



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMMING U9 (2009) – U10 (2008)

Thank you for choosing the Columbus Crew SC Player Development system! Columbus Crew SC Player Development was formed in 2007 as a part of the Major League Soccer Youth Initiative. The mission is to create one of the premier youth player development systems in Major League Soccer and across the country. We focus on the individual development of the player and strive to assemble the finest coaching staff and commit to their long-term development through continuing education. We aim to establish an outstanding learning environment for young people, on and off the field. We (i) pledge to run Crew SC Player Development with a sense of community, (ii) commit to give back to the game and (iii) assist with its growth at all levels.

Benefits of our System include but are not limited to:

- Join the only Major League Soccer Club in the region.
- Direct pathway for players to reach the highest levels of the sport.
- Outstanding instruction, exposure, opportunity and experience for players.
- A consistent philosophy & age appropriate curriculum throughout the system.
- A commitment to continuing education for all Crew SC Player Development coaches.
- Players wear Crew SC branded uniforms at discounted rates.
- College recruiting program for players interested in continuing into college.
- Families receive 10% off in the Crew SC Gear Store at **MAPFRE Stadium**.
- Players receive one ticket to four Crew SC home games throughout the club year.

Program Information

East and West programs offer a comprehensive soccer experience for players of all ages and skill levels. Our focus is to create an atmosphere and environment in training and competition where players are challenged to be creative and solve problems. The priority is on the individual player and the development of technically

superior soccer players in a fun, rewarding setting. Great importance is placed on age appropriate activities and creating a child-centered learning environment where building the player comes first, then the team. Players will practice twice a week (on average) throughout the season in an academy style format which US Soccer determined as a "Best Practice." We implement and replicate many of the highest standards required by U.S. Soccer. Players benefit from being part of one of the most innovative and comprehensive player development system in the nation while training and playing right here in central Ohio.

Seasons

- **Fall** – Early August thru late October
- **Winter** – All age groups will have winter training included in their fees.
- **Spring** – Early March thru the end of May
- **Summer** - Many optional training programs, camps, and competitive events will be offered.

Training / Game Locations

We have many training and game locations. The primary locations will be as follows:

- East: Thompson Park - 5600 Thompson Rd, 43230
- West: Antrim Park – 5800 Olentangy River Rd, 43235

Placement, Acceptance and Registration Process

Team offers will begin Sunday June 4th at 2:00 pm. Offers will first be sent via email. When necessary, phone calls will be made as a follow up. To accept the offer, **please** follow the instructions in the e-mail. Without the electronic acceptance and deposit, your player's spot may be offered to another player, even if you have verbally committed to your coach.

Uniforms

Uniform orders will be ordered online - if you need sized for your uniforms prior to ordering you will be able to go to the Crew SC Gear Shop. Specifics regarding when to come down to the stadium will be provided at a later date. **All uniform numbers will be randomly assigned**

Over the past year we developed 14 players for the Development Academy and 20+ players into college!

EAST & WEST PROGRAM DETAILS

AGE	FEE	DEPOSIT	EVENTS ANNUALLY	CONTACTS WEEKLY	WINTER TRAINING	LEAGUE/GAME DESCRIPTION
U09 (2009)	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 287.00	Four	3	Yes	Exclusive city-wide developmental platform/7v7
U10 (2008)	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 287.00	Four	3	Yes	Exclusive city-wide developmental platform/7v7

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS

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COMMUNITY COACHES

EAST			WEST		
BOYS	AGE	GIRLS	BOYS	AGE	GIRLS
Tom Presthus Geoff Starks	U09 (2009)	Dave Merrick Chad Schuler	TJ Trigg David Carassco	U09 (2009)	TJ Trigg
Geoff Starks Gary Berry	U10 (2008)	Dave Merrick Chad Schuler	TJ Trigg Luis Villegas	U10 (2008)	TJ Trigg

TENTATIVE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

AGE	FALL, 2017	SPRING, 2018
U9/U10 (Boys)	August 26 September 9 & 30 October 7, 14 & 21	April 7, 14, 21 & 28 May 5 & 19
U9/U10 (Girls)	August 27 September 10 October 1, 8, 15 & 22	April 8, 15, 22 & 29 May 6 & 20

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

AGE	EVENT #1	EVENT #2	EVENT #3	EVENT #4
U09 BOYS	Crew SC 4v4 Festival/Halloween Cup August 27, 2017/October 21-22, 2017	Crew SC Fall Classic September 23-24, 2017	The Junior Cup May 12-13, 2018	Memorial Day Event May 26-27, 2018
U10 BOYS	Labor Day Event September 2-3, 2017	Crew SC Fall Classic September 23-24, 2017	The Junior Cup May 12-13, 2018	Memorial Day Event May 26-27, 2018
U09 GIRLS	Crew SC 4v4 Festival/Halloween Cup August 27, 2017/October 21-22, 2017	Crew SC Fall Classic September 23-24, 2017	The Junior Cup May 12-13, 2018	Memorial Day Event May 26-27, 2018
U10 GIRLS	Labor Day Event September 2-3, 2017	Crew SC Fall Classic September 23-24, 2017	The Junior Cup May 12-13, 2018	Memorial Day Event May 26-27, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

East and West U9 & U10 teams (boys & girls) will have a parents' meeting on June 25 at 7:00 pm at **MAPFRE Stadium**
 Team Camp at either Thompson Park or Antrim Park July 31-August 4
 Team/individual pictures at **MAPFRE Stadium** on either Saturday, August 5 or Sunday, August 6
 Tailgate, Crew SC game against Chicago and post game party August 12 for all Crew SC player development player