

Welcome!

Thank you for entrusting your child to us. We will do all that we can to make sure that you and your child are comfortable with us. The Under 6 Academy of Excellence program is designed to help develop and prepare players for their future soccer career through fun and organized games and training. We have several guidelines and rules that we ask our members to follow in order to stay organized and be successful as a club. They also help mold our players by developing their character, responsibility, sportsmanship, and team spirit.

Communication and Information

We communicate with you on a weekly basis, so please make sure we have your current email address and phone number. We email 80% of the information to you. Our trainers and coaches will deliver the other 20% in the form of handouts and verbal instructions at training and/or games. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Morgan at brad.morgan@hcsa.org or (770) 905-7709

For all the latest news about our many programs, clinics, camps, field status, important dates and happenings at Henry County Soccer Association!

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For specific information about the Thunder Soccer Club Follow Us on www.Twitter.com/ThunderSC.

Text **U6AOE** to **84483** to receive **Under 6 Academy of Excellence** program updates and alerts.

Training

We want to develop our players to be comfortable with the soccer ball as well as develop different motor skills and build their overall coordination. We focus on the fundamentals and technical aspects of the game in these “Golden Ages” so that our players may grow up to become masters with the ball making it easier for them to learn more complex concepts as they get older and the game becomes faster.

- In order to stay in the flow of practice and not disrupt the concentration of players or coaches, any player that is late for training, regardless of reason, must wait until the coach allows them to join in training. This is usually after the next water break.
- Players must come prepared to training: white shirt, maroon shorts, white socks, a ball, water, and shin guards. On cold days, you may wear sweat pants and tops over your training attire. Any player not properly dressed will not be allowed to train.

Clinics

You may participate in Under 5 / Under 6 Recreational Clinics (see link below). If you miss a training session or we get rained out, you may register for a Recreational Clinics.

Recreational Clinics: http://www.hcsa.org/clinicsandcamps/recreational/index_E.html

Games

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to game time in order for your child to get a proper warm up and to receive instructions from the coach. See Attendance below for consequences of being late.

Attendance

Because training is so important to individual development, we want to reward the players that come to their team training sessions. Players that are absent from training will lose out on playing time for the following weekend's games.

- If a player missed 1 day of training, they will not start the first half.
- If a player missed 2 days of training, they will not start the first half. The remainder of their playing time will be at the discretion of the coach.
- Also, if a player is late for the warm up, they will not start the game.

Respect

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. Play your part to ensure that soccer can be played in a safe and positive environment.

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behavior.

Behavior

Training is the most important part of developing youth players. The focus and effort of players must be at a certain level in order to get the most out of the training session. Players that misbehave or disrupt the training session are given 3 strikes from the coach or trainer.

- First Strike - this is a warning for the player.
- Second Strike - the player will be asked to sit out the remainder of the activity.
- Third Strike - the player will be removed from the training session.

Sideline Coaching

Please don't coach from the sidelines or yell out instructional comments to the players during training or games. You hinder them from individual thinking and making decisions on the field, which can only be learned through trial and error. A player that listens to their parents on the sideline and not to their coach will become uncoachable and may not reach their full potential. We will NOT tolerate this kind of behavior.

Questions, Concerns, Meeting, Chain of Command

If you have questions or concerns about something that happens at training or games, please contact the coach by e-mail (see contact info below) and setup a meeting. Please DO NOT approach them before, during, or after games or training. Those are often heated moments and conflict usually arises.

Skip Morgan U6 AOE Head Coach (770) 905-7709

If you feel your concern or question was not addressed, please follow the chain of command below.

Chain of Command

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Please don't measure your child's success by wins and losses. The AOE program focuses on long term player development and learning. The weekend games are there for enjoyment and to measure how a child is progressing.