



WMYSA U8/U7 Academy

❖ **Purpose:** The WMYSA Academy was designed to enhance development of U8/U7 age players within each club. It is intended for those young players who are interested in advanced training and their parents recognize that the academy structure is more appropriate than “select” team win/loss records at this age.

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- ❖ **Value:** This style of training and play is strongly encouraged by the USSF and US Youth Soccer organization as being the best for player development.
- ❖ **Benefit:** Age appropriate training results in better players long term.



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❖ **Philosophy:** Academy programs allow young players to grow into the game in a fun way with the freedom to experiment and develop at an age appropriate pace. This contrasts with the traditional team format where much importance is placed on the game score. Academy programs allow clubs to create an innovative learning and development environment that also includes multi-club interaction.



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Academy 2010 Fall:

- ❖ **Clubs:** 4 Clubs: Force, Portage, SWM, TKO
- ❖ **Players:** Fall 2010 – 47 players up from xx Spring 2010
- ❖ **Parent Survey:** 91% Very Positive or Positive; 62% want a 4th camp session
- ❖ **Jamborees:** 3 fall jamboree Sunday afternoons



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Spring 2011 WMYSA Academy Dates:

March 29: Deadline for Club Academy team commitments

April 15: Deadline for Academy player registration

May 1: 1st Academy Jamboree at Portage soccer complex (Match Play)

May 8: 2nd Academy Jamboree at Rockey Weed soccer complex (Match Play)

May 15: 3rd Academy Jamboree at Kalamazoo Drake soccer complex (Match Play)

May 22: Fourth Academy Jamboree at Portage soccer complex (Player Camp and Participation Awards)

WMYSA Academy:

It is a great way for young players (U7 and U8) to start out getting involved with Select Soccer. It is focused on player development and fun versus team standing and winning games.

If your club needs any additional information contact Gil Urban, WMYSA Academy Director, at gilurban@aol.com or at 269-369-7436.