



2021 – 2022

## Arlington Aces Academy

# Travel Program Overview

For the 2021 - 2022 seasons, the U7 through U10 age team rosters will be somewhat fluid, allowing for some roster movement between the fall and spring seasons and for tournaments. The U11 through U19 age groups field traditional "A" and "B" teams, all trained and coached by professional trainers, and playing in leagues and certain tournaments. Team rosters are set at the end of the spring season with mid-season movement between teams taking place in limited circumstances and with the approval of the Director of Soccer.

### **Aces U7 – U10**

6 years to 9 years (birth years 2015-2012)

The U7 through U10 age groups use an Academy model, which provides high-level, structured training to players who demonstrate a passion for the game and a commitment to further developing skills through concentrated training. The Academy program emphasizes individual, skills-based training and small-sided games, designed to provide an inspiring, fun environment that fosters confidence, creativity, and composure.

Through small-sided games, all the players have the opportunity to play together regularly. Team rosters are more fluid than traditional models, and some roster movement may occur between the fall and spring seasons and for tournaments.

### **Aces U11 – U15**

10 years to 14 years (birth years 2011-2007)

Our Youth Development Program (U11 through U14) is integral to our club's continual success. As coaches and educators, we are well aware of the importance of providing a solid foundation for young players. The future development and success of a player depends on receiving individual training at an early age. We have designed a curriculum that emphasizes age-specific technical skills combined with tactical decision-making to ensure that developmentally appropriate skills are taught at every age level.

### **Aces High School U15-U19**

14 years to 18 years (birth years 2007-2003)

Our Aces High School Program is the pinnacle of our player development pyramid. At these age groups, we aim to provide our players with a higher level of competitive opportunities. After developing our players' technical and tactical skills throughout the U7-U14 age groups, our goal at the High School age groups is to further develop our team concept of playing and competing. Players at this age group will have the opportunity to play in leagues and tournaments that will challenge them at a very good level.

# Time Commitment

The U7 through U14 age groups typically play a 10-games fall and 8-game spring season. During the fall and spring seasons, practices and games require 4.5 to 6 hours per week (excluding travel time). This is typically broken down to two 90-minute practices, one 60-minute technical session, and a weekly league game.

# Winter Training

**U7 through U10** age groups have 1 practice and 1 open style game day each week. This program would last approximately 10 weeks. Because of space limitations, it is likely that the time and day of this practice will be different from the time and day of fall and spring practices. Typically, younger age teams are scheduled for earlier practice times, and most sessions will be scheduled on weekdays.

**U11 through U19** age groups have a minimum of 2 training session's per week this will last approximately 10 weeks. Because of space limitations, it is likely that the time and day of this practice will be different from the time and day of fall and spring practices. Typically, younger age teams are scheduled for earlier practice times, and most sessions will be scheduled on weekdays.

# League Play

U7 through U19 teams play in local leagues. Typically boys play on Saturdays girls play on Sundays. Weather and field availability factor into game scheduling, so make-up games may be scheduled during the week or on weekends. Depending on the skill level and age of the team, considerable travel time to and from games may be required.

# Tryouts

Each spring, we evaluate players, both current and new to assess skills and form new teams for the following year. Teams are formed of players with comparable skills. Skills are determined at tryouts based on an evaluation of technical skills observed in small-group play and individual skill testing. Participation in tryouts, or placement on a travel team this year, does not guarantee placement on a team next year.



## **2021/22 Season Fees**

The approximate annual cost for participating in Arlington Aces travel program:

U7 Academy \$1,250 paid in full or \$1,300 using payment plan

U8 Academy \$1,250 paid in full or \$1,300 using payment plan

U9 Academy \$1,250 paid in full or \$1,300 using payment plan

U10 Academy \$1,650 paid in full or \$1,700 using payment plan

U11 YDP \$1,650 paid in full or \$1,700 using payment plan

U12 YDP \$1,650 paid in full or \$1,700 using payment plan

U13 YDP \$1,650 paid in full or \$1,700 using payment plan

U14 YDP \$1,650 paid in full or \$1,700 using payment plan

U15 YDP 8th grade \$1,650 paid in full or \$1,700 using payment plan

U15-U19 H.S. \$1,550 paid in full or \$1,600 using payment plan

These figures reflect fees for the season and cover the cost of training (fall, winter, and spring), league games and practice jerseys. Other factors such as the number of tournaments in which a player participates, extra training, and travel costs may increase this amount. Uniform kits are an additional cost and will be approximately \$200. All players will need to purchase a uniform for the 2019 – 2020 season.

In addition, Arlington Aces is a founding member of the Illinois Premier Alliance, which is an alliance of like-minded, player development focused, community-based soccer clubs. There are numerous benefits for all of our Aces players as a part of this alliance (which are explained in greater detail in a separate document). These benefits are included in your annual player fees.

If you have specific questions about the cost and time commitment required by a particular team, please contact Arlington Aces at: [lisa@ahaces.com](mailto:lisa@ahaces.com)