



JAMES ISLAND YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

2022 – 2023

Junior Academy Program

8U – 12U Boys & Girls

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Ambition. Passion. Excellence.

The Goal of JIYSC Junior Academy Program

Is to provide an **ENJOYABLE** atmosphere, where each player can be challenged and **DEVELOP** their **TECHNICAL** skills but also develop a **LOVE of the game of SOCCER**.

Introduction

JIYSC's Junior Academy Program is designed to support and guide players who wish to make the transition from recreational to competitive soccer. The program is designed for that recreational player who has a strong desire to increase those technical skills while also learning a little more about the tactical aspects of the game. Our emphasis is player-centric with development the number one priority. We focus on the technical, tactical, physical, and psychological development of individual players on a pathway towards maximizing their full potential.

The most important aspect of JIYSC's Junior Academy Program is training. Technical and some tactical training is provided and delivered age appropriately and will differ based on age. More on this to follow. Our mission of the Junior Academy program is to create an environment of player development from the most important early ages (7-

12). All training and games will focus on learning, creativity, problem solving, and FUN to meet the demands of the individual players of this age. The JIYSC Junior Academy program is directed toward talented and enthusiastic young players and serves as a link between the Recreation program and the competitive Select program. **The focus will be on individual development over team success.**

While winning is encouraged at JIYSC, player development comes first. It will be a focus of the JIYSC Junior Academy program to teach players and parents that winning only comes in soccer after years of hard work learning the fundamentals of the game. We aim to change the ever-so-common "club hopping" syndrome witnessed in this country when parents are only happy if their child's team WINS at the youngest ages. For these club-hoppers, if a coach or a team that was winning is no longer getting results on the scoreboard, it means it is time to jump ship and look for the next best thing, often at the expense of developing the skills which will ensure future success - the opposite of what we hope to achieve in the JIYSC Junior Academy.

JIYSC will teach a long-term approach that requires players to put in the necessary time learning the game first and requires patience and loyalty from parents as the players improve gradually over time. It is important that the player understands that a commitment to practice will help the player to reach their goals. We believe that our program provides the best possible environment for young soccer players to capitalize on the opportunities that the great game of soccer will offer. Our goal is to provide the best developmental program for the youth soccer player.

Commitments

Financial obligations to JIYSC are non-refundable for August 2022 – May 2023.

Financial

JIYSC Junior Academy Program Club Fees are as follows:

8U

- **\$950**
- **\$350 initial payment due upon team acceptance**
- **Remaining \$600** can be paid in full or 2 installments of \$300 (August 2022 and January 2023)

Fees Include

- 2 x sessions per week
- 2 tournaments (1 per season)
- Administration
- Fields
- Insurance
- League Registration

9U – 12U

- **\$1350**
- **\$350 initial payment due upon team acceptance**
- **Remaining \$1000** can be paid in full or 3 instalments (\$350 in August 2022, \$325 in November 2022, and \$325 in February 2023)

Fees Include

- 3 x sessions per week
- 4 tournaments (2 per season)
- Administration
- Fields
- Insurance
- League Registration

Fees Not Included

- † Uniform Cost

- † All fees associated with additional tournaments and leagues.
- † Players and their families are responsible for their own travel costs.

Player Commitment

- † Arrive on time for practice
- † Attend practice and make-up practice
- † Attend tournaments and games
- † Attend skills sessions and goalie training (if applicable)
- † Practice at home on basic technical skills
- † **Our 12U Red Boys & Girls may play in the SCYSA 13U League in the Spring.*

Parent Commitment

- † Parents are asked to support their coach and the Junior Academy Program by ensuring their child attends training as listed above.
- † Parents are asked to represent JIYSC in a positive manner with correct sideline behavior and to set a good example for their player.
- † Junior Academy parents are required to fulfill volunteer hours at the club (4 hours per season. 8 hours for the full year). Your support is needed at all JIYSC tournaments and functions throughout the year.

Joining The Club

Players interested in joining the JIYSC Junior Academy Program are required to attend evaluations in May each seasonal year.

‡ Evaluation Dates are as follows:

- May 2nd
- May 4th
- May 5th

‡ Offers will be communicated no later than will be made on Monday, May 9th, 2022.

‡ Upon acceptance of position players will be required to register to the club and pay the first initial payment by Thursday 12th, 2022.

‡ Players can also request to be assessed for potential inclusion in the JIYSC Junior Academy Program at any time during the year.

Tryout Evaluation Fee \$30

Traditional Team Training vs Pool Training

The Jr. Academy age group at our club is typically thought of as the “Golden Years” of development.

Traditional team training allows for a set number of players and exposure to 1 coach for the entire year. Pool training allows more exposure to different coaches, players, and the potential to play with and against other players in our club. Pools of players allow for more flexibility and fluidity regarding game day rosters and tournament selections. We will attempt to pool players and age groups for training/games where appropriate.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE READ HERE](#)

Games and Travel

Age Group				
U8	U9	U10	U11-12	*U12 Spring
League				
CPL	CPL	CPL	CPL or SCSYA	SCYSA (11v11)
Format				
7v7	7v7	7v7	9v9	11v11
25-minute halves	25-minute halves	25-minute halves	30-minute halves	35-minute halves
70 x 42-yard field	70 x 42-yard field	70 x 42-yard field	80x50-yard field	115 x 75-yard field
Size 4 ball	Size 4 ball	Size 4 ball	Size 4 ball	Size 5 ball

*Club discretion to place U12s into 11v11 in the Spring

† CPL

- Games primarily played locally in Charleston. (Out of town teams may enter the league meaning 1 or 2 out of town games).
- Head coaches set the game schedule with games played on both Saturday and Sunday.

† SCYSA

- Games are statewide games. Games may be played in Charleston also in cities where clubs reside.
- Head coaches set the game schedule with games played on both Saturday and Sunday.

Junior Academy Pre-Season Camp

JYSC Junior Academy offers a Pre-Season Team Camp at JYSC Main Soccer Complex August 8th – 11th.

- † Focus is soccer with an emphasis on small, sided games, technique, and speed of play.
- † Players are coached by JYSC professional coaches.

Summer Training

JYSC recently partnered with No1 Soccer Camps, who will be bringing their soccer camps to the JYSC Main Complex this Summer.

There are sessions that run from the start of June to end of July. More details can be found on JYSC Website.

- † Designed for players who want to continue working on their technique and ball skills during the summer.
- † The sessions will focus on improving overall technique and consist of small-sided games.
- † Players are coached by JYSC directors.
- † There is an additional fee for the sessions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the Junior Academy the same as Travel Soccer?

A: No. The Junior Academy Program is specifically designed for the U8 to U12 age groups. The Travel Program (Academy Select) is for players in the U13 age group and older. However, like the Travel Program, the Junior Academy Program provides professional coaches, advanced training, and competitive local games.

Q: Can a player join a team if he or she did not start in the Junior Academy Program at the U8 level?

A: Yes. Players can be evaluated for a team in their age group during Junior Academy Evaluations in May or at any time during the year. Prior inclusion on a Junior Academy Team is not required.

Q: What is a “Pool of players”?

A: Some Junior Academy Teams are pools. A pool is a group of players that train together with more than one coach.

Q: Do all teams train at the JIYSC Main Soccer Complex and Bayview?

A: Yes

Q: When and how do we find out about game and tournament schedules?

A: Game and Tournament schedules will be created by JIYSC leadership and coaching staff. It will be communicated before the season starts.

Q: Do all players have to stay in the same hotel for tournaments?

A: Team managers arrange for out-of-town accommodations for the team. Staying with your team enhances camaraderie among teammates and facilitates easy communication about any changes on game day. JIYSC prefers that all players stay at the same hotel.

Q: Is the Pre-Season Team Camp mandatory?

A: It is highly recommended for all club players

Q: Is the Summer Training Program mandatory?

A: It is highly recommended with 6 different sessions to choose from

Q: Can I still be a “team parent” for my child’s team?

A: Junior Academy Teams rely on parents to fill volunteer jobs. Positions include:

Team Manager - responsible for maintaining team records, tournament registration, team fees. Responsible for budgeting and managing team funds by collecting fees and paying expenses. Responsible for arranging accommodations for out-of-town games.

Q: Is Financial Assistance available?

A: Yes, Financial Assistance is available for those who qualify. Application Forms are located on the JIYSC Website. *All Financial Assistance Forms must be turned in by the deadline.*

Important Dates for the 22/23 Season

May 2nd: Tryouts Begin

May 5th: Tryout Ends

May 9th: Offers Communicated

May 12th: Player Commitment Deadline

June/July: No1 Soccer Summer Training Camps

August: Parent Meetings dates TBD

August 8th - 11th: Pre-Season Camp

August 15th - November 20th: Fall Season

January 17th - April 30th: Spring Season

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the 22/23 seasonal year**

For more information about the JIYSC Junior Academy Program, please contact Executive Director, Clark Brisson at cbrisson@jiyisc.org.com or 843-270-0596.

