



Fusion Futbol Club of Tampa Bay
Recreational Academy U8
2010-2011

Fusion Futbol Club will be implementing a U8 Recreational Academy for the 2010-2011 season. This Academy format is supported by the Florida Youth Soccer Association and the US National Coaching Staff. The academy is available for all U8 recreational players.

The overall philosophy of the Academy is to develop the players first. Both in training and games, the coaching staff will be focused on making the players more competent on the field, and *not* focused on winning and losing games. Players will not be assigned to a particular team but instead, a divisional group. Each week players will train with their divisional group to help them develop certain skills and abilities. These divisional groups will be called Blue and Yellow.

Divisional Placement of Players

The top players of the U-8 age group should be placed in the Blue division (advanced). The Yellow division (intermediate) will be for all other players. The Yellow division players will train with the intent to develop them into Blue division players. During registration, parents are encouraged to select the appropriate division based on their child's skill level. During the season, there will be training/game sessions where both groups will have the opportunity to interact and train/play together.

Within the academy program all players will be exposed to levels of competition commensurate with their skills and will be challenged constantly in training and games in order to aspire to higher levels of play, thus maintaining their interest and passion for the game.

If a player is not in the appropriate division, the Director of Coaching will make the decision to place the player in the proper division. Player placement is based upon individual development, performance, attitude, attendance, and potential to improve throughout the year.

U-8 Mandatory Parent Meeting: October 16th at Benito Middle School at 11:00 am

The season will consist of the following dates and times:

Fields 1 to 6 at Benito Middle School

Oct.30 1:15pm	Dec.18 1:15pm	Feb. 5 Closing Ceremonies
Nov.6 1:15pm	Dec. 25 Holiday- No Games	(Freedom High School 2pm- to 5pm)
Nov.13 1:15pm	Jan. 1 Holiday- No Games	
Nov. 20 1:15pm	Jan.8 1:15pm	
Nov. 27 Holiday- No Games	Jan. 15 1:15pm	
Dec.4 <u>1:15pm Picture Day</u>	Jan.22 1:15pm	
Dec.11 1:15pm	Jan. 29 1:15pm	

The U8s will train on Tuesday or Thursday at 6:30 p.m., in addition to the activities and games on Saturdays at 1:15 pm. More information on practice schedules will be available at the parent meeting.

Fusion Futbol Club believes that the Academy is an exceptional program that will keep kids playing soccer and continue developing strong, fundamental, and skilled players for the future.

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