

TSC Texans and Dallas Texans Houston Division Unite for USSF Academy



HOUSTON - Texas Soccer Club (TSC Texans) and Dallas Texans Houston Division (DTH), two top clubs in South Texas, have joined forces to form the Texas SC Dallas Texans Houston Academy. Both clubs lead the Houston area in player development and college placement and have a rich tradition of success at all levels of play.

Beginning in May 2009, the two will affiliate with a goal of creating better opportunities for players to compete at the highest level of youth soccer in the country. TSC Director of Coaching and USSF Academy Director Scott James will coach the U-15/16 Academy team, while DTH Director of Coaching Carl Fleming will coach the U-17/18 Academy team. Both will work together to build the best professional training environment for these elite players.

Scott James discusses the decision to expand an already talented player pool. "Between TSC and DTH, we have the top players in the city at these two age groups. We also have some of the best coaches in the country working with our players. Bringing the talents of our players and coaches together is the right thing to do if we are concerned about providing the best opportunities for players in Houston."

DTH Executive Director Lee Baker agrees. "The Dallas Texans Houston Division and Texas Soccer Club are two of the most dominant programs in South Texas, with collective resources and opportunities that are limitless for our elite players. Coming together at this time is a decision that has been made in the best interest of the elite players at DTH, TSC, as well as the top players in the area."

The Academy program was created to enhance the player development environment for elite youth players in the United States, according to U.S. Soccer Best Practices, with specific focus on increasing the number of training sessions, decreasing the total number of games while increasing the number of quality games and maintaining the highest level of coaching, refereeing and competition available in an everyday environment.

Hassan Nazari, Director of the Dallas Texans Soccer Club, sees more than just a benefit for players. "The partnership between these two great clubs in Houston will bring unlimited opportunities and development for the players in South Texas. This relationship also will benefit the game of soccer itself, which is the most exciting factor."

For information about tryouts or other details about the Texas SC Dallas Texans Houston Academy teams, please visit www.texassoccerclub.com or www.dallastexanshouston.com.

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USSF ACADEMY TRYOUT DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS

U15/16 USSF Developmental Academy Team (1/1/93 and Younger)

Tuesday	May 26	6:30 – 8:00pm	Meyer Park Field 24
Wednesday	May 27	6:30 – 8:00pm	Meyer Park Field 24
Thursday	May 28	6:30 – 8:00pm	Meyer Park Field 24

U17/18 USSF Developmental Academy Team (1/1/91 and Younger)

Tuesday	May 26	8:00 – 9:30pm	Meyer Park Field 24
Wednesday	May 27	8:00 – 9:30pm	Meyer Park Field 24
Thursday	May 28	8:00 – 9:30pm	Meyer Park Field 24



ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

1) Are the two clubs merging?

No, the clubs are coming together to create better opportunities for players to compete at the highest level of youth soccer in the country, the USSF U16 & U18 Academies.

2) Why now?

The professional staffs of each club have recognized that the USSF Academy is a opportunity like no other in this country and we feel like it is our responsibility to provide this opportunity to the elite level players in the Houston area. In addition, this opportunity increases the level of professionalism between both staffs.

3) What will tryouts look like?

Tryouts will be open to all players that are eligible based on their birth date, teams will be selected by the collective staffs of Texas Soccer Club and Dallas Texans Houston.

4) Who should tryout?

The U.S. Soccer Developmental Academy is not for everyone, but for players who seek the opportunity to reach their potential (College, Professional, National Team) in the best developmental environment in the U.S.

5) What are the benefits of playing in the USSF Academy program?

- Practice 3-4 times a week
- 30 game competitive national schedule, including three National Showcase weekends
- Compete with the best clubs in the country
- Scouted by U.S. Soccer National Team coaches and scouts
- Scouted by college coaches, MLS and professional coaches

4) What is the difference in a full time academy player and a developmental play?

Full Time Academy Players: *May not participate in unapproved outside competition; such as, National League, Premier League, ODP, Regional Teams, Tournaments (State Cup, Regional Championships), or other camps or trips. Players may play for high school and National teams. Full Time players are subject to the minimum start requirement of 25% over the season's 30 games.*

Development Players: *Must be registered with another team within the Academy Club (Texas SC); can only participate in 6 Academy games before becoming a Full Time player; can participate in outside competition.*

5) Cost to participate?

Player dues will be \$1000 per player.

6) What is included in cost?

Uniforms, training fees, field usage fees and USSF league fees

7) What is not included in cost?

Travel expenses, Coaches travel expenses, Tournament entry fees other than USSF Academy Showcases (ie Disney Showcase, Dallas Cup)

8) Where will teams train?

Teams will train at Meyer Park and Concordia Lutheran High School a minimum of (3) three times a week depending on the competitive calendar.

9) How do I register for the USSF Academy tryouts?

Go to www.texassoccerclub.org and click on the tryout registration link. Choose USSF Academy tryouts when prompted.

USSF Academy Video Link http://www.ussoccer.com/sights/showVideo.jsp_703-5.html