

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits of the LVSC Academy Program?

Recreational leagues are great places for players who enjoy getting out and playing sports. That said, if a player takes an interest in soccer, he or she should aspire to moving beyond recreational play and into the more competitive experience of travel soccer. While recreational leagues focus on fun through play, the LVSC Academy Program is focused on giving beginning players the needed knowledge, skills, and abilities they will need to be successful as future travel soccer players.

What are the benefits of playing travel soccer with LVSC?

LVSC is committed to player development. All of our coaches are nationally certified and continually strive to increase their knowledge of the game and how to coach young players. In addition to coaching and player development, all league games are played with a full complement of certified referees. Recreational soccer is a great way to get your children out and doing something athletic, but if they really want to learn how to excel at the game of soccer, they must move beyond recreational leagues. Travel soccer gives them the ability to play at the next level of competition against great players from around the region!

What are the age ranges for the different programs and teams?

Players aged 5-8 will be placed in our academy program, where they will learn the basic skills necessary to be successful soccer players. Players aged 9-19 will play in our travel divisions where they will face competitive opponents across the region. Exact age ranges for each team in the travel division are determined based on club needs, but will generally be separated as elementary school age, middle school age, and high school age.

Does my child have to be an experienced soccer player to play for LVSC?

There is no experience required for the academy program. Some soccer experience is preferred for all travel divisions. New players who have not played the game before will be admitted on a case by case basis with the coach's approval depending upon team and club needs. Also, experience through our free summer camp will be considered in making travel decisions.

When are the seasons?

The fall season begins in early to mid-August with games beginning in early September. Fall games may run through early to mid-November. Exact beginning and ending times are determined by our affiliated league, the Skyline Club Soccer League, and their calendar (<https://www.socasport.org/skyline-league/calendar/>) will have more exact information. Spring seasons will generally begin practice in early to mid-February with the season lasting until May.

How far do you travel?

Players in the academy program will not travel. Players in travel divisions will play games across the region as assigned by the Skyline League. Generally there are four home games and four away games per season. We have traveled as far as Powhatan, Lynchburg, and Zions Crossroad. Generally there is one game per year at this

distance and the others are closer to home (e.g. Charlottesville, Stanardsville, Harrisonburg, etc.). In the event travel is a problem, there are plenty of parents in the club who are willing and able to assist with carpooling.

How big are the teams?

Teams aged U12 (under 12) and below can carry 16 members on a team with nine playing at a time on the field. Teams from U13 to U19 may have 18 on their roster with 11 playing at a time.

What is the cost?

Current cost for the academy program is \$25 per player per season. This will include a soccer ball and T-shirt for each participant. Costs for travel are higher due to the need to pay game officials and league fees. Currently, registration is \$80 per player per season. Uniforms for travel divisions are currently \$40. Players will keep their jersey numbers as they move through the divisions, so uniforms will not need to be purchased every year. LVSC also has a scholarship program (needs based, not skill based) to assist parents with the cost of participation. Details can be found under "Scholarships" in the Quick Links section to the left.

What does my registration money pay for?

The two biggest things your money pays for are league registration and referees. Our current league registration is \$400 per team per season. Also, we are mandated by the league to compensate our referees, and this costs approximately \$250-\$300 per team per season. Registration money also pays for field maintenance, and various banking and administrative fees. Please note that our coaches and board/committee members are volunteer and do not get compensated for the large amount of work that they do for the club.

If registration pays for the season, why do we still need to work fundraisers?

Registration fees pay for the season, but nothing else. One primary thing that we intend to do with fundraising proceeds is give back to the players in the form of scholarships to help with registration costs. The other thing that we need to do fundraising for is the growth of the club. We currently have two fields on borrowed land. The club is growing and our largest limitation right now is lack of playing fields. While there is more room at the high school that we can probably use, a set of goals costs over \$2,000. Registration money does not include funds for supplies like soccer balls, practice jerseys, etc., so that money must come from fundraising as well. Eventually, LVSC would like to purchase some property so we can have a facility of our own. In order to keep registration costs down, we will need to use fundraising for all of these purposes and more. If you are interested in serving on the fundraising committee, you can register yourself for that just like you register your children to play.

As a parent, how can I help the Club?

There are several official roles in which you can help the club. If you are interested in any of the following positions: Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Referee, Fundraising Committee Member, or Sponsorship Committee Member, you can register for those positions through the SI Play system in the same way you register your children to play for the season. Once we receive your registration you'll be contacted with what to do next. Please note that not everyone who registers will necessarily receive a position (for instance we may not have enough teams for everyone who desires to coach). If you are interested in helping in a less official way, just make your availability known to your child's coach or one of the board members and we'll gladly put you to use. The more people that are interested in helping, the less each individual has to do!

QUICK LINKS

Welcome - Mission & Values (<https://lurayvalleysoccer.website.siplay.com/Site/More/Welcome>)

Photos (<https://lurayvalleysoccer.website.siplay.com/Photo-Albums>)

Scholarships (<https://lurayvalleysoccer.website.siplay.com/Site/More/Scholarships>)

Documents (<https://lurayvalleysoccer.website.siplay.com/Site/More/Documents>)

Lightning Policy (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ktpmHKrHAqSVWn06aD4YISsgMKc8ZsRL-ryx7l4ACRY/edit?usp=sharing>)

Play-up Policy (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qeOspTIDTuTcTnpCj8PJ3CsTjO60flc0E415RRtIQJk/edit?usp=sharing>)

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Skyline League Important Dates (<https://www.socaspot.org/skyline-league/calendar/>)