

# **AJAC Soccer Academy**

## **FAQ and information**

### **Q. When will the spring season start/end?**

A) We hope to start the Weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We anticipate there being 7 game weekends, which includes the season ending Jamboree on June 18th. Games will not be played on Memorial Day Weekend

### **Q. When and where are practices held?**

A) Coaches can start practicing as soon as they have their rosters, which we plan to have complete on March 21st. Practice days and locations are at the coach's discretion.

### **Q. What days will games be on?**

A) Games will be played on Sundays after 2pm for our U5 & U6 program. U7/8's will play games on Saturday and Sunday after 2pm. See below for more information regarding the U5/U6 program.

### **Q. Are games ever cancelled due to weather?**

A) Typically games are not cancelled due to weather. If there was a need to cancel, coaches would be informed by the Director and information also would be posted on our website ([ajacsoccer.org](http://ajacsoccer.org)), Facebook page (AJAC) and Twitter feed (@AJACsoccer)

### **Q. What size ball should my player have?**

A) U5-U6 = Size 3

U7/8 = Size 4

### **Q. What attire should my player have?**

A) AJAC provides shirts to all Academy players. We recommend black shorts and socks since it's easier to match with the shirts. All players are required to have shin guards.

**Q. What is the First Touch Program?**

A) This program is catered to 3 and some 4 year old players that want to start their adventure of playing soccer. There are no games at this level and one 1 practice per week. At this level, if kids are shy, we encourage parents to participate and assist children in drills so they are comfortable.

**Q. Do coaches have to provide background checks?**

A) Yes all coaches are vetted through CORI check.

**Q. Are the coaches Heads Up Certified?**

A) Yes all coaches must complete the CDC's Heads Up Program for concussion awareness.

**Q: How do I become a coach?**

A) Contact Tony Kibler, Hugo Destapado, Paul Langevin, Paul Marques or Miguel Ribeiro for more information. We are always looking for help!

**Additional Information**

- The **U5 & U6** programs will move to a 1 game a week format played on Sunday's. There will also be age appropriate clinics held Saturdays at Ray Ashe. This will ensure that all kids will be learning the same skills. We still encourage coaches to hold a team practice during the week.
- **U5 and U6** will also be going to a calendar year age requirement. This means that kids will be rostered together based on the calendar year they were born. This is something that is coming down from US Soccer Association and we want to get ahead of the curve and start at the younger ages. Here is a link with more information directly from US Soccer. <https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/1/15/FAQ%2010-28-15.pdf>

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