

Pateadores Development Academy Continues the U12 Development Pathway

At the November Winter Showcase U.S. Soccer Development Academy announced that “in the fall of 2019, the Development Academy will no longer operate U-12 programming, and we will begin the transition to a decentralized U-12 initiative led by Clubs and Members.” Stating “that the time is right to empower and support Clubs and Members across the country to operate standards-based programming.”

The Development Academy introduced the [Player Development Initiatives](#) in 2016 standardizing a Zone 1 (U6-U12) development pathway. Since then the Pateadores Development Academy have adopted and expanded upon these initiative to better serve the needs of our individual athletes and maximize their potential.

- Adopt and commit to the Player Development Initiative philosophy, focusing on the individual development of players
- Be the example in your community—establish partner and affiliate Clubs for cooperation and collaboration
- Emphasize training and positive learning environments
- Provide all players with meaningful minutes, focusing on development, not results
- Ensure every player plays in at least 50% of game minutes each game
- Longer periods of playing time and less frequent interruptions to benefit player development
- Accelerate learning by allowing teams to move players up or down based on physical needs and/or relative age to appropriately challenge a player
- All club constituents (parents, coaches, support staff, etc.) are expected to play a role in creating a supportive and positive environment for training and games

Pateadores Development Academy will continue to uphold these principles and initiatives set forth by the DA and would like to announce a single age group team for the U12s (2008) in the 2019/2020 season. This team will have the opportunity to train and compete under the guidance of the Pateadores DA focusing on the development of each “individual” within a team environment. Athletes and parents can look forward to the following:

- 10 Month Competitive Season
- 3 x trainings per week
- Meaningful and Standardized competition in a league organized for Development Academy Clubs
- Pateadores DA Head and Staff Coaching
- Pateadores DA Curriculum and Methodology
- AS Roma Showcase and Training Opportunities

Official tryouts:

- January 3-4, 2019 @ Orange County Great Park 9:30 am Check In / 10:00 am Session
- January 8, 2019 @ Orange Coast College. 4:30 Check In / 5:00 Session

Registration Link:

<https://members.pateadores.org/tryouts/register/5972>

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Regards,

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