



U9-U11 Select Academy Fall 2017

The Select Academy is for boys and girls ages 8-10 years old who want to compete at the highest level of soccer offered in the Birmingham area. Our program provides professional technical training by licensed coaches, with an emphasis on individual player development.

8-11 years of age is the fundamental phase of development for soccer players and providing a foundation of skills is important for them to progress to more complex skills and techniques in the future. Your child will be exposed to professional training based on a small-sided games format. 1v1 to 4v4 games in training are the foundation of this environment which produces confident, creative, and skilled players. This games based approach is a challenging, competitive, and proven mechanism for learning soccer specific skills.

We are fully committed to competing at the highest levels that our state and national organizations offer but the individual player and their skills will be the focal point and end goal of our curriculum, the records of wins and losses will be something we concern ourselves with at the older ages and we would love the opportunity to explain the difference. Technically capable players are needed to execute tactical demands. Focusing on ball skills, encouraging creativity, and fostering a love for the game will create young exciting players on successful teams in the future.

What to expect as a member of the U9 - U11 BUSA Academy

- Professional coaching from licensed & experienced coaches
- 2 practices per week (75-90 minutes each)
- Additional player skills development training programs
- Annual player evaluations
- Average 1-2 tournaments per season (3-4 games per tournament on Saturday/Sunday)
- Average 2-3 local matches per month (participating in CASL)
- Almost all games played in Birmingham area (overnight tournaments or travel more than 1 hour from Birmingham area is determined by coach & team)
- Select soccer season is approx. 8 months divided into 2 seasons Fall season is August to November & Spring season is February to May
- Approximately \$100-\$125 per month of 8-month season (uniform not included)

IF you have questions about the BUSA Academy please contact our Academy Director:

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