



SCSA Travel Program

Parent Information

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1. General Club Information

- 1.1. What we are: Founded in 1980, South Central Soccer Academy is the area's largest privately owned and managed youth soccer club. CGSC provides recreational soccer for children ages 4 to 16. In addition, the club provides a range of competitive travel soccer teams for boys and girls ages 8 to 18.
- 1.2. Our Mission: SCSA's mission is to provide a safe, fun, and competitive environment where kids can grow their love for the game of soccer with an emphasis on community, inclusion, and player development.
- 1.3. Where we are: South Central Soccer Academy is in Bargersville, IN within Johnson County, just south of Indianapolis, Indiana.
Address: 4899 W Whiteland Rd, Bargersville, IN 46106
- 1.4. For more general information navigate to our website:
SouthCentralSoccerAcademy.com

2. What is "Travel" soccer?

2.1. How much will I actually TRAVEL?

This largely depends on what league/division your team is in. In regular ISL league divisions, most travel is relatively close to Indianapolis, and travel times to games rarely exceed 90 min. Tournaments may require overnight stays.

2.2. What is ISL and what does it mean to your player and the team?

Indiana Soccer League - Each team gets placed into a division based on team analysis and recommendations of the club/DOC. The teams play other teams in the division and are ranked on a point system, and each division has a division champion for each season. This can be tracked in GotSport which can be shared with you by the team manager and/or coach. Team performance can affect the division placement of the following season to ensure they are in the best division for their skill set for the best competition.

2.3. What is the "Birth Year" and what does "U_" mean?

ISL operates off a calendar birth year. U11 means you cannot turn 11 within that calendar year.

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
K/1st	1st/2nd	2nd/3rd	3rd/4th	4th/5th	5th/6th	6th/7th	7th/8th	8th/Fr
Academy Juniors		Academy Seniors		Juniors		Seniors		
4v4 (No GK)		7v7		9v9		11v11		Trap' Fall

2.4. What is Team Camp?

Team camp is held at the beginning of each fall and spring session. It is an opportunity for the team to be together to kick off the season. We will often bring in guest coaches for these camps to allow players to get another perspective.

2.5. How are the teams created?

2.5.1. Teams are created as a result of the try-outs.

Placement is determined by player ability, attitude, and effort. Teams are built and placed within the ISL league in the appropriate division to create the proper competitive and development environment for the players. The colors of the teams are as follows: Red, grey, black, white. If only (2) teams, it is red and black.

2.5.2. Will there be opportunities for my player to play on other club teams or "move up" to higher level teams throughout the season?

Yes - Players can pass play for other teams in their age group as needs are there. Players will be selected by coaches based on similar parameters as team placement. Mid-year



team movement opportunities,
and team, as well as coaches' evaluations and selections.

while very rare, will be based on needs of the club

2.5.3. What are the "player visibility" opportunities - how is my child seen equally to get these opportunities?

Player visibility opportunities are mainly during practices, games, tournaments. Team practices are arranged to allow different teams to practice together to allow other coaches the opportunity to see and evaluate other players. Players should consider any time on the field as an opportunity to be seen/evaluated.

2.6. Uniforms

2.6.1. Our uniform cycle is every (2) years, rotating on even numbered years

2.6.2. Each player has required uniform gear (home and away game jerseys, shorts, and socks. Practice jerseys, shorts, and socks) - nothing beyond this is required. It is recommended to have at least 2 sets of practice gear (shirt, shorts, and socks), 1 of each jersey, 2 pair of game shorts, 1 of each game sock. You can go back at any time and order more, extras, etc. - you do not have to order any extras up front.

2.7. You can request player numbers but not guaranteed. You cannot have more than 1 of the same number on a team. (Keep in mind that as teams change over the years, you may have to work with other players to agree on changed numbers.)

2.8. What is included:

2.8.1. (3) practices per week during fall and spring seasons.

2.8.2. ~ (8) regular season games

2.8.3. (2) tournaments per season

2.8.4. Winter training session 2x per week that start in February

2.8.5. (2) team camps (one per fall, one per spring)

2.8.6. Opportunities for additional free technical and keeper training during fall and spring seasons

2.8.7. Access to Techne app

2.9. Additional training opportunities (included with membership)

2.9.1. Technical training with the technical training coach (additional optional (30) min training weekly during fall and spring training seasons)

2.9.2. GK training (optional (45) min training offered weekly during fall and spring training seasons)

2.10. Additional training for additional fees (NOT included in membership)

2.10.1. Summer camps

2.10.2. Winter Skills training: footskills, striker/finisher, goalkeeper

2.10.3. Spring and Fall Break camps

2.11. Techne app overview and benefits to player as a member of SCSA

2.11.1. Techne is an app available to players provided by the club. There is value in this app and it is encouraged for players to take advantage of this benefit to enhance their individual development. Some of the best technical players are always on the leader board for Techne time.

Note: As your player develops more love and dedication of the game, there are resources and opportunities to take advantage of. Make sure you are having open conversations with your coaches throughout their time here at SCSA so you know. Always ask questions. There are also resources available on the website to explore the appropriate path for your player as (s)he develops in the game

3. Season Schedule and Tournaments

3.1. Tuition includes (2) tournaments each season:



Our home tournament (Nightmare at the Rock in the fall, and Classic at the Rock in the Spring) plus one additional outside tournament determined by the club directors and coaches. (This outside tournament may or may not require overnight travel - Cincinnati, Evansville, etc)

3.2. Practices will be (3) 90-minute practices per week.

Players are expected to be present at every practice for appropriate individual and team development. Please communicate via TeamSnap if your player is unable to attend a practice so the coaches can adjust practice plans accordingly. Do this by clicking in the schedule and selecting availability.

3.3. ISL Games

ISL Games will be finalized about 2-3 weeks before regular season games start. Once the schedule is posted, it is VERY important that you go through and indicate any games your player will not be able to attend so the coach and manager can plan accordingly where we may need to pull in pass players. It is understood that things come up last minute - it is just asked that you keep a very open line of communication and respect for the rest of the team and notify as soon as you can.

3.4. Can we do additional tournaments?

Individual teams can choose to play in additional tournaments as agreed upon by the parents and coaches. All fees related to the tournament (entry fees and travel fees for coaches if not local) will be the responsibility of the team. Logistics will also need to be managed by the team (typically team manager, but any parent can step up to help with this)

4. Expectations and Player Development Philosophy

4.1. Coaches

Player and team development. Coaches use an Individual Development Plan(IDP) process for setting agreed upon player specific goals.

4.2. Players

Show up and learn. Be dedicated to constant improvement. We understand that players may be involved in multiple sports. The ask from the club and coaches is that this is communicated early on so coaches can be aware of what (s)he can expect with regard to schedule conflict and player priority.

4.3. Parents

- 4.3.1. SOCCER STARTS AT HOME. Encourage your player. Help us help them develop a love of the game. Have fun. Encourage your player to take initiative to utilize other resources to improve their game (i.e. Techne app). Encourage learning and love of the game without burnout. Good sportsmanship also starts at home. It is critical that you are teaching and modeling for your child the value of coach, ref, and player respect. Communicate with your team/coaches/managers.
- 4.3.2. It is expected that each family works 1 volunteer shift per home tournament. These tournaments are our biggest fundraisers of the year to invest in improvements of the club and the success of each one is largely determined by member involvement. There is a "buyout" option for each tournament should you choose to take that instead, BUT it is highly encouraged to take this opportunity to get more involved in supporting our home club.

5. Team managers: why are they needed, what is their role?

Team managers play a crucial role in the logistics of the individual team. This is a role that supports the coach(es) with the admin aspect of the season to allow the coach(es) to focus more on player and team development.

5.1. Requirements:

- 5.1.1. Coordinate the final game schedule with ISL working with the managers/coaches of other teams to finalize the regular season game schedule.
- 5.1.2. Manage the schedule in TeamSnap
- 5.1.3. Provide the player cards at games



- 5.1.4. Bring the ref money (provided by the club) to each game
- 5.1.5. Be a connection between parents and club (this does NOT mean you are expected or required to field issues/complaints). The manager is a COMMUNICATION connector to make sure parents are fully informed of any and all pertinent information.
NOTE: the team manager has NO impact/say/influence on player placement, field time, etc. This is all up to the coach(es)
- 5.1.6. There will be training provided for this role prior to the season starting.\

6. Parent Behavior Expectations

- 6.1. Positive encouragement only - Let the coaches coach, it can be confusing to the players when parents are shouting direction, etc in addition to the coaches
- 6.2. Be kind to refs, other parents, players and opposing teams. As part of registration you agree to the club "no abuse" terms - please review for specifics)
- 6.3. Bottom line: Let the coaches coach, let the refs ref, and let the players play.
- 6.4. What do I do if I have a concern related to soccer/my team, coach, etc?
 - 6.4.1. Reach out to your coach first.
 - 6.4.2. Email DOC@scsaindy.com (Matt Wilhoit - Director of Coaching)
- 6.5. What do I do if I have ideas/suggestions/want to help?
 - 6.5.1. Email Feedback@scsaindy.com

7. Weather Policy:

- 7.1. Changes in practice and game schedules will be communicated as soon as possible via team snap/coaches/managers.
- 7.2. Practices will only be canceled for weather related issues if safety is a concern (lightening) or field conditions are bad.