

# ACES ACADEMY PROGRAM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

## GOALS

1. To establish and maintain a strong travel soccer program within the community and to represent the Arlington Aces Program at as many age levels as possible.
2. To develop soccer talent within the program to complement high school programs.
3. To foster athleticism, integrity, empowerment, and sportsmanship within the children in the program.
4. To advance the growth and development of travel soccer within the community.
5. To promote fun in a challenging environment.

## ACES ACADEMY COACH

Every Aces Academy team will have an Academy Coach to run practices and coach all games. Academy coaches will utilize the Elite Soccer age specific practice curriculum and make adjustments accordingly to fit the needs of the team. It is the Academy Coach's responsibility to make line-ups and coach all games. If for any reason the Academy Coach is not able to make a game, he will first notify the Director of Operations who will work to find another Academy Coach to take his/her place; the regular Academy Coach will provide a line-up.

## ACADEMY TEAM MANAGER

Every Aces Academy Team shall have a volunteer assigned as Team Manager. The purpose of the Team Manager is to facilitate the work of the Academy Coach and act as a liaison between the staff member and the parents as well as between the parents, and Director of Operations and Director of Coaching. The Team Manager will follow the guidelines as outlined in the outlined in the Team Manager job description. They shall have responsibility for all team communication such as team roster, practice, and game schedules, field directions, league game cards and a phone tree. Team Managers are required to attend all practices, maintain player passes, and keep attendance records. The Team Manager shall have responsibility for communicating all game and/or practice changes to the parents of the team. The Team Manager will attend all manager meetings and coordinate with the Academy Coach and Director of Coaching on all tournament entries. If the Team Manager cannot attend practices, an alternate parent must take his/her place.

## PRACTICES

Players are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all training sessions.

## PLAYING TIME

At the lower levels (U8 through U14), there is a "playing time guarantee." U8 - U10 players shall play a minimum of approximately 50% of the game. U11 - U14 players shall play a minimum of approximately 40% of the game. This playing time guarantee assumes regular attendance at practices and players abiding by the player code of conduct. At the high school level, playing time is at the discretion of the coach.



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## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Aces Academy Program is a community of athletes and like any community, it has a code of conduct, which defines accepted behavior. Through a conscientious effort, each player should be able to serve as a role model for fellow players and positively represent the Aces' community.

- Treat others the way you wish to be treated.
- Lead by example with your behavior and actions.
- Encourage your teammates with positive comments.
- Refrain from bullying teammates. Degrading comments will only inspire teammates to distrust and reject you.
- Show respect for all players and staff regardless of their age.
- Fighting and abusive language are unacceptable methods of releasing frustration and anger.
- Arguing with referees, teammates, or opponent's during matches is counterproductive and will not be tolerated. Players become ineffective with their feet when they are running their mouths.
- Engage in "fair play" at all times. Players, who retaliate, foul excessively, and/or foul with the intent to injure another player will be severely disciplined.

## **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

All Aces Academy players must abide by the Aces Academy Code of Conduct. Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct will **NOT** be tolerated. Incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to the Director of Coaching.

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT**

- We will exemplify good sportsmanship.
- We will be supportive and positive offering encouragement to our child and his or her teammates.
- We will be positive role models.
- We will let the coach do the coaching.
- We will not yell at the referee or question the call.
- We will treat the officials as we would treat our child.
- We will treat the opposing team and their fans with respect.
- We will look for our child to develop his or her skills and team play while de-emphasizing winning.
- We will remember that the game is for the children.
- We want to make sure that they are having fun.
- If we cannot abide by this code, we will not be able to attend our child's games.

## **GRIEVANCES**

The Academy Coach should attempt to resolve any conflicts between players, parents, and/or managers by first approaching the individuals involved. When an issue arises, that has not been worked out between the Academy Coach and player or parent, the player or parent should ask the Team Manager to set a meeting with the Academy Coach and the Team Manager. It is the responsibility of the Academy Coach and Team Manager to document all concerns and attempts to resolve them. If an Academy Coach is unable to resolve the issue, he/she will bring the concern to the attention of the Director of Coaching. The Director of Coaching, will attempt to resolve the issue. Games can be very emotional and intense, so in the event that a question or an issue arises during or after the game, parents are asked to wait 24 hrs before contacting the coach with inquiries.

## **UNIFORMS**

Aces Academy teams will wear the standard Arlington Aces Uniform and the Team Manager will coordinate all new uniform purchases.