



**Heart of Texas Soccer Association**  
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## **ACADEMY FACT SHEET**

*July 1, 2014*

1. Only Players in the U7-U10 Age Groups are allowed to participate with an Academy Program.
2. All coaches, head or assistant, of an Academy Team must complete and submit the Academy Coach Information Form. This form will need to be submitted prior to registration of any players in an Academy Program for that team. The Academy Coach Information Form will be required to be completed each year.
3. All Academy players must be enrolled in the current soccer season to be eligible for participation in an Academy Program.
4. Prior to participation in any Academy practices, scrimmages, or league games, all players must submit a completed NTSSA Academy Player Registration Form, available at the North Texas Soccer website, to the Association's Registrar for execution. Execution of the NTSSA Academy Player Registration Form is done free of charge to all participants.
5. In accordance with North Texas Soccer Bylaws & Rules, 3.10.3, Academy Players may join as many Soccer Academies as they like as long as the Academy is recognized by a North Texas Soccer Member Youth Association.
6. In accordance with North Texas Soccer Bylaws & Rule 3.10.3.3, Academy players should not be signing a "commitment" to participate with an Academy team, or any paperwork that would be construed as a contractual obligation to participate solely with a specific Academy Team. Such a request should be reported to the HOTSA Appeals and Discipline Director for a possible hearing and/or sanctions.
7. Academy coaches and managers are required to be registered with North Texas Soccer and have a current background check prior to any involvement with players. If an Academy coach/manager is also a coach/manager of a recreational or competitive team, there is no cost to register as an Academy coach/manager. If the coach/manager is not a coach/manager of a recreational or competitive team in the current soccer season, the coach/manager will be required to pay a registration fee of \$5/ year to register. Payment is due prior to completion of any NTSSA Academy Player Registration Forms for the team on which that coach/manager is associated. Likewise, all background checks must be completed prior to completion of any NTSSA Academy Player Registration Forms for the team on which that coach/manager is associated.
8. If an Academy team is participating in an Academy League, the Academy Team is responsible for game day rosters in accordance with League Rules and Regulations.
9. For Academy Rosters used in Tournaments, the coach/manager shall submit the HOTSA Registrar, a completed Academy Team Tournament Roster Form, available at the North Texas Soccer website. The Association registrar will verify all listed players as Academy Players for the current soccer season and sign as required. The cost for each tournament roster will be \$10 per roster. Payment is due to the Association Treasurer as soon as feasibly possible. Any roster fees not collected are due prior to approval of the next Tournament Roster for the Academy Team.
10. In accordance with Heart of Texas Soccer Rules & Bylaws, non-rostered players (u9 and U10) are allowed to participate on an Academy Team.