



FC AMERICA

soccer academy

**POSITION STATEMENT
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
FOR UNDER 9'S – UNDER 12'S**

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Youth Development Program Commitment

To achieve our goals FC America soccer academy will make the following commitment to its program for Under 9's to Under 12's:

- 1 Provide a quality playing and training facility that is safe for children
- 2 Provide experienced, dedicated, highly motivated, and professional staff to guide players and facilitators.
- 3 Provide an emotionally safe environment for children to learn.
- 4 Ensure that players are trained in the latest skills and techniques.
- 5 Provide a coordinated and centralized structure to create continuity in the development of players.
- 6 We will organize 1 to 3 teams per age group between under 9's and under 12's. The goal is to have 3 teams at U9's with each one following the same developmental plan. Trained soccer educators would work with all 3 teams. Players would be dual registered and periodically rotate between the teams offering a variety of playing experiences.

All players during the U10, U11, and U12 seasons are trained and prepared for premier level play with those showing early potential playing together on the same team in the Greater Central Florida (GCF) Soccer League Premier Division. The other two teams would play either GCF premier and/or competitive divisions. During the transition from Under 12's to Under 13's the 3 teams would then be combined into 2 teams that play 11 v 11 with one team entering the competitive Region Cup division and the other team competing at the State Cup level.

FC America recognizes that for these goals to be achieved the player must, most importantly, enjoy playing and participating in his own development. FC America soccer academy is hugely committed to the development of the "whole" player.

Omni / Kumba Youth Development Program

Target Group

Boys and Girls Competitive and Premier Players Under 9 through Under 12

Purpose:

The Youth Development Program, developed at FC America has a focus that is unique to our club. Our older boy's teams (Omni), and girl's teams (Kumba), have set a standard for soccer synonymous with success and a winning tradition.

This Youth Development Program is designed for younger players making the transition to competitive and premier soccer. It is for parents seeking the highest level of training with a proper perspective on competition WITHOUT sacrificing player development. Coaches are committed to providing minimum playing time standards for league games while tournaments are geared for success game by game.

Players are exposed to an advanced coaching curriculum. Our coaches meet regularly to discuss coaching methods and evaluate players. Our soccer educators develop each player's:

- *Individual ability to attack with creativity*
- *To use proper skills to possess the ball in small groups and as a team*
- *To defend with purpose*
- *To transition from both attack to defense and defense to attack.*

Our goal is to create an environment that nourishes each player's potential and their ability to solve problems within the modern game.

Structure:

Roster Size:	U9-10's (6 v 6)	6 to 9 players per team
	U11's (8 V 8)	10 to 12 players per team
	U12's (8 V 8)	10 to 14 players per team (teams may expand to 11 vs 11 in the spring of the U12 season)

Training:	U9's – 11's	Two - 1 hour practice sessions per week
	U12's	Two 1 ½ hour practice sessions per week

1 - 2 games per week

Limited Number of Tournaments (1 – 4)

Trained Soccer Educator assigned to EVERY team