



LAWTON

SOCCER CLUB

LSC ACADEMY

U8/U10 FOUR YEAR PROGRAM

MISSION:

To create a child-centered educational environment that focuses on individual player development.



WHAT IS AN ACADEMY?

Academy programming developed as a result of US Soccer's Player Development Initiatives (PDIs) that began in 2015. In assessing the landscape of youth soccer in the US, the USSF discovered significant inconsistency in program structure and as a result varying levels of success in player development. The PDI's created a specific framework for player growth and development, specifically for younger athletes. Academy programs typically use a "pool player" strategy. During pool sessions, players are grouped together with players who have similar skill levels with the understanding that players develop at different stages. Increased competition, an improved training environment, and accelerated player development are all by-products of pool training. Each season, coaches follow a curriculum schedule focusing on different technical skills and overall athlete development each week. Depending on the size of the program, players will register for the Academy versus a specific team. This allows players the flexibility to play more games as rosters are set for each week depending on availability and skill level.

WHY SIGN UP FOR ACADEMY FORMAT VERSUS A RECREATIONAL LEAGUE?

- Emphasis on player development over team development.
- Trained coaches that focus on the technical development of each child without the pressures of short-term wins/losses/results.
- Curriculum designed to develop ball skills and decision-making in the game.
- A fun and dynamic atmosphere for players.
- Parent education with topics intended to deepen their understanding of soccer and ways they can support their child's development.
- Preparation for younger players for the possible transition into competitive soccer.
- Programming that follows USYS and USSF recommendations and guidelines for small-sided play.



LSC ACADEMY

At the Lawton Soccer Club, we seek to provide the opportunity to play soccer for children at all levels of skill and ability. We do this through a variety of programming options including the Academy Program as it provides both the flexibility and structure to create a unique setting for boys and girls ages 7-10.

The main goal of the LSC Academy is to provide an educational environment for boys and girls to learn through playing; the emphasis is on enjoying the process of technical development and gradual tactical understanding. We promote player development over team development in a child-centered environment and focus on the complete development of each player.

The LSC Academy introduces your player to a higher level of competition. This program allows players who excelled at the academy level to rapidly advance their technical skills along with like-minded players under the watchful eyes of the LSC Academy Coaches. LSC Academy Staff matches determined players with advanced/licensed coaches who are passionate about player development.

All players must demonstrate a steady commitment to training to ensure proper development through consistent touches on the soccer ball and regular instruction from elite coaches. As your player ages through the Academy, they will have developed a strong fundamental skill level, and an understanding of our style of play, and become immersed in the culture at LSC Academy.

LSC ACADEMY – U8/U10

WHEN:

Fall and Spring Seasons

OBJECTIVES:

1. Focus on the technical development of each player
2. Reduce the emphasis on players and coaches to achieve goals and earn results

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COACHING STANDARDS

Advanced/Licensed Player Development Coaches

The ideal academy coach should, first and foremost, be one who loves to work with young children and who possesses charisma.

Infectious enthusiasm is a strong asset with players this age, since inspiring a passion and love for the game is the number one priority at the academy level. It must be fun for both the players and the coach. This is not a job for anyone who regards it as a chore.

- Each LSC Academy Coach must possess the USSF Grassroots License and be working toward obtaining the USSF D License within 2 years.
- Assistant Coaches must possess both of the USYS Youth Modules.
- It is preferred that all academy coaches also obtain the National Youth Certificate. New coaches will be expected to make reasonable efforts to obtain the proper certification/license level in a reasonable time frame.
- LSC Academy Director will ensure that all coaches meet the proper standards.



LSC ACADEMY PROGRAMMING FEES

Age Groups U-8 and U-10

FEES:

U8

Seasonally: \$400

Yearly: \$800

(includes \$150 commitment fee)

U10

Seasonally: \$425

Yearly: \$850

(includes \$150 commitment fee)

Due to OSA Academy League rules, players registering in the Fall will also be registered with LSC for the following Spring season.

Monthly payment plans available.

FULL YEAR PROGRAM

Pre/Post season events possible

FALL SEASON LENGTH

16-18 weeks (July 18 - November 30)

SPRING SEASON LENGTH

16-18 weeks (February 1 - May 31)

TEAM COMPOSITION

LSC Legacy_U8 - Academy - 6-8 players

LSC Legacy_U10 - Academy - 8-12 players

Team formations:

All teams formed by LSC Team Formation Committee

PLAY LOCATIONS

Local and state competitions.

League games and friendlies, Oklahoma State Area Tournaments - (Chosen by coaches)

Regional - Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, etc.

LSC does not cover fees for coach travel to away games and/or events, this fee should be divided among players if applicable.

LEAGUE PLAY

DESIRE League (OSA Academy League)

Player Development Friendlies (PDF)GAMES,

In-House League, Led by LSC Player Development Staff

UNIFORM (MANDATORY)

Uniform kit consists of 2 jerseys, 2 pairs of shorts, and 2 pairs of socks. Parents will order the uniform kit on the LSC Team Store page at Soccer.com. Additional gear for players and fans is also available for purchase through the Team Store.

Current Uniform Cycle:

We are in year 1 of our uniform cycle (Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 seasons)

New Players:

Purchase of a new LSC uniform kit is mandatory. You must purchase all items denoted as required.

TRAINING SESSIONS

3 pool sessions weekly on M/W/F or T/Th/F
80 minute training sessions

EVENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN FEES

2 LSC events per year
Fall Season: Kick or Treat Tournament +2 tournament
Spring Season: Spring Fling Tournament + 2 tournament

2 additional tournaments per year

Cost per player will vary depending on team size and event, and is collected by coach/team manager.

PLAYER FEEDBACK

Seasonally, written and in\person
Player evaluation forms
Game Recordings (if available)



CLUB SPONSORSHIPS

Donations to LSC go directly back into our Club. Funds help with the cost to maintain/improve our facilities, put on events, and improve our programs/offers.

LAWTON SOCCER CLUB TITLE SPONSOR

\$5000 per year (2 Seasons) ____ (Number of Years)

COMPLEX SPONSOR

\$3000 per year (2 Seasons) ____ (Number of Years)

GOLD SPONSOR

\$1750 per year (2 Seasons) ____ (Number of Years)

FIELD SPONSOR

\$500, or \$750 per year (2 Seasons) ____ (Number of Years)

IN KIND DONATIONS \$20 - \$499

TEAM SPONSORSHIPS

\$5,000 MAJOR TEAM SPONSOR

\$3,000 DIAMOND TEAM SPONSOR

\$1750 PLATINUM TEAM SPONSOR

\$1000 SILVER TEAM SPONSOR

\$500 BRONZE TEAM SPONSOR

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

\$1,000 TOURNAMENT DIAMOND SPONSOR

\$500 TOURNAMENT PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$200 TOURNAMENT GOLD SPONSOR

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER HARDSHIP FUNDS

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

SIDELINE MARKETING

DIGITAL MARKETING

SEASONAL PARTNER

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