



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMMING

U6 (2012), U7 (2011) & U8 (2010)

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 system in Major League Soccer and across the country. We 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 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

Our focus at the U6 (2012), U7 (2011) and U8 (2010) age groups is to create an atmosphere and environment through practice and competition where players are challenged to be creative and solve problems. The priority at these young ages is on individual player development in a fun and rewarding experience. Setting the fundamentals and developing technically superior

soccer players will always be at the forefront of our player development curriculum. 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 U.S. Soccer has determined as a "Best Practice." Additionally, u6/u7 games will be scheduled on Sundays, u8 (boys) will be scheduled on Saturdays and u8 (girls) will be scheduled on Sundays. Registration includes participation in Crew SC 4v4 Festival at **MAPFRE Stadium** on Sunday, August 27 and one ticket to the game on August 26.

Seasons

- Fall – August thru October
- Spring – March thru May
- Summer and Winter – A number of optional training programs, camps, clinics and competitive events will be offered.

Training / Game Locations

The primary training location for each community program is as follows:

- East: Thompson Park - 5600 Thompson Rd, 43230*/practices on Mondays/Wednesdays
 - West: Antrim Park – 5800 Olentangy River Rd, 43235*/Practices on Tuesdays/Thursdays
- *Thompson Park will be the primary game location.

Registration Process

Each player must register online and pay their deposit to accept a position in the program. All registration paperwork will be completed electronically. After registration, you will receive an email with next steps.

Uniforms

Uniform orders will be placed 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.**

COMMUNITY PROGRAM DETAILS						
AGE	FEE*	DEPOSIT	EVENTS ANNUALLY	PRACTICES WEEKLY	WINTER TRAINING	LEAGUE/GAME DESCRIPTION
U06 (2012)	\$ 500.00	\$ 161.00	One	2	No	In house/4v4/no goalies/no referees
U07 (2011)	\$ 500.00	\$ 161.00	One	2	No	In house/4v4/no goalies/no referees
U08 (2010)	\$ 850.00	\$ 250.00	Two	2	No	Exclusive city-wide developmental platform/4v4/no goalies/no referees**

* This is the fee if you pay in full. There is a one percent convenience charge added if monthly payments are elected

** May include some 5v5 or 7v7 games; plus final event in the spring will be 7v7

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS	
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COMMUNITY TEAM CONTACTS					
EAST			WEST		
BOYS	AGE	GIRLS	BOYS	AGE	GIRLS
Kate Diaz	U06 (2012)	Kate Diaz	Kate Diaz	U06 (2012)	Kate Diaz
Kate Diaz	U07 (2011)	Kate Diaz	Kate Diaz	U07 (2011)	Kate Diaz
Aaron Tallon	U08 (2010)	Dave Merrick	Allen Bohnert	U08 (2010)	Allen Bohnert

TENTATIVE GAME SCHEDULE		
AGE	FALL, 2017	SPRING, 2018
U6/U7	August 27 September 9* October 1, 8, 15 & 22	April 8, 15, 22 & 29 May 6 & 20
U8 (Boys)	August 26 September 9 & 30 October 7, 14 & 21	April 7, 14, 21 & 28 May 5 & 19
U8 (Girls)	August 27 September 10 October 1, 8, 15 & 22	April 8, 15, 22 & 29 May 6 & 20

* There is a Crew SC home game on 9/10 at 1:00 pm so this weekend's game will be played on a Saturday

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE		
AGE	EVENT #1	EVENT #2
U6/U7	Crew SC 4v4 Festival MAPFRE Stadium August 27	not applicable
U8 (Boys)	Crew SC 4v4 Festival MAPFRE Stadium August 27	The Junior Cup New Albany, Ohio May 12-13, 2018
U8 (Girls)	Crew SC 4v4 Festival MAPFRE Stadium August 27	The Junior Cup New Albany, Ohio May 12-13, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES
East and West U6-U8 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 players