



CATAWBA SOCCER YOUTH ACADEMY

LAKE NORMAN SOCCER CLUB – ROWAN

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. The new programs will fall under the umbrella of Lake Norman Soccer Club and each child will be registered through the NCYSA system.

This is not a merger but merely a partnership where 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 4-8) and Academy (ages 8-11) 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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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 – 8 year old

Cost: \$50 per season

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

Season Timeline: Fall Sept – early November / 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. Practices will be held on Thursday nights from 6:00 – 7:00pm; Games will be played on Saturday mornings starting at 9:00am.

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 U11 age groups (8, 9, 10 and 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 \$475 per year (includes uniform fee)

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 1pm. One event will be a tournament scheduled towards the end of the season. Matches are generally local (Charlotte, Concord, Lenoir, Hickory, Statesville, Mooresville 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 Field. 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 mid-November. The spring season will begin in mid to late February and run through mid-May with tryouts scheduled the week prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Uniforms: Will be included in your registration and consists of a jersey, one short and one pair of socks. Other gear will be available for purchase separately on our website.



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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 the NCYSA (North Carolina Youth Soccer Association) as well as providing insurance through NCYSA. The commitment fee for the Academy program \$75. The remaining \$400 will be made 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 2015-16

Philipp Hollenhorst	U9 Boys
Jason Manaras	U9 Boys
Andy Brannigan	U10 Boys
Heitor Vinci	U11 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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