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SPRING ACADEMY

About the Spring Academy

This program is in response to requests by parents for the league to provide coaching for younger players during Spring Soccer. It is also builds on the success of the Jr. Vaqueros program during the summer/fall season. The focus is on fun, and follows the philosophy that the game is more fun the better you know how to play it.

Skills Development

Spring Academy players will be coached by members of the Vaqueros professional coaching staff. In order to keep the ratio of players to coaches low, high school aged players will assist the coach. This will allow all activities to occur in small groups with supervision, and lots of opportunities to touch the ball. The weekly sessions will include a professionally designed practice followed by games in the Spring Soccer format.

Games

There will be no set teams for the Spring Academy. The players will be divided into teams each week for games, allowing fun and skills to be the focus rather than league standings. The coaches will make adjustments to create the best environment possible each week. This will eliminate problems with uneven distribution of talent, which is difficult to prevent in small team settings. The session (practice and game combined) will last approximately 90 minutes.

How does the Spring Academy differ from normal Spring Soccer?

Feature	PYSL Jr. Vaqueros Spring Academy	Spring Soccer
Players	Ages 6-8. We are focusing on this age group for now.	All ages including 6-8.
Coaches	Professional or semi-professional coaches, with a National License and significant playing and coaching experience. Depending on the number of players there will be 1-4 assistant coaches who are high school age players.	Parents volunteer to "coordinate" the team, mostly managing substitutions.
Practices	Practice session before the weekly game.	No practices.
Games	Eight games of 4v4 with no goalies.	Eight games of 4v4 with no goalies.
Uniform	Spring Academy T-shirt.	Team T-shirt.
Cost	\$95	\$60

Registration

Register online at www.powaysoccer.com or contact Doug Lange (dlange@computer.org) with questions.