



Carolina Development League

CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE FORMED FOR 2018-2019

NC/SC Academy Directors Collaborate to Provide Improved Competitive Platform

The Carolina Development League has been created to provide an improved competitive platform for U-11 boys soccer players in North Carolina. The formation of the league marks an exciting collaboration amongst current clubs participating in the U-12 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program. This league will be for players born in 2008 and after.

This new initiative aims to improve the quality of competition for our region's 9,10,11 year olds by providing consistent, developmentally appropriate matches and events. In addition to full fall and spring season schedules, the league will provide events and festivals for additional competition during the year. Each academy club will manage a pool of 22-26 players that will compete as (2) 9v9 teams on each match day. These teams and players will not participate in other leagues throughout the year.

The Carolina Development League schedule will align with the U-12 U.S. Soccer Development Academy schedule for the 2018-2019 season, with U-11 Carolina Development League games being played around the U-12 U.S. Soccer DA game times. This is designed to increase club and program connectivity, player development monitoring from club's DA staff, enhanced club culture, and continuity of programming.

This league will align player development with the expectations of the U-12 Development Academy Program and better prepare players for the higher standards of the DA competition in years to come. This will also better connect individual player pathways for young players from Zone 1 (6-11 years old) and Zone 2 (12-18 years old), in each participating club. This will also help integrate players in each club's Development Academy Program at early ages.

The league will run as a US Club Sanctioned Program and players will not be registered with the U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program.

Participating clubs will be: Carolina Rapids, Charlotte Soccer Academy, Charlotte Soccer Academy - North, Discoveries Soccer Club, North Carolina Fusion, North Carolina FC Youth - Del Sol, North Carolina FC Youth - North, North Carolina FC Youth - South, and Queen City Mutiny. Each club will be communicating more information to their membership soon.

Further information can be found at www.carolinapredaleague.com.

