

# Northside Soccer Academy Parent Handout/Information

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## **Northside Soccer Academy Philosophy:**

- **Develop the child as well as the player**
- **Focus on individual development (and team play)**
- **Foster intrinsic motivation, enjoyment, and self-improvement**
- **Teach through positive and encouraging coaching**
- **Offer a means for players to continue through recreation leagues as well as improve their technical skills (and be taught by club-level coaches)**

## **Northside Soccer Academy Long-Term Goals**

- **Develop as many successful soccer players as possible to play at the “next level” (Middle School, High School, Club, College+)**
- **Train creative & attack minded soccer players**
- **Create competitive travel Academy teams to play against other local clubs (U10-U12)**
- **Provide a more affordable club soccer option in Buckhead**

## **Age Groups Defined/Explained**


- **Northside Soccer Academy Age Groups**

- **Under 8 Boys (6-7), Fridays, 4:30-5:30**
- **Under 8 Girls (6-7), Fridays, 4:30-5:30**
- **Under 10 Boys (8-9), Mondays, 5:00-6:30**
- **Under 10 Girls (8-9) Mondays, 5:00-6:30**
- **Under 12 Boys (10-12) Mondays, 5:00-6:30**
- **Under 12 Girls (10-12) Fridays, 5:00-6:30**
- **Goalkeepers (6-12) Fridays, 6:00-7:00**

- **Why are the age groups different?**

- **Developmentally appropriate in soccer**
  - **The age pairings are tailored to put players at a similar stage in physical, psychological, and social development together**
- **US Youth Soccer uses these age pairings**
- **In future years, competitive travel teams will be formed out of these age groups**

## Locations/Fields

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- **Galloway Athletic Complex**
    - 2400 Defoors Ferry Road
    - Mondays: U10 Boys, U12 Boys
    - Fridays: U8 Girls, U12 Girls
  - **Morris Brandon Primary Center**
    - 2845 Margaret Mitchell Drive
    - Mondays: U10 Girls
    - Fridays: Goalkeepers
  - **Morris Brandon Elementary**
    - 2741 Howell Mill Road
    - Fridays: U8 Boys

## Northside Soccer Academy Staff

- **Director of Coaches: Clayton Schmitt** (NSCAA Advanced National/US National Youth License)
  - Recruits, trains, oversees coaches
- **Academy Director: Todd Massar** (USSF “D”/NSCAA Junior Level VI/NSCAA Level III Goalkeeping)
  - Responsible for Academy travel teams
  - Responsible for program administration
- **Technical Director: Jonathan Bush** (USSF “C”)
  - Develops coaching curriculum
  - Establish benchmarks/measurables for players

## Northside Soccer Academy Coaches

- **U8 Boys:**
  - Alex Mosley (NSCAA Premier Diploma), Nick Mosley (NSCAA Advanced National Diploma)
- **U8 Girls:**
  - Amy Smrcina (USSF “D” License)

- **U10 Boys:**

- **Todd Massar (USSF “D” License)**

- **U10 Girls:**

- **Kira Carr (NSCAA Junior Level VI Diploma)**

- **Nyowo Scott (NSCAA Junior Level VI Diploma)**

- **U12 Boys:**

- **Jay Bland (USSF “D” License)**

- **Jim Horesco (USSF “D” License)**

- **U12 Girls:**

- **Jay Bland**

- **Amy Smrcina**

- **Clayton Schmitt (NSCAA Advanced National Diploma)**

## Northside Soccer Academy Schedule Fall 2011 (full calendar attached)

### Key Dates:

- **September 12**
  - U10 Boys, U10 Girls, U12 Boys kickoff
- **September 16**
  - U8 Boys, U8 Girls, U12 Girls kickoff
- **October 31** **ACADEMY** ★
  - No training for U10B/U10G/U12B
- **November 4**
  - U8 Boys/U8 Girls/U12 Girls final session
- **November 7**
  - U10 Boys/U10 Girls/U12 Boys final session

## Northside Soccer Academy Future Schedule

- **Winter Season (Indoor)**

- Starts December 2011

- 6 weeks

- **Spring Season (Outdoor)**

- Starts late March 2012

- 8 weeks

