



Soccer Association of Columbia / HC
Fall 2018 Junior Academy Program
www.SACJuniors.com

Fall 2018 Season: 8 Saturdays
Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct. 13, 20, 27 November 3 (rain date is Nov. 10)

2013 Girls Teams	9:00 am to 10:30 am	Clemens Crossing ES	Thunder Hill ES
2013 Boys Teams	9:00 am to 10:30 am	Centennial Lane ES	Clarksville MS
2014 Girls Teams	11:00 am to Noon	Clemens Crossing ES	
2014 Boys Teams	11:00 am to Noon	Centennial Lane ES	Clarksville MS

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Weather If Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Board of Education field status hotline: **(410) 313-6827**

Team Administration

SAC's website <http://www.sackick.com/home/> , Blue Sombrero portal, Volunteer.
Coaches can view their team rosters and contact info. and send emails to their team.

Uniforms will be handed out to players at the first Saturday, Sept. 8th. UA Jersey & Socks. Coaches need to pick-up their team's uniforms Thurs. Sept. 6th, Friday 7th

Head Coaches To Do List

1). By **Wednesday Aug. 29, 2018** please send an email to your team. Introduce yourself and your assistant coaches. Let your team know the location and time for their sessions, reference the field map on the website. Remind parents that all players need to bring a size 3 soccer ball, shin guards and water. Soccer cleats are optional. Recommend giving the parents on your team your mobile phone number so they can contact you. Ask the parents to volunteer to help if you need another assistant coach. Ask for a parent to be the "snack schedule manager" and organize a team snack each Saturday.

2). Between **Aug. 28th and Sept. 7th** review the SAC Junior Academy lesson plans, lesson videos and coaching information. Check your email for additional players being added to your team and more coaching information.

3). On **Saturday September 8th, 2018** please be at your field a little early to greet your team. Take the first 5 - 10 minutes to have a quick team meeting to get to know the players and parents. Hand out uniforms. Start your first team training activity! Have fun! We will not be scrimmaging other teams the first weekend.

SAC Junior Academy Program is ...

- About developing fundamental soccer skills of dribbling, shooting and passing.
- Focus on "age appropriate" activities and skills. Stay Positive! Have Fun!

SAC Junior Academy Program is NOT ...

- Competitive. We will not record scores or keep standings at these age groups.

Things we will **not** be doing in the Junior Academy age groups:

- No heading the ball! Keep the ball on the ground at this age.
- No Throw-Ins, No Corner kicks, No Goal kicks. No Off side.
- Avoid Lines, Lectures and Laps. All running should involve a soccer ball.
- No Goalkeepers. Everyone is a field player at this age group.

It is important for us as coaches to have a basic understanding of the intellectual, emotional and physical developmental stage of the players we are coaching. Here are some typical characteristics of the Under 6 player:

- Focused on themselves – reality to them is based on what they see and feel.
- Unable to see the world from another's perspective.
- Everything is in the here and now.
- Cooling systems are less efficient - need frequent water breaks.
- Enjoy playing, not watching. Every player should have a ball in practice.
- Limited attention span - keep directions concise and to the point.
- Effort is performance – if they try hard, they are doing well.
- Active imaginations –utilize their imagination in activities, and they will love practice!
- Look for adult approval – be encouraging when they say "Coach, look what I can do!"
- Unable to think abstractly – spatial relationships are a mystery.
- Typically have 2 speeds -- extremely fast and stopped.
- Usually unaware of game scores – keep it that way!

Coaching Education Resources

SAC Juniors website <http://sacjuniors.com/coaching-resources/>

MSYSA <http://www.msya.org/coaches/u6sessionplans/>

USSF Digital Coaching Center <https://dcc.ussoccer.com/> Grassroots Coaching

Thank you for volunteering!