

The U.S. Soccer Development Academy program provides education, resources, and support to impact everyday club environments in order to develop world-class players.

What is the US Soccer Development Academy?

Following a comprehensive review of elite player development in the United States and around the world, U.S. Soccer created the Development Academy in 2007. The Academy Program's philosophy is based on increased training, less total games, and more meaningful games using international rules of competition.

The Academy has 150 total clubs, comprised of teams across six age groups: U-11/12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-17 and U-19.

The Academy Program focuses on positively impacting everyday club environments to assist in maximizing youth player development across the country. The Academy values individual development of elite players over winning trophies and titles. The Academy sets the standard for elite environments for youth soccer clubs nationwide and is a part of U.S. Soccer's global leadership position in youth soccer that will impact thousands of players.

