

Development Academy: Technical Framework



ITEM	ACADEMY STANDARD
Age Brackets: U-17/18; U-15/16	Date of Birth Cut-off: U-17/18 = January 1, 1991 U-15/16 = January 1, 1993 Players are always eligible to play in older age groups
Substitutions	Maximum of seven (7); No re-entry Permitted at any stoppage
Bench	Maximum of seven (7) non-player personnel Non-rostered players allowed to sit on the bench Referee can exercise discretion for allowing non-dressed players and non-player personnel
Game Length	U-17/18 = 2 x 45 minutes U-15/16 = 2 x 40 minutes Extra time in each half kept by Referee No Overtime
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	Players issued a red card or second caution resulting in a send-off will serve a one (1) game suspension. The suspension will be served during the club's next scheduled Academy Match.
Substitution Cards	Academy Coaches were emailed Substitution Cards and are encouraged to use them during the game.
Game Reports	Academy Coaches are emailed a game report on the Wednesday prior to every game and are required to bring it to the game. 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. During the game, the Referee is responsible for recording substitutions, time of substitution, incidents of misconduct and goals. After the game, the Referee must obtain signatures from coaches or team representatives (using common sense if the game is controversial). The Referee is responsible for returning the game report to U.S. Soccer at academy@ussoccer.org or via fax at 312-808-1301.