



## CATAWBA SOCCER YOUTH ACADEMY

Catawba Soccer Youth Academy was formed in 2012 with a focus on developing youth soccer programs and camps. Our summer camps and college prep programs have been the home to over 250 players annually.

In 2014 Catawba Soccer Youth Academy expanded to offer year round programs for children 4-11 years old. This expansion means we can now offer families in Rowan County year round programs which are more affordable and lead by professional coaches.

Growing soccer in our community is the focus. Our growth will stay in Rowan County with the potential of adding older age groups in competitive travel teams through time.

For now, the grassroots programs (Pre-Academy (ages 4-7) and Academy (ages 8-12) are our focus. These programs will provide the catalyst to grow other programs in future seasons.

Your children will have the chance to discover the excitement of soccer in a positive, supportive atmosphere guided by outstanding role models and teachers from Catawba College Soccer.

Whether a new recreation level player stepping on the field for the first time, or an advanced experienced player your child will have a great time being challenged and mentored by our caring and experienced Catawba Soccer Youth Academy coaches.

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**Update Information as of May, 2016**

## PRE-ACADEMY/RECREATION PROGRAM

The Pre-Academy/Recreation Program is a traditional recreation soccer program overseen by Catawba Soccer Academy staff. All practices and games will be coached by Catawba Soccer staff and current players at Catawba College. The program's focus is on the development of soccer skills and the fundamentals of the game. Each session will emphasize technical work and fun games. We pride ourselves on the individual development of every player, giving them the attention they need to be confident and driven in their love and passion for the game.

**Ages:** 4 – 7 year old

**Cost:** \$50 per season

**Coaches:** Professional Collegiate Coaches as well as current student Athletes of Catawba College.

**Season Timeline:** Fall Sept – October / Spring March - April

**Practices and Games:** All practices and games will be held at the Catawba College soccer field. Practices will be run by professional coaches and current players of Catawba College. Beginning Fall 2016 Practices will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 – 7:00pm; Games will be played on Thursday nights starting at 6:00pm.

**Uniforms:** Will be included in your registration and consists of a practice/game shirt.

## ACADEMY PROGRAM

**Description:** The Academy Program offers Academy level soccer for the U9 to U12 boys & girls age groups (Actual ages 8-11 year olds). The Academy is designed to develop committed young soccer players and to promote their love of the game. The emphasis is fun and enjoyment while preparing our players for the future challenges of the game. The Academy will stress player development. If we focus on developing the player and putting them in the best training situations with our best coaches, winning will come.

**Cost:** Club Dues are \$550 per year

In addition to Club Dues there are Team Fees that consist of the following: cost of officials, tournaments, and coach's travel expenses (all divided by the number of players per team).

**Travel:** There are usually five or six Saturday events scheduled in both the Fall and Spring. Games are typically scheduled to occur between 8am and 2pm. Matches are generally local (Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Hickory, Lenoir, Mooresville, Statesville areas). Home events will be held at Catawba College Soccer field as that is the home location for Catawba Soccer Youth Academy.

**Training:** All training sessions will be held at Catawba College Soccer Fields. Training for all teams will run twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, typically between 6:00pm - 7:30 pm.

**Coaches:** Professional licensed Head Coach as well Catawba College Soccer players

**Season Timeline:** All teams play both a fall and spring schedule. The first date of training for the fall season will be middle to late-August and run through early-November. The spring season will begin in mid to late February and run through early-May with tryouts scheduled prior to Memorial Day weekend.

**Uniforms:** We are currently evaluating new uniform packages for the 2016-17 season; although the package cost is not set, hopefully it will be in the \$50-75 range and consist of 2 jerseys, 1 pair of shorts, 1 pair of socks, and warm-up jacket/sweatshirt.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:** What is the difference between the Pre-Academy program and the actual Academy program?

**Answer:** The Pre-Academy/Recreation program is designed for players who have not developed the fundamentals in their game. When a player is eligible through age to join the Academy program the coaching staff will work with the parents to determine if he/she is ready to make the step up to a more competitive training environment.

**Question:** Is there a commitment fee to join either program?

**Answer:** Yes. There is a commitment fee to secure your child's spot within our Academy Program. This commitment fee will allow us to register your child with US Club Soccer as well as providing insurance through US Club Soccer. The commitment fee for the Academy program is \$75 due at registration meeting; the remaining \$475 can be paid in two installments (September 1st and October 1st). The Pre Academy/Recreation Program has no commitment fee with the exception of your payment due when you register online.

**Question:** Why join the Catawba Soccer Youth Academy?

**Answer:** Professional coaches, lower costs compared to other clubs, outstanding facilities, your children will have the chance to share time with the elite athletes and caring mentors from the Catawba College women's and men's soccer teams

## CATAWBA SOCCER YOUTH ACADEMY COACHING STRUCTURE

Ken Hassler – Director of Academy Programs

Andy Brannigan – Director of Coaching

Nick Brown – Summer Camp Coordinator

Academy Coaching Staff for 2016-17

TBA	U9 Boys
TBA	U9 Boys
TBA	U10 Boys
TBA	U10 Girls
TBA	U11 Boys
Andy Brannigan	U12 Boys

## SUMMER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

**Junior Academy Full and Half Day Summer Camp**

**Typically third week of June**

**Cost is \$150 Half-Day / \$200 Full Day**

**Open to ages 5-14 years old**

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