



Spring season U-10 Developmental Pool Guidelines

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This program is to provide training in preparation for competitive play next season for those players that have shown the desire and commitment to become better players over the last 3 seasons. At this point this is more like a travel team although this bracket does not exist within CJSA.

1. **Structure:** The U-10 Developmental Pool and associated teams remain under the direction of the U-9/10 developmental age bracket.
2. **Player participation in recreation program:** If your child is part of the Developmental Pool, he/she will no longer be participating on a recreation team.
3. **Developmental Pool practice schedules:** U-10 pool players are required to participate in the Friday night footskills sessions run by the Director of Coaching after which the pool players will practice for 30 minutes with the U10 Pool coach. The pool coach will conduct an additional training session during the week normally on our travel practice field. This practice will be at a time that fits in with the available time slots per the Travel Director(s).
4. **U-10 Developmental Pool coach selection** Position is advertised in the NYS newsletter or newspaper. Letter submitted by candidates highlighting their coaching experience, qualifications, training, philosophy, etc. Final selection is determined by the recommendation of the Developmental Committee consisting of the Travel Director(s), Director of Coaching and Player Development, the U-7/8 Age Director and U-9/10 Age Director. Once they agree on a candidate the NYS Board of Directors must approve this selection by a majority vote.
5. **Player Eligibility:** Any U10 players that participated in the U10 Pool the previous fall season and who met all Fall participatory requirements are encouraged to apply for the Spring Pool. All other U10 players are encouraged to attend footskills each week and speak with the U9/10 Development Age Director as to when he/she can join the pool. Minimum requirements are three consecutive footskill sessions and the recommendation of the coaching director. Player roster will be limited to 20. Upon transition from Rec to the Pool Team, the difference in league fees must be made up. While commitment to the training is still the main deciding factor you must keep in mind that additional costs now come into play. Recreational team coaches are encouraged to recommend footskills to all their players.
6. **Player dismissal:** Players may be dismissed from the Developmental Pool due to lack of attendance at practices, games or for disciplinary reasons. To dismiss a player the Pool coach must petition the Developmental Committee, who will bring it before the NYS Board of Directors for approval.
7. **Tournament selection:** The Developmental Pool squad(s) are allowed to participate in a number of tournaments each season, depending on the size of the pool. The NYS Board of Directors must approve each tournament selected by the Pool coach. Participation in out-of-state tournaments is not permitted.
8. **Tournament fees:** One tournament per season will be paid for by NYS up to an amount equal to the current seasonal maximum contribution given to Competition teams for tournaments. The pools will pay the fees for additional tournaments with the cost divided equally among the players attending the tournament.
9. **Friendly games:** A maximum schedule of 10 friendly games per 16 player pool squad, to ensure rule #12 is adhered to, will be allowed per season of which, a maximum of 5 games are allowed to be at home. These games are only to be played with other U10 pool squads from SCD clubs in good standing. Games will only be played with a certified referee in the middle. It is the coach's responsibility to notify the referee coordinator regarding home game schedule and of game cancellations, in addition to providing the age director the game schedule and player roster for each game.
 - The U10 pool coach is required to be at the SCD scheduling meeting prior to the start of the season.
 - Since they are the only non-rec teams playing on Breen South South they do not need to check with the field scheduler as they arrange each game. Once each U-10 squad has finished with their game schedules, the U-9/109 Age Director submits to the Field Coordinator for final placement and then it can be seen from the web site.
 - To ensure referee coverage pools homes games should be scheduled back to back allowing 1.5 hours per game.



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10. **Player selection for games and tournaments:** Players will be rotated evenly for both friendly games and tournaments. The intent is for all players to participate in the same number of games and tournaments.
11. **Uniforms:** U-10 Pool Players are required to purchase a NYS BoD approved Pool Shirt, through the NYS Purchasing Director, that is required and only to be used for the friendly games and tournament. It is the responsibility of the U-10 Pool coach to coordinate all Pool Shirt sizing, ordering, and distribution with the NYS Purchasing Director. The only approved socks are the board issued socks provided at the beginning of the season. Non-personalized black shorts are required.
12. **Playing time:** Each player must play 50% of each game unless unable to do so for injury, illness or disciplinary reasons. 50/50 Play Time rule (SCD and CJSA) states that a player plays 50% of the game time that they are in attendance. Meaning if the player shows up before the 2nd half, they do not get to play the whole second half. They play half the time that they are physically at the game
13. **Exceptions:** The Developmental Committee and NYS Board of Directors must approve any exceptions to these guidelines.
14. **Registration fees:** Standard Competition registration fee applies in the Spring season.