



FAQs - Academy and Select Programs

Thank you for your interest in Perdido Bay FC Academy and Select Programs. Please read below for our most Frequently Asked Questions. If you still have questions, please contact one of our registrars:

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Programs

What is Academy soccer?

The Academy program is for boys and girls U9-U12 that are ready to move from recreational soccer into a curriculum focused on development of skills and techniques. The program, as recommended by US Soccer, stresses player development over winning. The objective is to teach skill mastery of the ball, in a fun learning and competitive environment. Academy players practice two nights per week with PBFC Staff Coaches and play games vs other Academy programs in our area. At this age group we are not trying to win, win, win. It helps, but it's not everything. We believe success is measured by the overall development of the individual player (technical, tactical, physical and psychological) as opposed to the end result of a game or season. We are focused on long term player and team development. We strive for growth of game intelligence, technical ability, and coachability of every player!

What is Select Soccer?

Our Select Soccer program allows your player the opportunity to play a higher level of competition and receive training from a licensed soccer coach. Our teams play in local and regional tournaments against other travel soccer teams from all over the southeast.

Training/Practices

How often and how long are the practices?

Academy practices are generally 1.5 hours twice a week and Select practices are 2 hours, two or three times a week.

Who are the coaches?

Coaching assignments are announced prior to tryouts. PBFC Academy coaches specialize in developing the youngest players and sharing their love of the game. All hold youth coaching licenses and are compensated for their time. The pool of players will be put into tournament/playdate rosters based on the coaches/directors recommendation. These rosters will be evaluated/changed on a ongoing basis throughout the season.

Our select coaches use targeted lesson plans and a proven training model that focuses on player development and tactical education. At the highest level, some of our players see great success and continue to play soccer in college, some on a scholarship. This is not the case for every player, but with hard work and dedication our coaching staff can give the players the tools that need to play at the next level.

Can I choose my child's practice nights?

This is not possible.

Will siblings practice on the same nights if they are on different teams?

Not necessarily. If possible, carpools are a helpful way to share practice times.

Tournaments

How many tournaments can I expect my child to play in each month?

Teams play 1-2 tournaments a month, depending on the tournaments available in the area. We also integrate playdates and some league play at the Academy level, so there may be 3 weekends a month when you are at the soccer fields one or both days. Please note the high school players play only 2 tournaments per year.

Are tournaments paid for by the Club or the parents?

Academy and select teams are allotted 2 tournaments per season (fall/spring) or 4 Club Funded tournaments per year with the exception of the high school players who are allotted 2 club funded tournaments per year. Generally, the coach and manager of the team choose one or two more tournaments per season to round out the schedule. These are decided in advance and you will know the costs upfront. These additional tournaments are "Parent Funded" and are

not part of the Club Fees. In order to participate, parents or players pay the cost of the tournament (price is determined by the number of players attending, hotel fees, coach travel expenses, and tournament cost). In general, you can expect to pay about \$100 a season for these additional tournaments, but the cost could be greater depending on where the team is traveling. Please keep in mind this cost DOES NOT INCLUDE your hotel, gas, and food. The money goes towards team fees including those paid for the coach/es.

How far do you travel?

Academy teams generally play within the general region (area include Pensacola/Foley/Fairhope/Daphne, and sometimes Destin). Select teams may travel farther to seek out different competition.

What do siblings do during the tournaments?

If you have children that do not play soccer, it is a good idea to bring some items to keep the other siblings entertained. Tournament days can be long, sometimes starting as early as 7:45 AM and not ending until dinner time. Older children can generally find an empty practice field to kick a ball around on, but please remember that children should be under adult supervision at all times.

Fees

How much does it all cost?

Academy fees are \$600 per year for U9-U10 and \$800 for U11-U12; Select teams are \$1000 a year. Our high school aged players cost \$600 a year due to the high school soccer season taking up a chunk of their year. This cost does not include additional parent funded tournaments, uniforms, or travel expenses.

Can I pay monthly?

PBFC offers a payment plan for families wishing to extend payments. Please note that there is a service fee for this option.

Is there a sibling discount?

Yes, additional children are discounted \$25.00 per child. This applied to up to 3 siblings after the first child.

How much do uniforms cost?

The cost of the uniform kit is approximately \$100. This does not include cleats and shin guards (and a water bottle), all of which are required to train.

Miscellaneous

Can I volunteer?

Each family is required to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per season. There are many opportunities to volunteer from lining the fields before playdates or tournaments to collecting parking money, selling t-shirts, helping with registration, etc. Volunteer roles will be available upon registration. Please indicate on your form if you wish to help out by managing a team, painting fields, helping with tryouts, etc

It is very helpful to the club if you choose to volunteer during our hosted tournaments each season (Perdido Soccer Shootout in the Spring and the Publix Supercup in the fall). Your team manager will send out Signup Genius links before the tournaments so you are able to choose where you volunteer. Each tournament is hosted over 2 weekends (one weekend for the boys teams and one weekend for the girls teams) to add a bit of flexibility in where/when you volunteer.

What is the parent course?

An adult from each family is required to take the parent course every 2 years. It is best if all participating adults view the course (have some popcorn and make a night of it). The course takes about an hour and must be completed before any player can participate in a playdate or tournament. This course covers rules of the game and expected sideline behavior.