

**U.S. SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2009/2010 Season**





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION I. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A. Application Instructions

Please complete Section II (Club Information) and Section III (Player Development History) of the Membership Application and fax them to 312-808-1301 or email them to academy@ussoccer.org by March 1, 2009. Also, please review Section IV (Academy Requirements) of the Membership Application to ensure your club will be able and willing to adhere to all of the Academy requirements.

If you have any questions, please call Asher Mendelsohn at 312-528-1274.

B. Application Timeline

March 1, 2009 – Last Day to Submit Applications

April 1, 2009 – Final Day to Receive Notice on Application Decision

April 15, 2009 – Last Day to Return Membership Agreement and Performance Bond

September 1, 2009 – Start of Academy Program

*Clubs are notified of their application status on a rolling basis.

C. Review Process

U.S. Soccer's National Team and National Staff Coaches will evaluate the applications using the following objective and subjective measures:

1. National Team Coach Analysis
2. History of Elite Youth Player Development
3. History of Success in Elite Competitions
4. Geography

U.S. Soccer will notify your Club Contact about the Committee's decision by April 1, 2009.

D. Club Admittance

Upon acceptance as a U.S. Soccer Development Academy, your Club Contact will receive an email with detailed Rules and Regulation document and a Membership Agreement Form. Your Club Contact must return the Membership Agreement Form and Performance Bond by April 15, 2009 or your club will forfeit its spot in the Academy.

E. Future Consideration

U.S. Soccer will review future membership applications if your club is not accepted as a Development Academy for the 2009/2010 Season.





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SECTION II. CLUB INFORMATION

A. General Club Information

Please provide general information about your club.

Club Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip +4: _____

Website: _____

Year Founded: _____

Nearest Major Airport(s): _____

B. Team Information

While the Academy Program is currently only for the boys side of the game, please provide information on your entire club.

of Boys Competitive Teams (in all age groups): _____

of Boys Recreational Teams (in all age groups): _____

of Girls Competitive Teams (in all age groups): _____

of Girls Recreational Teams (in all age groups): _____

Total # of Boys Players: _____

Total # of Girls Players: _____

Total # of Coaches: _____

Will your players participate on their high school teams? (Y/N) _____

If yes, when will your players begin their high school season? (i.e. Aug. 1) _____

When will your players be finished with their high school season? (i.e. Nov. 15) _____

C. Facility Information

Please provide information on your club's facilities.

of Fields: _____

of Owned Fields: _____

of Rented Fields: _____

Club House On-Site (Yes or No): _____ Access to Weight Room (Yes or No): _____

D. Club Contact Information

Please provide contact information for the club's point of contact (i.e. President, Exec. Director, etc.)

Club Contact: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip +4: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Telephone 2: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

E. U-15/16 Academy Team Coach

Please provide basic information on your U-15/16 Academy Team Coach.

U-15/16 Academy Team Coach: _____

Coaching Licenses Held: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip +4: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Telephone 2: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

F. U-17/18 Academy Team Coach

Please provide basic information on your U-17/18 Academy Team Coach.

U-17/18 Academy Team Coach: _____

Coaching Licenses Held: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip +4: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Telephone 2: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____



SECTION III. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

A. History of Development: National Team Players – Men’s Side

Please list any Youth and Full National Team Players that have played at your club including the years they participated on your club’s teams:

	First Name	Last Name	Years of Participation at Club
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Please include any additional players on a separate sheet of paper.

Please indicate if any of the listed players have participated on a different country’s National Team.



B. History of Development: Other Notable Players – Men’s Side

Please list other notable players to have played for your club. Please list the years in which they played for your club’s teams and the highest level they played upon leaving your club (i.e. MLS – Chicago, Division I – Duke, etc.).

	First Name	Last Name	Years of Participation at Club	Highest Level Played (list team)
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SECTION IV. REQUIREMENTS

A. Requirements

The following criteria are the minimum requirements expected of all U.S. Soccer Development Academies.

1. Team Participation in Unapproved Competitions

During the Academy season, teams are only permitted to participate in the Academy games and elite tournaments held during the following windows:

- Winter Windows: Christmas/New Years Week
- Spring Window: Easter Week
- Summer Window: End of Season (July) to September 1

Please note that Elite events may only have one game per day.

Academy team or player participation in competitions such as State Cup, Super Y-League and U.S. Club Soccer is not permitted.

2. Player Participation in Unapproved Competitions

Development Academy players are not permitted to participate on any teams other than their Academy team during the Academy season. Participation on other club teams, other age groups within the club, ODP, Regional ODP and any other teams is not permitted. The only two exceptions are National Team duty and the players' High School teams.

3. Training Days

Each team will be expected to hold at least three training sessions per week during the Academy season.

4. Rest Day

Each team is expected to provide at least one day of rest per week during the Academy season.

5. Age Groups

Development Academy clubs will be required to field teams in both of the Academy's age groups: U-15/16 and U-17/18. Teams should be a combination of players from different age groups.

6. Marketing Guidelines

Each Academy team will be expected to follow the Marketing Guidelines set forth by U.S. Soccer. A club's apparel sponsor (if any) will not influence selection into the Academy program.

7. Use of Official Development Academy Game Ball

All Academy games are to be played with the Academy Game Ball.

8. Performance Bond

If accepted, each Academy team is required to provide a \$2,500 performance bond. The performance bond will be refunded at the end of each season minus any team infractions (as outlined in the Academy Regulations) and given the club completes their entire Academy season.

9. Completion of Academy Season

All Academy teams are required to participate in the entire Academy Season. Should a team fail to complete their schedule, they will sacrifice their performance bond and lose their standing as a Development Academy club.

The Academy season will require extensive travel, including air travel during the eight-month season.

