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### **How do I know if my child is good enough for the Cadet Program?**

Simply put, you don't have to know. Invitations are extended to players by trained professionals who evaluate your child's overall abilities to participate in a team sport. Existing skills are important but, perhaps more important is the child's ability to learn the skills they need to progress and be successful over many years of player development. The bottom line is that Cadet Teams are formed in order to train the optimal type and number of players that demonstrate the commitment, leadership, character, athleticism, and skill, that further the developmental goals of the Mississippi Futbol Club.

### **Overall, is participation in the Cadet DII Program a higher level of commitment?**

Yes, certainly, but there is an equivalent higher level of a player's personal growth, development, and accomplishment commensurate with you and your child's commitment to their personal soccer-skills development.

### **What is the difference between being on a Cadet DII Team and being in the Academy Training Pool?**

Players placed on a Cadet team are placed/rostered with a specific team and Coach. In addition to the \$185.00 TRAINING FEE, Cadet players are required to pay team fees to cover tournament fees, player passes, etc... Cadet teams will participate in various tournaments throughout the Jackson Metro and the Mississippi state championship, President's Cup, in May as well as friendlies during the course of the year.

### **What is the cost if I am placed in the Academy Training Pool and not on a Cadet team?**

The training fee for both Cadets and players placed in the Academy Training Pool is \$185.00 for the year. Academy players who are either asked to participate in certain events or later placed on a Cadet team are required to pay for the events they participate in.

### **Is the Cadet Program Expensive?**

Cost associated with the Cadet Program are much less than other professionally coached, competitive sports. The costs are divided up by "Fall" and "Spring" seasons and divided into 6 installments. Please see the Cadet Season Budget below.

### **Do we have to pay for everything if we elect not to participate in an event?**

Yes, if you are placed on a U9 or U10 Cadet team and not in the Academy training pool you are responsible for the TEAM fees. Cadet DII fees are TEAM based on not based on your personal level of participation or commitment. TEAM FEES are paid in 6 installments throughout the year.

### **Do Cadet DII teams play a lot of games?**

Generally, Cadet teams play either in "Friendlies" or tournaments. They do not participate in a league. Teams will play in two to three friendly matches in the fall and then again in the spring. Cadet teams historically play in two local tournaments in the fall. In the spring teams will play in three to four

tournaments with one of the spring tournaments being away at President's Cup. Each tournament includes a minimum of three games – two Saturday and at least one on Sunday.

**Is there a lot of travel involved with the Cadet Program?**

Generally, Cadet teams will not travel outside of the greater Jackson area for tournaments or friendlies. The only exception is for the Mississippi Soccer Association state Championship, President's Cup. President's Cup is held in various locations across Mississippi from year to year. Cadet teams occasionally participate in the Gulf State Premier League state championship and/or Mississippi State Games.

**How often does the Cadet Program practice/train?**

Practices is held once a week on Tuesday from 5:30 – 7:00pm. However, when preparing for a tournament an extra training session may be scheduled by the Coach. The Cadet staff works closely with the Mississippi Futbol Club scheduler, U10 coordinators, and coaches to ensure that NO conflicts occur between DII and DIII soccer training or games.

**Are training sessions longer than my normal recreational practices?**

The professional coaches conduct very efficient training sessions. Training sessions will normally last between one hour and fifteen minutes to an hour and a half.

**Playing time: Will my child sit on the bench for an entire game?**

While there is not a requirement for playing time in DII (Cadets) soccer, all players are invited to participate in the Program based on the potential they demonstrated during tryouts and are therefore chosen for their ability to contribute to the team. Players will not be placed on a team if they are not expected to play in games. Cadet Coaches are first and foremost interested in the long-term development of each player, rather than the outcome of a particular game. Therefore, coaches work hard to balance playing time for all of their players with the needs of the team in order to be as successful as possible.

**How is the Cadet DII Program linked to the Mississippi Rush Soccer Club DI Select Program?**

The Cadet DII Program and Academy training is essentially a preparatory step for players coming from the DIII recreational program to the DI select program. The training and experience players receive from Cadets greatly improves their chances of being selected to DI U10 Developmental and U11 "Select" teams during the tryout period held in June.