



300.3 Louisiana Soccer Academy Program - 2023

300.3.1 Purpose

The LSAP is designed specifically to make learning the game enjoyable for youth players, to focus on the technical development of each player, to de-emphasize results as a measure of success and reduce pressure on players and coaches to earn results and to educate parents and players on the importance of defining long term success in terms of player performance rather than team outcomes.

300.3.2 Players and Age Groups

300.3.1 All players must be duly registered with LSA.

300.3.2 The LSAP shall combine players from 9U and 10U age groups so clubs can create a larger pool environment to accommodate all levels of ability regardless of age.

300.3.3 Admission In to LSAP. The LSAP is a club-based program. To be admitted into the LSAP a Club must file an application to LSA on a form provided by LSA and support such application with any and all required documentation. To be considered for participation in the LSAP, a club must meet the following criteria:

300.3.3.1 LSAP Clubs must commit to participating in the LSAP for the entire seasonal year.

300.3.3.2 Each Club must have an Academy Director who acts as the liaison with the Academies of other LSAP Clubs and LSA. The Academy Director must possess a minimum of a National Youth License from US Youth Soccer, a National D-License from US Soccer or the equivalent as determined by the LSA.

300.3.3.3 Each Club shall have a written training curriculum for each of their LSAP pools. LSA shall assist any club in developing and updating their LSAP curricula. Each Club's curricula shall be submitted to LSA along with the club's LSAP Application each year and shall be reviewed by the LSA Technical Director. Each Club's LSAP curriculum must be posted on the Club's website and otherwise made available to the parents of LSAP players. Goalkeeping must be a component of the Club's LSAP curriculum.

300.3.3.4 The Club shall have submit their Financial Aid Policy to LSA along with their LSAP Application.

300.3.4 Coaching Standards and Training Environment

300.3.4.1 All Coaches in a Club's LSAP must possess at a minimum

a. a US Soccer E-License or

b. have successfully completed 1 on-line and 2 in-person US Soccer Grassroots Modules. One of the in-person modules must be the 11 v. 11 Module), or

c. have successfully completed both the 7 v. 7/9 v. 9 and the 11 v. 11 in-person United Soccer Coaches Coaching Development

Courses.

d. A coach who possesses a US Soccer F-License will be considered to have completed one on-line US Soccer Grassroots Module.

e. US Soccer and United Soccer Coaches coaching education pathways are cumulative and not interchangeable. Each Coach must choose one coaching education pathway or the other. Players participate in pool training format shall be matched up developmentally in smaller groups with a preferred ratio of 10 players to each qualified coach. Players may not participate in more than 3 training sessions per week.

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LSA recommends that Players receive 2 written evaluations annually. Clubs must maintain at least a 3:1 training to match ratio throughout the year.

Rosters

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300.3.5.1

Each player participating in the LSAP shall have an original US Youth Soccer player pass and each coach shall have an original US Youth Soccer coach's pass for the LSAP pool he or she coaches. Each pass shall have a current photograph of the person and the person's date of birth (required for players only) and all passes must be individually laminated.

Rosters shall be LSAP Pool Rosters and shall not be limited in size.

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Pool Rosters must be presented to the referee at the beginning of every game. The players playing in a game are limited to those listed on the Pool Roster. The names of players not playing in a particular game must be crossed off the Pool Roster. Names of players can be added to the roster. Handwritten changes to the roster are permitted.

Clubs shall be free to move players from one team to another from game to game even between games played on the same day so long as every player is named on the Pool Roster.

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Academy Games and Play Dates

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LSAP Rules of Play shall adhere to all US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and to the LSA Modified Rules of Play set forth in LSA Policy.

300.3.6.1

LSAP Clubs shall be responsible for scheduling their own Matches and Play Dates. Clubs are encouraged to have teams play multiple games in a single day. Travel for visiting clubs should be minimized. LSAP Club should reciprocate in playing home and away.

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No scores, rankings or standings will be kept or published in any manner.

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Each player shall be guaranteed at least one half of playing time per match

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Players shall not participate in match play for more than 100 minutes in a single day.

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LSAP Clubs participating in a Play Date shall cooperate with each other in the format of the Play Date. Teams can be balanced or by ability, but Clubs must insure that opposing teams shall be using the same format.

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LSAP Clubs participating in matches or play dates should share expenses such as the cost of referees for each match or on each play date.

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Louisiana Soccer Academy Jamboree and Bob Abbott Cup

- 300.3.7.1 LSA will schedule a statewide LSAP play date in the fall and in the spring. Multiple sites across the state shall be used for the play dates so as to minimize travel and these sites shall be changed so as to be as fair as possible to all participating LSAP Clubs.
- 300.3.7.2 LSAP clubs will also be permitted to enter 10U LSAP teams into an a 10U Academy Division in the Bob Abbott Cup. Players on all LSAP teams entered into the Bob Abbot Cup shall be age appropriate.