



2009-2010 SOCA SELECT ACADEMY

INTRODUCTION / OVERVIEW

SOCA Select Academy, formerly known as Virginia United, will pool together the top youth soccer players from SOCA and recommended elite Skyline Club Soccer League players using U18, U17, U16, and U15 Boys and Girls age groups to create four teams: U18 Boys, U18 Girls, U16 Boys and U16 Girls. **Please note:** we will be using standard USYSA/VYSA age group birthdates and pool together the U18/U17 and U16/U15 age groups. Top U14 players will be considered for inclusion, by invitation, as developmental players and offered the opportunity to train with the U16 team.

With more than 12,000 youth soccer players in the Central and Western Virginia regions, SOCA Select Academy will provide the elite athlete the best training and game environments without disrupting their current club commitments. All players will continue to participate with their club team.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

SOCA Select Academy's primary goal is to help elite soccer players develop and reach their full potential. We will provide the elite American soccer player a training environment and competitive game schedule taking place during 'windows' or openings in current club scheduling. The program will operate late-December through mid-March, including all training sessions and tournaments. There may also be additional unique events at the discretion of the SOCA Select Academy Director.

The Select Academy will compete against current US Soccer Development Academy teams and their equivalent. The Select Academy will also attempt to compete in various showcase events, the Jefferson Cup and special event(s) planned at the University of Virginia or other local colleges.

TRAINING LOCATIONS

The SOCA Select Academy will train in the Charlottesville, Virginia area. Sites will include South Fork Soccer Park, St. Anne's Belfield Turf Field and McIntire Park.

PLAYER SELECTION / COMBINE

SOCA Select Academy will hold a Combine/Tryouts for the best U18, U17, U16 and U15 Boys and Girls. Please note that these open tryouts are available only to current SOCA players as well as interested players not currently on a SOCA team but on a Skyline Club Soccer League member team. Players currently not on a SOCA team must be recommended by their Skyline Club's Director of Coaching. The recommendation is to be emailed to Brian.Kuk@SOCAspot.org by December 17, 2009.

Players will be identified, evaluated, assessed and selected by the SOCA Select Academy coaching staff. Brian Kuk, SOCA's Director of Coaching, will direct the Select Academy.





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The SOCA Select Academy Combine will take place Saturday, December 19, 2009. See attached schedule for age groups, location and times.

All SOCA players have been evaluated and assessed during their league games, tournaments and training. All interested candidates must attend the Select Academy Combine. Skyline Club Soccer League Directors of Coaching will also recommend players who may then attend the Combine.

The Combine will be a 1.5 hour tryout of technical assessment, training demeanor and habits evaluation, speed testing, and game play. Goalkeepers are included and will be lead by the SOCA Select Academy Goalkeeper Instructor.

Full-time soccer professionals will lead the SOCA Select Academy. Blending the region's elite soccer players and elite soccer coaches offers a one-of-a-kind player development environment.

NOTE: players and rosters have not been pre-selected or pre-determined. Selection will be made based upon a Combine performance, coach recommendation, comprehensive evaluation of attendance, training and game performance, attitude and overall performance within the team and club settings.

SELECTIONS / ROSTERS

There will be approximately 20-22 players selected to each team (this is considered the pool of players). Based upon training performance and availability, a 16-18 player roster will be selected for each game event. The players not selected to a specific event are considered alternates/reserves. Alternates/reserves may not always be the same players. Alternates/reserves will be called upon if a selected player from the 16-18 player roster cannot make the commitment.

Players selected to the SOCA Select Academy program will be notified, via email letter, no later than December 23, 2009. UPDATED: no later January 8, 2010.

SOCA SELECT ACADEMY COACHING STAFF & ASSIGNMENTS

Under 18 Boys **Cory Greiner / Brian Kuk / Craig Brannan**

Under 16 Boys **Kyle Lessig / Cory Greiner / Brian Kuk**

Under 18 Girls **Craig Brannan / Sarah Curtis / Kyle Lessig**

Under 16 Girls **Brian Kuk / Cory Greiner / Sarah Curtis**

GK Instructor **Kevin Cash**





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SOCA SELECT ACADEMY FEES

There are costs associated with the SOCA Select Academy. Each player selected will be required to register and make a training payment of \$295.00 in order to participate further. This fee does not include individual event costs. Costs associated with specific events will be provided elsewhere. Fees for each specific event will be paid only by those players selected to each event. The training payment includes:

- Estimated 8-10 Training Sessions; additional as needed
- Training Location Rental Fees
- Uniforms (1 jersey for home and away) (players can use SOCA shorts and socks; any new players selected must purchase current SOCA shorts & socks from Total Soccer at Downtown Athletic in Charlottesville, VA)
- Coaching Stipends & Reimbursements
- Player/Team Registrations
- Tournament Fees
- Training Equipment
- Away Match Fees

Specific event costs include: hotel, travel, entrance fees, food, field rental, trainers, referees, etc. SOCA's Select Academy will work hard to limit the overall cost burden per participant by rooming players together on trips, acquiring group rates on travel, sharing transportation (i.e., charter bus), purchasing bulk meals, etc. Family members that would like to travel to events must travel and pay separately. Event costs will vary; estimates range from \$50.00 to \$200.00 per player for the different events.

SOCA SELECT ACADEMY HISTORY

SOCA's Select Academy began as VA United in the Fall-Winter of 2008-2009. We were able to establish a quality reputation by playing and competing against current US Soccer Development Academy teams over a two-year period. Against Virginia-based USSDA teams (Richmond Strikers, Richmond Kickers and Virginia Rush), individually SOCA has earned five wins, three ties and four losses in the U18 and U16 age groups.

Additionally, SOCA teams played other top regional US Soccer Development Academy clubs (DC United, PA Classics, Lancaster, PA; Potomac SC, Potomac, MD) earning competitive results. The initial season culminated in a 1-0 victory over DC United Academy.





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2009-2010 Schedule of Events (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

December 19 COMBINE/TRYOUT

CANCELED

St. Anne's Belfield Turf Field (located at the Lower Campus):

http://www.stab.org/about_us/directions.aspx

Training locations (South Fork, St. Anne's or McIntire) will be announced on a weekly basis.

Jan 10	Su	TRAINING	@ STAB	U18 & U16 Boys 11am-1pm U18 & U16 Girls 1-3pm	CANCELED - Weather CANCELED - Weather
Jan 14	Th	TRAINING	@ STAB	U18 & U16 Boys 6-7:30pm U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	COMPLETED COMPLETED
Jan 17	Su	GAMES	@ STAB	U18 v U16 Boys 11am-1pm U18 v U16 Girls 1:30-3:30pm	COMPLETED COMPLETED
Jan 21	Th	TRAINING	@ STAB	U18 & U16 Boys 6-7:30pm U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CANCELED - Weather CANCELED - Weather
Jan 23	Sa	GAMES TRAINING	@ UVA @ UVA @ STAB	U16 Girls 11am v UVA Clinic U18 Girls 3:45pm v UVA U18 Boys 1:30-3pm	COMPLETED COMPLETED COMPLETED
Jan 24	Su	TRAINING GAMES	@ STAB @ UVA	U16 Boys 11am-12:30pm U18 Boys 1pm vs. Great Falls	COMPLETED COMPLETED
Jan 28	Th	TRAINING	@ STAB	U18 & U16 Boys 6-7:30pm U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	COMPLETED COMPLETED
Jan 31	Su	TRAINING	@ STAB	U18 & U16 Boys 11am-1pm U18 & U16 Girls 1:30-3:30pm	CANCELED - Weather CANCELED - Weather
Feb 4	Th	TRAINING	@County	US Soccer Presentation All Teams 6:30-8:30pm	COMPLETED
Feb 6	Sa	GAMES	@STAB	U18 Girls v U16 Girls 11am-1pm U18 Boys v U16 Boys 1:30-3:30pm	CANCELED - Weather
Feb 10	W	TRAINING	@TBA	U18 & U16 Boys 6-7:30pm U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CANCELED - Weather
Feb 14	Su	TRAINING	@DTP	All Teams; 11am-1pm	COMPLETED



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Feb 20	Sa	TRAINING	@SFSP	All Teams; 1-3pm	COMPLETED
Mar 3	W	TRAINING	@TBA	U18 & U16 Boys 6-7:30pm U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CHANGE (2/24/10)
Mar 10	W	TRAINING	@TBA	U18 & U16 Boys 6-7:30pm U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CHANGE (2/24/10)
Mar 11	TH	TRAINING	@SFSP	U18 & U16 Boys 7:30-9pm	CHANGE (2/24/10)
Mar 12-14	F-Su	Jefferson Cup	@TBA	U18 & U16 Boys	ACCEPTED!
Mar 14	Su	TRAINING	@TBA	U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CHANGE (2/24/10)
Mar 17	W	TRAINING	@TBA	U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CHANGE (2/24/10)
Mar 18	Th	TRAINING	@TBA	U18 & U16 Girls 7:30-9pm	CHANGE (2/24/10)
Mar 19-21	F-Su	Jefferson Cup	@TBA	U18 & U16 Girls	ACCEPTED!

