

CFC Red Star

The Select Division of the Columbus Youth Soccer Association

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Columbus Futbol Club Red Star

Welcome to Red Star soccer. Red Star is Columbus, Georgia's Premier soccer program dedicated to State and Regional competition, as well as high school and college preparation.

Our program is managed by our Technical Director Tony Frankovich and Director of Coaching, Seyo Gruda. Their biographies are posted on our web site www.redstarsoccer.org

For new players and parents there may be many questions and concerns. Hopefully most of these questions are covered in the following information.

Red Star is divided into three divisions based solely on player age. All are managed and trained by the same staff.

- A) Red Star Select Athena and Classic (13U-19U)
- B) Red Star Academy (9U-12U)
- C) Red Star Junior Academy (8U)

About Red Star

Organized youth soccer was first played in Columbus in the early 1970's as part of the Columbus Youth Soccer Association (CYSA). In the 1990s, CFC Red Star became the Select Division of Columbus Youth Soccer Association, in order to compete in the Georgia Soccer Association's youth select team divisions, known as Classic for boys and Athena for girls. Red Star became the Columbus Futbol Club, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, in 2004. All Select and Academy teams in Columbus play under the club name "Red Star". In 2005 Georgia Youth Soccer created the Academy program, separating from the Select, allowing Clubs to create their own playing schedule.

Mission

Red Star is dedicated to developing the best soccer players and teams and also the finest young adults. Red Star tries to teach all players to maximize their talent and creativity while working with other players in a sport where the team concept is crucial. Attitude, character, passion, and heart are just as important on the soccer field as they are in life. Players are taught to approach practice, games, and life with honesty, integrity, and fairness. Red Star endeavors to help all players become the best players they can be in both soccer and life. Real world lessons are learned on the soccer field every day.

Coaches and Managers

Red Star has two full-time A-licensed coaches, Tony Frankovich and Seyo Gruda. All other coaches are part-time coaches.

Each team will be assigned a head coach, an assistant coach and a manager. Either the head coach or assistant coach will attend the games. Some head coaches will have more than one team. In the case of schedule conflict older teams will be head coaches' priority team due to their shorter season. The assistant coach may be a parent on the team. Your manager is the backbone of the team. They volunteer many hours to help the team run smoothly. Your manager is the "go between" person for the parent and the coach. If you have concerns, please go to them first.

Assessment

A player who wants to be on a Red Star team is placed on an appropriate team after a skills assessment. Players are assessed either in May/June after the regular spring season is over or during the season. Players who want to be evaluated while playing on a high school or other team merely need to ask to be assessed at that time. The Red Star staff places players on appropriate teams to enhance their knowledge in the game of soccer and to further develop their soccer skills.

Commitment

Red Star soccer is a year commitment (Fall and Spring), however new players may be added for the spring season. Every player makes a commitment to himself and his teammates. Most teams practice three times per week. 13U through 19U teams normally play ten games during the season: five at home and five away. Most of the away games are in the Atlanta area. Georgia Youth Soccer sets the playing schedule for these teams. 9U-12U Academy games are set by the Academy Coordinator instead of Georgia Youth Soccer. Travel will be at least 50% of the time throughout the year, but it may be 30/70 one season and 70/30 the next season. Due to High School soccer, 15U through 19U do not have a spring playing season. Many teams do however return in the spring to play State Cup. 8U Junior Academy players practice 2 times a week having Intra squad games. The Junior Academy is a preparation class that teaches 7U and 8U the basic skills of soccer. Our focus is on individual play skills; receiving the ball properly, passing, dribbling, and shooting. The Academy is a non competitive environment for individual development. The purpose also allows player and families an introduction to professional training. It is our hope that all Junior Academy players will enter the Academy program at the end of the course.

Teams usually play in two tournaments before or during the season and in the Red Star Challenge at home in February. Most teams also play in the Academy or State Cup that is held in May. In order to grow as team and a player, the child must attend practices, games and tournaments. We realize that things come up but every effort needs to be made to get your child to the above. In addition, to the players playing in the Red Star Challenge, each team is required to work a certain amount of hours. Parents are required to help the team with

working these shifts.

Red Star Cost

Red Star Junior Academy 8U: \$200 per season

Red Star Academy 9U through 12U: \$720 /year. \$385/season for a new spring player

Red Star 13U and 14U: \$850/year. \$450/season for a new spring player

Red Star 13U and 14U National League teams (previously known as R3PL): \$900/year

Red Star 15U through 19U: \$680/year.

Red Star 15U through 19U National League teams: \$730/year

\$150 is due at the time of registration; this is NOT an additional cost to the total owed. 8U must pay the \$200 at time of registration. 15U-19U will have the option of setting up 3 additional payments due by Sept.15th and 9U-12U will have the option of 7 additional payments due by Jan. 15th

Cost to Parents

Travel to games and tournaments

Tournament fees: Each team will have a parent manager that will collect expenses for the weekend tournaments in which that team participates. The formula for tournament fees are as follows:

- A) Tournament entry fee plus \$5 out of state travel roster when applicable
- B) Coaches hotel room
- C) \$30/day food allowance (\$15 for ½ day) for coach
- D) \$0.20/ mile travel expense for coach (calculated mileage city to city)

Example: A team with 15 players traveling to a tournament in Atlanta-

Tournament fee \$500

Mileage .20 X 200 miles \$40

Hotel \$75 X 2 nights \$150

Food \$60

\$750 divided by 15 players = \$50 per player

The team pays expenses for only one coach.

Uniform (required 2 jerseys, 2 shorts, 2 socks, and back pack – estimate of cost \$180. This cost if for an adult size uniform. Youth sizes are less expensive. In addition, Academy players are required to buy one pair of shorts versus two pair.

Notification and Signing Day

You will be notified via phone or email within 2 days following assessments as to whether or not your child has made the team. It is critical that your contact information is accurate when you sign your child into tryouts. .

If you do not hear from someone, for girl's 13U-19U, please contact Tony Frankovich at tony.frankovich@gmail.com; for boy's 13U-19U, Seyo Gruda at grudasiv@hotmail.com or for Academy player's 8U-12U, Eric Steinhauser at steinhauser_eric@yahoo.com

Official Signing day (day to register online to play Red Star) is on June 4th for 8U-12U and June 11th for 13U-19U. For those that need assistance you can come to Woodruff Farm Complex from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM on these days. Registration deadline for Academy players 8U-12U is June 18th and for Select players 13U-19U on June 25th. After that time, a \$50 late fee will be added. Instructions for registration will be emailed to you by your coach or manager.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are ordered online by each player. You will receive an email from soccer.com with instructions on ordering your uniform.

Your registration fee includes practice shirts for training that are ordered locally. They are red and white with the club logo on them and are mandatory training wear. Ensure you have your child's shirt size on your registration form. Additional practice shirts can be ordered for an additional \$12 each.

You can also purchase additional soccer gear including additional uniform items, warm ups, T-shirts, polo's, hats, balls by going to our web site at www.redstarsoccer.org and clicking on Eurosport for our online store. Many items are available with our Red Star logo.