

U8 Academy Quick Facts

Tryouts – please see the schedule for the latest dates and times. If you have a conflict or concern, please feel free to reach out to the coach (contact info is available at chilisoccer.org/contacts).

Indoor Practice Schedule – will begin on or around November 1 and will be once per week (days and times to be determined). Practices will either be at TSE in Gates, The Athletic Campus or MCC. Indoor training runs through the end of April.

Additional skills sessions and/or practices may be available 1-2 times a month.

Optional Indoor Opportunities – Athletic Campus Christmas Tournament, scrimmages with other academy teams, additional indoor/futsal tournaments, etc.

The outdoor season starts in May with a firm practice schedule to be determined closer to the spring, as well as a game schedule.

U8 Academy teams are eligible* for to participate in the RDYSL (Rochester District Youth Soccer League) travel league. Travel League is included in the travel fee (\$395)
*Age requirement at the discretion of Coaches/CSA.

Tournaments - Chili Invitational (included in fees), additional tournaments are optional and fees can be covered with team fundraising.

U8 Academy FAQ

Can my child still play other sports in addition to Travel/Academy Soccer?

YES! Your child can definitely play other sports, participate in other activities and interests and just be a kid. We do our best with practice and tournaments to work with schedules so that the players can have a life outside of soccer.

Are there going to be "cuts" made?

RDYSL and tournament rosters only allow a maximum amounts of players. Coaches may not be able to keep all players that tryout. Rosters can change year to year. Coaches evaluate players technically and objectively so that every player gets a fair try out for the team.

What is the difference between U8 Academy and U9 Level Travel Team?

The Academy Team is an introduction to travel soccer for players interested in the next level. It is about developing individually and more importantly as a team through higher level training sessions. Kids pick up basic skills they've learned in house/recreation leagues, but development over the first 6-8 months should be immense with our

Academy coaches. Training Sessions are more competitive, more direct, and highly planned out at this important development stage.

The U9 Level will play in the RDYSL league, typically have 2-4 more practice sessions per month than the Academy level and have 1-2 more indoor league/game opportunities (most start at U9). Players are expected to play in 2-3 outdoor tournaments through team fundraising or parent contributions. At the U9 level, teams will move beyond the basics, playing more as a team, incorporating more strategic thinking. Players are always expected to continue to progress – as player development is Chili Soccer's main goal - including practicing on their own time. Training sessions become more complex.