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ACADEMY

# Dallas Texans Youth Academy

## INTRODUCTION

The Dallas Texans Soccer Club places a high level of importance on the development of its youngest players. We recognize that this is where the future begins and consequently, our priority in the youth academy is the development of each and every player that attends. Every year our competitive division has experienced major success at the state, regional and national levels. In addition, our players individually have gone on to play at the collegiate and professional level both in the US and abroad. We look forward to seeing even more players benefit by being a part of our youth academy program.

## PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is to provide participating players with the environment to be taught the fundamental aspects of the game without eliminating the fun and enjoyment of it...which remains the most important element for success. The developmental age of the participant is taken into consideration. There are challenges but they are achievable. This guarantees that each player experiences a raised self-esteem and most importantly, experiences the fun and enjoyment of this game.

## GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The academy program provides the developmental bridge between recreational soccer and competitive soccer. In this program we will form teams in the preselect age groups from ages 6 – 10 years old. Our youth academy teams will participate in various leagues and tournaments and ultimately become part of our competitive program.



## Youth Academy - FOCUS

### Individual Fundamental Player Development

#### **Technical - Core Skills**

- Ball Skills
- Passing/Receiving
- 1v1 Attacking and Defending

#### **Tactical – Simple Game Concepts**

- Reading the Game
- Decision Making
- Team Playing Shape

#### **Mental – Mind-set of a young player**

- Self-confidence
- Will to compete
- Discipline (good practice habits)

#### **Physical – Foundation of a young athlete**

- Agility
- Balance
- Acceleration



## Youth Academy - STRUCTURE

#### **U6-U10 Youth Academy age groups**

- Team Practice
- Academy Skills

#### **Youth Academy 4v4 – inspired by Manchester United 4v4 program**

#### **Youth Academy Center of Excellence – inspired by Manchester United gifted player training program**

## Youth Academy – Seasonal Play

### Timeline

- Fall Season (August-October)
- Winter Season (November-January)
- Spring Season (February-April)
- Summer Season (May-July)



### Youth Academy Fee

The fee of **\$270 per player / per season** covers:

- Outdoor League dues
- Indoor League dues
- 1 practice per week
- 1 Skills training per week
- 1 Tournament



### Uniform Requirement

#### **Training Kit:**

- White practice shirt/alternate uniform
- Black Nike practice shorts
- White Nike practice socks

#### **Game Day:**

- Red Nike Uniform
- Red Nike game shorts
- Red Nike game socks



### Uniform Supplier

The Soccer Corner is the Dallas Texans exclusive uniform provider. Please call soccer corner at (800) 343-8450 or visit their web site on line at [www.thesoccercorner.com](http://www.thesoccercorner.com). The Soccer Corner has three convenient locations: Plano, Flower Mound and Southlake.

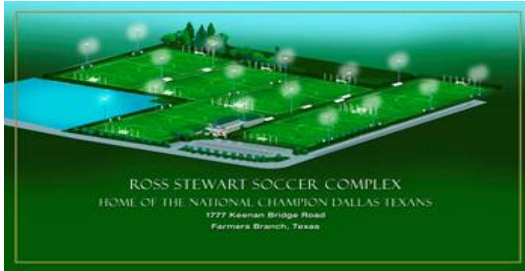
## Summer Camps

- Dallas Texans Summer Soccer Camps (June)






## Facilities Overview

- The majority of training will take place at the beautiful Ross Stewart Soccer Complex – Home of the Dallas Texans



## **Youth Academy – Partnership with Parents**

The Dallas Texans clearly understand the supportive roll that our parents play in the successful development of their child. Therefore, we will strive to consistently communicate our objectives with the parents. The development of each player will be evaluated and this assessment will be discussed with the parents at the end of each season. To maximize the potential of a young soccer player, parents are expected to:

-  Encourage the player's efforts and support the player's results at ALL times
-  Eliminate instructions from sidelines – coaches will provide instruction, parents will provide encouragement
-  Display excellent sideline behavior – every family represent our club at all times and are great sportsmanship role models for our players



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