June and teams are formed from U9 to U18. The teams then schedule practices twice a week with their licensed coach with the goal of player development. Based on skill level, teams compete in local, statewide and regional tournaments. While player development is AFC's primary focus, AFC has produced numerous tournament champions. AFC is designed to help players develop to the next level and has produced numerous ODP (Olympic Development Pool) players, high school standouts and college athletes.

Coaches

AFC invests in very high quality licensed coaches including high school and college coaches from the surrounding areas. The curriculum utilized by AFC is focused on player development.

Divisions

Alliance Futbol Club works to field competitive teams at each level from U9 to U18.

Cost

The 2016/2017 cost of participation in AFC will vary from team to team, based on the number of players and tournaments attended. Due to the level of training and competition provided, the costs should be compared to cost of obtaining a high quality cheer, dance or baseball coach and the costs of competing in the related competitions. AFC's registration is \$125 per year, monthly dues are \$65 to \$130 (depending on the number of tournaments and players) and uniforms are an additional cost. Uniforms are used over numerous years to provide additional cost savings, and monetary scholarships are available in certain cases.