



Development Academy: Technical Framework

Item	Academy Standard
Age Brackets: U-17/18; U-15/16	<p>Date of Birth Cut-off: U-17/18 = January 1, 1989 U-15/16 = January 1, 1991</p> <p>Players are always eligible to play in older age groups</p>
Substitutions	<p>Maximum of seven (7); No re-entry Permitted at any stoppage</p>
Bench	<p>Maximum of seven (7) non-player personnel Non-rostered players allowed to sit on the bench</p> <p>Referee can exercise discretion for allowing non-dressed players and non-player personnel</p>
Game Length	<p>U-17/18 = 2 x 45 minutes U-15/16 = 2 x 40 minutes</p> <p>Extra time in each half kept by Referee No Overtime</p>
Game Roster	Maximum of 18 players
Player Cards	All Academy Players and Academy Coaches must present their U.S. Soccer Development Academy Player / Coach Identification Card to the Referee prior to the game
Discipline	<p>Players issued a red card or second caution resulting in a send-off will serve a one (1) game suspension.</p> <p>The suspension will be served during the club's next scheduled Academy Match.</p>
Substitution Cards	Academy Coaches were emailed Substitution Cards and are encouraged to use them during the game.
Game Reports	<p>Academy Coaches are emailed a game report on the Wednesday prior to every game and are required to bring it to the game.</p> <p>Before the game, the Coach will fill out his starting lineup and seven (7) available substitutes and provide a copy of the form to the referee.</p> <p>During the game, the Referee is responsible for recording substitutions, time of substitution, incidents of misconduct and goals.</p> <p>After the game, the Referee must obtain signatures from coaches or team representatives (using common sense if the game is controversial).</p> <p>The Referee is responsible for returning the game report to U.S. Soccer at academy@ussoccer.org or via fax at 312-808-1301.</p>