



BARÇA
Academy

2023/2024

FC BARCELONA

Welcome back to the BARÇA Academy Family!

Founded in 1899, FC Barcelona is unlike many other clubs around the world as members own the club and decide the board of directors in a democratic election. Hence the club motto “Més que un club” which translates to “more than a club”. “More than a club” is at the heart and soul of FC Barcelona, and is transferred to its world-renowned youth soccer system, BARÇA Academy. Each and every player around the world within BARÇA Academy is connected to one another.

This means the unique Barça game philosophy and style you see in the world-famous Camp Nou, FC Barcelona’s home stadium in Barcelona, Spain, is the same that Barça Academy players will try to implement and practice every day following the same club’s training methodology



LA MASIA MODEL

FC Barcelona's youth academy.

La Masia, translated to "The Farmhouse" in English in honor of the original academy house, is the term used for FC Barcelona's youth academy located in Spain.

The Academy currently includes more than 300 young players and is the first youth academy in the world to have trained all three finalists for the Ballon d'Or in a single year (Andres Iniesta, Lionel Messi, and Xavi). The Academy has been a significant factor in FC Barcelona's European success.

Many attribute FC Barcelona's success to the La Masia "Philosophy of Play" which all players learn. The philosophy consists of the application of "total football" mixed with traditional Spanish one-touch play.

This philosophy consist of the application of the "love the ball" paradigm, where the ball takes a protagonist role in how the players understand the game, which significantly impacts their decision-making. "In soccer, there is only one leader and is the one that has the ball" (Johan Cruyff).

The methodology and interactions BARÇA Academy players receive are the same as World-Class players have grown up learning at La Masia.



BARÇA ACADEMY

Your Academy is part of a system connecting you to the other Barça Academies around the world.



BARÇA ACADEMY

10 Academies in USA.

Barca Academy in the United States is one of the most Unique academy structures in the country. Each Academy is connected to one another, meaning players from coast to coast are connected unlike any other academy. The United States has 10 Barca Academies, more than any other country in the world.



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Players will have special opportunities to play in international events!

Barça Academy
World Cup
Barcelona, Spain

Las Americas
Tournament
Dominican Republic

UNIQUE METHODOLOGY

Applied equally around the globe.

BARÇA Academy methodology is the same training used by La Masia, which aims to teach the core skill principles and values that are representative of FC Barcelona. Most importantly, we believe better people make better players. Each player will be expected to carry the skills and values taught within BARÇA Academy with them throughout their life.

Ball possession, reduced spaces and decision making are the principles of the unique FC Barcelona style and philosophy.

Humility, effort, ambition, respect, and teamwork are the core values taught within the Barca Academies.



UNIQUE METHODOLOGY

School of life

The official BARÇA football academy is a school of life that nurtures young people through football. Its aim is to take the club's style of play to the world, giving any boy or girl who identifies with our values and who wants to learn to play like BARÇA the opportunity to become a BARÇA player.

This football education program was developed by combining both training and competition, based on BARÇA's methodology. This is a methodology that aims to develop autonomous and creative players who represent the BARÇA values (**humility, effort, ambition, respect, and teamwork**), are capable of organizing themselves as a group to play attractive football, and are characterized by taking the initiative through possession of the ball.

At the BARÇA Academy, players have fun playing football, practicing moves set within the specific context of the game. They also have to find solutions to these situations by using their skills, working in coordination with their teammates, and subsequently being able to act efficiently and efficaciously when playing competitive football the BARÇA way. Players are guided by BARÇA coaches, who support them with decision making and ensure that the players themselves are always at the heart of their own learning process.



PARENTS EDUCATION

Family Engagement

At BARÇA Academies USA we are committed to helping our players and their families achieve the best possible soccer experience. Parents are an integral part of our academies and have a huge impact on the structure and philosophy of youth soccer. We acknowledge the challenges facing parents in their pursuit for guidance on how to help their child reach his/her potential in life, how to be supportive, and how to help their academy in its mission to develop players on and off the field.

The BAA handbook is meant to be an accessible resource to help parents best prepare for their child's participation in BARÇA Academy.

Some of the key guidelines are:

- Parents are expected to set a good example for the children at all times with their positive behavior, sportsmanship, attitude and language.
- Always be encouraging and supportive in regard to the child's play on the field.
- Comply with the rules, policies and procedures of the academy as stated in the handbook.
- Support the coach, manager and the team.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Trust and respect all coaching decisions and abide by the communication policy established in the handbook.



BARÇA
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BARÇA Academy Austin

2023-2024 Soccer Season



**A WAY TO PLAY
A WAY TO GROW.**

BARÇA ACADEMY AUSTIN

The story of BARÇA Academy Austin

In 2015 ISL Agency (sports management company) became one of the official partners of FC Barcelona. This partnership was formed to provide a truly BARÇA experience to thousands of players all over the United States.

The partnership started with Soccer Camps in 2015. Together, the organizations managed a strategic plan to extend the Camps across the United States of America. After a great first year of summer of camps, in 2016 FC Barcelona and ISL launched the first year around program in Charlotte, NC.

Since 2017, the partnership continued with the expansion of FC Barcelona across the US and in August 2017 ISL founded the BARÇA Academy Austin.

BARÇA ACADEMY AUSTIN

The story of BARÇA Academy Austin

On August 2018, after a very successful first season, ISL and One World Soccer (local Austin club) formalized a relationship and turned it into a strategic alliance with the purpose to offer access to external competition (USYS & USC) to all the BARÇA Academy Austin players. This strategic alliance reached an end point during their sixth season.

During the fifth year, BARÇA Academy Austin created another strategic alliance with Hill Country FC to keep providing access to external competitions (USYS) to all the BARÇA Academy Austin players.

The 2022-2023 season will be the seventh season for the BARÇA Academy Austin.

COMMUNICATION / INFORMATION

Ongoing communication

Newsletters:

- General information will be shared to the families through the newsletter. These are sent every other week, to inform all the families about the BARÇA Academy Austin activity.

Regular email:

- Important information, including meeting invitations, schedule changes, etc. will be sent through the BARÇA Academy Austin main email.

Team Managers

The team managers will communicate specific weekly information for the team, such as schedule, field locations, etc.

COMMUNICATION / INFORMATION

Website

You can find information about the BARÇA Academy Austin at the website:
<https://schools.fcbarcelona.us/austin/>

Social Media

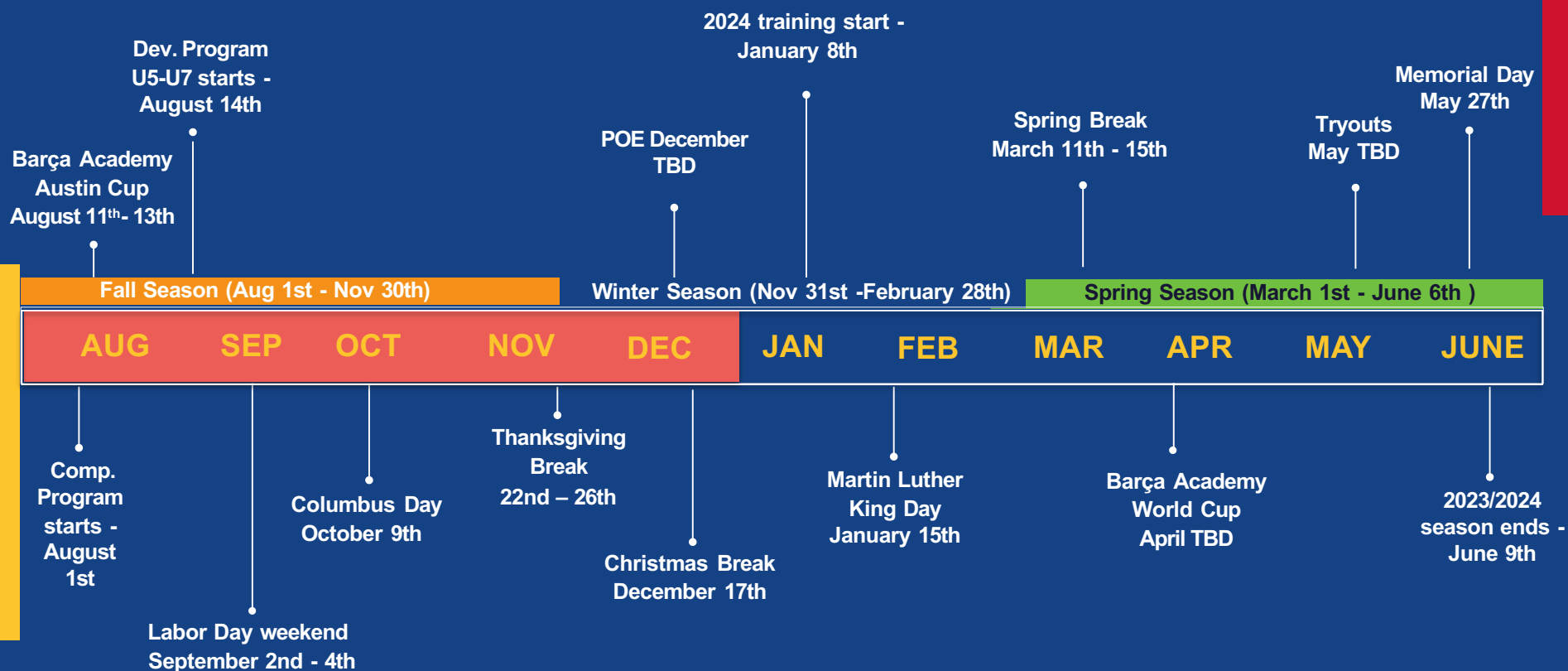
BARÇA Academy Austin uses the social media channels to support the email communication. The channels that we use are:

- Twitter: BarcaAcademyATX
- Facebook: BarcaAcademyATX
- Instagram: BarcaAcademyATX



Follow us: @BarcaAcademyATX

TIMELINE 23/24



• *Schedule is tentative*

PROGRAMS

Development (U5 - U10)

- **AGES:**
 - Pre-academy 2019-2016 - Boys and Girls
 - Academy 2015-2014 Boys and Girls
- **TRAINING SESSIONS:**
 - 2 training sessions a week
- **LOCATIONS:**
 - North Austin: Round Rock Multipurpose Complex
 - South Austin: Circuit of the Americas
- **COMPETITION FORMAT:**
 - CAYSA
 - Internal league
 - tournaments
- **COACHING ASSIGNMENT**
 - Rotation (pre-academy)
 - No Rotation (academy)



PROGRAMS

Competitive (U11 - U19)

- **AGES:**
 - 2013-2005 Boys and Girls
- **TRAINING SESSIONS:**
 - 3 training sessions a week
- **LOCATIONS:**
 - North Austin: Round Rock
 - South Austin: Circuit of the Americas
- **COMPETITION FORMAT:**
 - **USYS:** STYSA, WDDOA, CAYSA
 - Local & International Tournaments
- **COACHING ASSIGNMENT**
 - Permanent coach assignment



PROGRAMS

Goalkeeper Program

- **AGES:**
 - 2015-2005 Boys and Girls (U9-U19)
- **TRAINING SESSIONS:**
 - 1 training session a week (U9-U13)
 - 2 training sessions a week (U14-U19)
- **LOCATIONS:**
 - North Austin: Round Rock and Pflugerville
 - South Austin: Circuit of the Americas



PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	LEVEL	AGE GROUP	BIRTH YEAR	COMPETITION
DEVELOPMENT	PRE-ACADEMY	U5	2019	INTERNAL LEAGUE + FRIENDLIES
		U6	2018	
		U7	2017	
		U8	2016	
COMPETITIVE	ACADEMY	U9	2015	USYS / USC + TOURNAMENTS + INTERNAL & EXTERNAL SCRIMMAGES
		U10	2014	
	SELECT	U11	2013	
		U12	2012	
		U13	2011	
		U14	2010	
		U15	2009	
		U16	2008	
		U17	2007	
		U18	2006	
		U19	2005	



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PROGRAMS

Competition (U5 - U19)

LEAGUES

- BA Austin Internal League (U5-U8)
- CAYSA Academy Blocks – (U8-U10)
- USYS - South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA) (U9-U19)



TOURNAMENTS*

- International Tournaments
 - Barça Academy World Cup
 - Donosti Cup
- Pre-Fall season tournaments
- Post-Fall season tournaments
- Winter season tournaments
- Spring Cups: South Texas Cup, Directors Cup, Presidents Cup, or State Cup

PROGRAMS

Competitive Model (U9-U19)

**US YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES
(USYS)**

**USYS NATIONAL LEAGUE -
FRONTIER CONFERENCE (NLFC)**

STATE CLASSIC LEAGUE (SCL)

WDDOA

PRIME

CHALLENGER

ALPHA

**DIVISION 2 CAPITAL AREA YOUTH
SOCCER ASSOCIATION (CAYSA)**

FIELDS

North Austin Facility:



Name: Round Rock Multipurpose Complex (RRMC)

Location: Round Rock

Fields: 5 turf Fields & 5 Bermuda Grass Fields

Exclusivity: non-exclusive

Amenities:

- **Shelters**

- **Turf Fields:** *avoids cancellations due to rainy weather.*

FIELDS

South Austin Facility:



Name: COTA

Location: Circuit of the Americas

Fields: 1 Bermuda Grass Field & Turf Field

Exclusivity: exclusive for the Barça Academy

Amenities:

• **Office**

• **Conference Room:** for team video sessions, meetings.

WEATHER POLICY

Monitoring weather conditions are the responsibility of the game officials, BARÇA Academy Austin Directors, and Coaches.

Everyone should be aware of the potential dangers caused by different weather conditions, and we need to work together to keep the players and other participants as safe as possible.

If the weather conditions warrant, coaches will discuss before the game/training starts what the procedures will be to ensure the safety of the players.

Club Directors, Coaches, and game officials will monitor weather conditions including the warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service.

In ALL cases, BARÇA Academy Austin will keep the safety of its players, families, coaches, and all persons as the highest priority.

For more information regarding the Weather policy, please, visit the completed document in our website: [Weather Policy](#)

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Expectations:

- 1.Attendance Policy: Players are required to attend all sessions.
- 2.Late Arrival: Players must be at all the training sessions 10 minutes before the start of the session. If it becomes evident that the player is going to arrive late for any reason, then the player must contact the coach directly via text message or phone call with the expected arrival time.
- 3.ALL communication other than late attendance or absence must be directed toward management and not team coaching staff (schedule conflict, different payment plan, etc.).
- 4.Players must purchase uniforms in order to participate in BARÇA Academy events; the players must wear the official gear. Players must also wear shin guards and proper soccer cleats to each session

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Expectations:

5. When the player arrives at the field, their bag and-or gear should be neatly lined up off the field. Bags should be lined up in a professional manner in an area designated by the coach and not thrown into a pile.

6. Players should aid in carrying and collecting all equipment used during the training session. The equipment (cones, balls, pennies, poles, goals, etc) belongs to the club and the players, and it is the player's responsibility to take care of the equipment. All the players should be involved in that procedure.

7. The coach will assign certain players to certain duties such as collecting balls, pennies, aligning bags, inflating soccer balls, etc. It will be that player's responsibility to make sure that the task is done.

8. As part of the Academy, the player must respect the decisions made by the coaching staff. The player is required to attend all the meetings that the coaching staff schedules.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Expectations:

9. The BARÇA Academy Austin training session has priority over all other extracurricular activities, which includes all sports programs and outside soccer related activities. Please, coordinate with BARÇA Academy Staff if your player has schedule conflicts.

10. It is absolutely forbidden to smoke or drink alcohol while participating in the BARÇA Academy Austin program; the player will be reprimanded immediately.

11. The player should receive the proper rest before, after and during training sessions and games. This includes going to bed at a responsible hour on a consistent basis that allows the body and mind to recover.

12. Players are required to be a “good” teammate at all times. A “good” teammate can be defined as a positive person who looks to aid their co-player when in need.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Expectations:

13. Any indiscipline or disobedience during training, matches, travel or hotel stay will have consequences that will be determined by the BARÇA Academy staff.

14. All substitutions must be on the bench and focused on the match. The player will only be allowed to leave the bench with the coach's permission. Substitutions must have a penny on during the game while on the bench.

15. The players are representatives and ambassadors of BARÇA Academy Austin. They should respect the opponents, referees, teammates, coaching staff, parents, and themselves.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Rules:

1. Players must dress in proper BARÇA Academy attire with the proper soccer equipment.
2. Players will not protest the referee decisions. The referees will make mistakes. The BARÇA Academy Austin staff will handle all referee issues during matches.
3. The players must use proper language whether in public or indoors.
4. At the conclusion of every match, players must shake hands with the referees and opponents. After shaking hands, the players will go to the center of the field and applaud the supporters (parents) in gratitude for their support then go to a corner of the field and cool down and stretch as a team. The coach will then provide feedback and recap the game. Parents are not allowed to approach the players during this time period.
5. Players have to wait near the field until they are gathered by the coach and led out to practice by the coach. After practice, they are led to greet the parents.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Rules:

6. Players are not allowed to leave the field during, before or after a match or training session unless it is an emergency, or the coach gives the player permission. Players must always shake hands with the staff before leaving.

7. BARÇA Academy attire promotes our club values; you must therefore take care of your jersey and always respect the badge. Players must always have their tops tucked in neatly and are not allowed to take their jerseys off during training or games.

8. The players are not allowed to wear chains, bracelets, watches or any dangerous accessories during the training sessions and/or matches.

9. The attitude of the players on the bench must be as professional as the players on the field. Players are not allowed to eat meals on the bench; interact with fans, opponents, or teammates on the field. Players are not allowed to use their mobile devices during meetings, games, and/or training sessions.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Rules:

10. Only players and BARÇA Academy staff are allowed on the BARÇA Academy bench and sideline.
11. All verbal and written instructions during meetings, sessions, and/or matches provided to the player from the BARÇA Academy staff must be adhered to.
12. Exclusivity: players can only be registered under the BARÇA Academy Austin program.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Rules:

13. Player Transfer / Release Request

1. Leaving Barça Academy Austin Policy:

1. Receiving Director of Coaching must inform the BARÇA Academy Austin Director of Coaching of the intention of transferring/releasing a player from BARÇA Academy Austin.
2. BARÇA Academy Austin Director of Coaching must contact the BARÇA Academy Austin Treasurer to check that the family/player is up to date in payments to approve the Transfer/Release.
3. If the family/player is up to date in payments, BARÇA Academy Austin Director of Coaching must inform the receiving team Director of Coaching of this Transfer/Release.
4. BARÇA Academy Austin must sign the Transfer/Release document of the appropriate league and send to the league representatives.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Rules:

13. Player Transfer / Release Request

2. Signing Up Barça Academy Austin Policy:

1. After a formal communication from the family/player who has the intention to be transferred/released to Barca Academy Austin, Barca Academy Austin Director of Coaching must inform the Leaving Director of Coaching and ask for the Transfer / Release Form.
2. Barca Academy Austin Director of Coaching has to follow-up with the Leaving Director of Coaching and ask him to sign and send. He/She may need to send the Transfer/Release document directly to the leaving club.
3. Barca Academy Austin Director of Coaching must confirm that the Transfer/Release document has been received by the appropriate league. Barca Academy Austin Director of Coaching may send the document directly to the appropriate league.

PLAYER CONTRACT

Expectations, rules and penalties

Penalties:

1. A minor offense will be punished with a warning.
2. Two to three minor offenses will be punished with a 1-match ban.
3. Being late to training or a match, and not informing the coach could result in the coach refraining from using the players in the game or session.
4. Any player arriving late to a match cannot be a starter. If the player is repetitively late, they will have to sit out the game.
5. Any damage a player causes to the facility or equipment will be paid for by the player.
6. A disrespectful attitude while on the pitch in front of your teammates or coaches during the match will result in an automatic substitution and possible suspension.
7. Any serious misconduct will be punished according to its severity.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to always follow these guidelines when representing the BARÇA Academy Austin at training, games, tournaments or other club events.

Failure to adhere to the policies outlined in this document may result in parents/guardians being unable to attend games and in some extreme cases players being removed from the club.

We know that most BARÇA Academy Austin parents already understand and adhere to the policies contained in this document and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing to do so.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

1. Parent Sideline Behavior

We want to be known across the state for the excellent support of our parents and good sportsmanship during soccer games. Parents are asked to sit on one half of the field of play and the team bench should be situated on the opposite half of the field on the same side.

A good distance, about 20 yards, should be kept between the team and the closest parent.

Parents are prohibited from the field of play and should never walk behind or near to the bench during the game or halftime.

Parents are welcome to support the team during games as much as they would like but are asked to keep comments to praise and encouragement for the team only.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

Parents should refrain from “coaching type comments” at all times and allow the head coach to provide the instruction and direction as the game is being played.

Negative comments directed at BARÇA Academy players, opposition players and officials are unacceptable and parents engaging in this type of communication will be asked to stop by the head coach immediately.

Parents who continue these types of comments will be asked to leave the game if they do not stop and will be reported to the Directors who will deal with the issue further.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

2. 24 Hour Rule

The club has a 24-hour rule in effect which means that parents should wait 24-hours after a game before contacting a coach or a director with an issue or conflict from a game.

This waiting period allows time for some reflection from both parties and usually takes the emotional response away which tends to result in the potential conflict being handled in a much more effective manner.

We ask that all parents always respect the 24-hour rule.

This applies to phone calls, emails and text messages.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

3. Player, Parent & Coach Conflicts

We understand that from time-to-time players, parents and coaches do not always see situations in the same light, but we know that most of the time these situations can be handled simply by the two parties talking things through.

If a player or parent has an issue or conflict with a coach, then the first step is to email or call the head coach of the team and attempt to resolve the issue that way.

If a parent is unsatisfied with the response from the coach, then they should then contact the Director of Competition or Technical Director in writing to discuss the issue.

The Director of Competition or Technical Director will then talk with both the parent and coach of the team to discuss a solution and a way to move forward.

At this stage, a short meeting may be set up for the parents, player, and coach.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

4. Parents at Training Sessions

Our goal is to make the BARÇA Academy a family orientated place to play soccer and we want to ensure that our training fields are a happy place to be for all.

It is also important to us that our club is professionally always run, and we provide players with the best coaching staff and learning environment possible.

To create the best possible learning environment for our players we ask that parents respect the staff, players and field by separating themselves during training sessions.

We ask that parents not line the sides of our training fields like they would during a game environment.

Parents are encouraged to watch sessions from a bit further away if they would like to stay while the training session takes place.

At COTA the most appropriate place to watch from is next to the parking lot, and at RRMCC is outside of the turf area.

We ask that parents not interact or interfere in any way with the training sessions.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

5. Pick Up and Drop Off at games and training sessions

Your child's safety is a priority at the BARÇA Academy Austin.

To be sure that everyone remains safe each day we ask that parents drop off players at the facilities and pick up the players at the facilities as well.

Coaches will dismiss the players after having eye contact with the parents.

This simple policy will reduce the crowded nature of the parking lots when players are both leaving and arriving at training sessions.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Expectations, rules and penalties

Penalties:

1. If the expectations mentioned are violated, the Board of Directors of Barça Academy Austin will start an internal investigation.
2. The violators will be sanctioned according to the severity of the actions.

ROLE OF THE TEAM MANAGERS

Expectations

The primary roles of the Team Manager are to coordinate team communications concerning league play and tournaments, and to manage match day team documents. Team managers are NOT in charge of roster selection and playing time.

1. Week Prior to the Match

The week leading up to a match, the Team Manager will finalize the list of players that will play. This includes communicating with parents of rostered players and inviting club guest or pass players that have been requested. They will notify the Director of Competition and Coach of the final roster, including who will be playing and who will be absent.

ROLE OF THE TEAM MANAGERS

Expectations

2. One to Two Days Prior to the Match

The Team Manager will communicate essential information to the parents. The Team Manager will have all player cards ready, ensure the game roster is correct for the game card, and print the game card. Should the match be rescheduled, the Team Manager will notify the families immediately.

ROLE OF THE TEAM MANAGERS

Expectations

3. Match Day

Before the Match

In the case of inclement weather, the Team Manager will monitor BARÇA Academy staff communications and field location status and communicate current status and plans with the families.

The Team Manager will compare their game card with the game card of the opponent's Team Manager, to ensure they match, choosing the card that includes the correct information if there is a discrepancy. About 15 minutes before the match, as the referees are preparing for check in, they will meet with the referees to provide the game card and the team's plastic player cards or virtual player cards ready on a phone or mobile device.

The Team Manager should stay nearby during the check in process, in case the coach or referees request assistance. When complete, the Team Manager should enjoy the game from their seat at the sideline. (Once check in is complete, the Team Manager becomes simply a parent, and must exit the coach's side and area of play before the start of the match.)

ROLE OF THE TEAM MANAGERS

Expectations

During the Match

Enjoy the game!

It is a Team Manager responsibility to ensure parent behavior is consistent with BARÇA Academy standards. The Team Manager should considerately address any issues with a parent who is displaying behavior below BARÇA Academy standards. Any parent asked to leave the premises by a game official must do so. The Team Manager will report any parent disciplined by a game official to the BARÇA Academy Director of Competition, and Technical Director.

After the Match

The Team Manager should ensure they have their player cards back from the referee or coach. They will ensure both coaches have signed the Game Card with the referees. They will take a photo of the game card and possibly the game card. They will report the score and any infractions in the proper league tool. Finally, they will email the Game Card photo to the coach and Director of Competition and retain the Game Card for the team's records.

UNIFORMS

GAME HOME KIT



GAME AWAY KIT +



WINTER



*The uniforms are good for two year cycle, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024**

TOURNAMENT POLICY

Schedule Policies

In addition to the league and friendly games, the BARÇA Academy Austin Leadership Team will work on analyzing and selecting the best tournaments according to the club standards and will invite teams considering the different aspects of the tournaments.

BARÇA Academy Austin **teams are required to attend any scheduled tournament by the BARÇA Academy Austin Leadership Team.** Team families must confirm their commitment to a tournament before the established deadline in order to proceed with the team's registration.

Generally, BARÇA Academy Austin teams will play one or two tournaments in the fall season and one or two tournaments in the spring season. These tournaments may be pre-season tournaments and/or post-season tournaments. Teams may play in additional tournaments, as agreed to by the BARÇA Academy Austin Leadership Team and the team families.

Tournament fees are not included in club fees, it is for this reason that families will be invoiced.

TOURNAMENT POLICY

Tournament fees will include:

- Cost of the tournament published on the tournament website plus an additional fee to cover the coaches fee (accommodation, mileage, meals) and an administrative fee. This additional fee per team will be:
 - Austin Tournaments: \$100
 - San Antonio: \$250
 - Houston: \$300
 - Dallas: \$400

The total cost to participate in the tournament will be divided equally between all the participants. Each invoice will be sent through Sports Engine.

TOURNAMENT POLICY

Others to consider

- Participation in a tournament as a guest player with a BARÇA Academy Austin team that is not the player's own, will incur charges equal to the amount paid by every other player on the team plus any other registration cost associated with registering the guest player.
- Families are required to pay the invoice by the established deadline. Failure to pay the invoice by the deadline could result in forfeiture of the player's roster spot for the tournament or not being invited to future tournaments.
- Any family with a pending invoice will result in no invitation for following tournaments.
- Reimbursement for canceled tournaments will be the full tournament fee minus any costs withheld by the tournament host.

TOURNAMENT POLICY

Missing Tournament Game Policies

- Any player who knowingly will miss a tournament game must notify the Coach and Team Manager by a deadline of one week prior to the tournament start date.
- Any player who will miss a tournament game due to game day emergency must notify the Coach and Team Manager as soon as the emergency is known.
- Failure to attend a tournament game could result in limited or no playing time during subsequent games.
- Excused absences for missed tournament games will include player or family emergencies and player medical illness / injury.
- There will be no refund of tournament invoices for not participating if the player was part of the roster by the deadline.

•Extraordinary cases will be studied case by case

DEVELOPMENT										
Program	Age Group	Trainings / Weeks	Competition	Yearly Fee	Season	Commitment Fee	July 15th	August 15th	October 15th	November 15th
Pre-Academy	U5-U7	2	Internal Competition	\$995	Full Year	\$149	\$211.50	\$211.50	\$211.50	\$211.50
Academy	U8-U10	2	CAYSA + Internal Competition	\$1,395	Full Year	\$199	\$299	\$299	\$299	\$299
COMPETITIVE										
Program	Age Group	Trainings/Weeks	Competition	Yearly Fee	Season	Commitment Fee	July 15th	August 15th	October 15th	November 15th
Select	U11-U12	3	CAYSA - Division 2	\$2,050	Full Year	\$299	\$437.75	\$437.75	\$437.75	\$437.75
		3	WDDOA - Alpha	\$2,250		\$299	\$487.75	\$487.75	\$487.75	\$487.75
		3	WDDOA - Challenger	\$2,350		\$299	\$512.75	\$512.75	\$512.75	\$512.75
		3	WDDOA - Prime	\$2,450		\$299	\$537.75	\$537.75	\$537.75	\$537.75
	U13-U19	3	CAYSA - Division 2	\$2,550	Full Year	\$399	\$537.75	\$537.75	\$537.75	\$537.75
		3	WDDOA - Alpha	\$2,650		\$399	\$562.75	\$562.75	\$562.75	\$562.75
		3	WDDOA - Challenger	\$2,750		\$399	\$587.75	\$587.75	\$587.75	\$587.75
		3	WDDOA - Prime	\$2,850		\$399	\$612.75	\$612.75	\$612.75	\$612.75
		3	STYSA - SCL	\$2,950		\$399	\$637.75	\$637.75	\$637.75	\$637.75
		3	USYS - Frontier Conference	\$2,950		\$399	\$637.75	\$637.75	\$637.75	\$637.75
Girls	U11-U12	3	All levels	\$1,450	Full Year	\$299	\$287.75	\$287.75	\$287.75	\$287.75
	U13-U19	3	All levels	\$2,000		\$399	\$400.25	\$400.25	\$400.25	\$400.25
TECHNICAL										
Program		Age Group	Trainings/Week	Competition		Registration Fee		Monthly Fee		Season
Technical		U5-U10	1	N/A		\$49		\$49		Full Year
		U11-U19	2	N/A		\$49		\$129		Full Year

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What does the BA Austin yearly registration fee Include?

- Registration to the Federation:**

USYS*

- Registration for the Spring Cups:**

South Texas Cup, Directors Cup, Presidents Cup or State Cup**

- Field fees:**

Usage for trainings and games

- Development program:**

2 training sessions per week and games

- Competitive program:**

3 training sessions per week and games

- Referee fees:**

All referee fees are included

* Participation in two different federations will have an extra charge to cover the costs associated

** There will not be any refund if the team or player do not participate in the Spring Cups

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Payment obligations

- Commitment fees will be paid on the day of the registration.
- Installments of the payment plan are scheduled on July 15th, August 15th, October 15th, and November 15th, 2023.
- All outstanding balances for the full 23/24 Season (Fall and Spring) must be paid before any Transfer/Release can be considered and approved by the BARÇA Academy Austin Directors.

Discounts

Payment in full:

- If the full cost of the BARÇA Academy Austin is paid in full after registering for the program, a 5% discount will be applied to the total yearly fee.

Sibling discount:

- Sibling discounts are available to all BARÇA Academy families. Each of the family members will have a 10% off to the year fee*.

*In order to obtain it, send an email at austin@fcbarcelona.us and we will explain the process.

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Late fees

No pay no play policy:

Failure to pay fees within thirty (30) days of the due date will result in disciplinary action. The player will not be able to attend either practices or games until all payments and late fees are paid. If you expect payment issues, contact us by email at austin@fcbarcelona.us for possible alternatives.

Refund

The BARÇA Academy soccer program is a 10-month commitment program. Our refund policy was established to protect team integrity and follow our strict player development guidelines, dictated by FC Barcelona. In the interest of fairness, the additional cost of leaving a team should not be passed on to the other players or affect the organization. The BARÇA Academy Austin has a limited refund policy. The initial registration fee paid at registration is non-refundable.

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Refund

- In the event your player decides that she/he does not want to play for the BARÇA Academy, the refundable portion of the club fee paid will be as follows.
 - A 75% refund of the fees paid if the request is received before June 15th.
 - A 50% refund of the fees paid if the request is received after June 15th and before August 1st*.
 - Refunds will not be provided after the roster Freeze Date of August 1st, 2023.

*All refunds are subject to a 1.5% processing fee.

*All refunds request must be made to the Leadership Directors sending an email at austin@fcbarcelona.us

*Refund requests based on extraordinary circumstances may be considered, such as severe injuries or relocation. Any exception to the refund policy will be reviewed on a case-by case basis at the academy's discretion.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Financial assistance

Thank you for your interest in BARÇA Academy. It is our mission to offer an opportunity for children to play soccer without regard for their ability to pay. In efforts to reach this goal we offer financial assistance to players where need is shown and to the best of our ability.

A Scholarship Committee comprised of the Directors will review each application. All applications will be reviewed in strict confidence. Applicants will be notified in a timely manner of all decisions. All decisions are final. Please note that Financial Assistance is based on true and verified needs and the applicants requesting an application have to be registered in the 23/24 season/program.

Once the Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications each applicant will be notified of approval or denial. Those applicants who have been approved will be required to sign a Financial Assistance Contract. This contract will clearly outline the dollar amount awarded and the remaining financial responsibility of the applicant.

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The following is a checklist of the documents needed for consideration*:

- Copies of last year's tax returns including W-2's for all employed family members.
- Copies of recent pay stubs for all employed family members.
- Copies for any documentation regarding financial responsibility for the player.

*Please, send these documents encrypted to austin@fcbarcelona.us

THANK YOU!



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