



SPORTING ARKANSAS

2019/2020

TEAM TRYOUTS & FORMATIONS

**OFFICIAL ACADEMY
AFFILIATE OF
MLS TEAM
SPORTING KC**



HOW MUCH WILL IT COST IF I MAKE A TEAM? DO I HAVE TO PAY ALL AT ONCE?

All fees are published on the [Financial Obligations Page](#) on our website. Sporting Arkansas will work with you in a variety of ways to help make the registration process and fee payments affordable to you. Each player will be charged \$150 registration fee upon acceptance of their team placement offer.

IS THERE A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFERED?

Yes! Details are on our [Financial Assistance Page](#) on the website.

WILL I NEED TO PURCHASE A NEW UNIFORM THIS YEAR?

YES. All players will need to purchase the new Sporting Arkansas uniforms. Sporting Arkansas uses uniforms for a 2-year cycle period. Please see [Uniform Info Page](#)

WHAT WILL THE TRAINING KIT BE THIS YEAR & IS IT MANDATORY?

All Sporting Arkansas players will be required to wear the clubs training kit to all training sessions indoor or out. Please see the website for all details.

SA LIGHT BLUE Training Top

NAVY Soccer Shorts

NAVY Soccer Socks

Shin-guards

WHAT ABOUT ACADEMY EVALUATIONS?

All Academy players (returning and new) will need to go through the evaluation process before they are accepted into the academy. We encourage all Academy age players to attend as many days as possible. If you are unable to attend let us know and we will arrange a later evaluation time.

WHAT DO THE COACHES LOOK FOR DURING TRYOUTS?

All players will be evaluated based on their technical and tactical ability as well as their physical abilities. Players who exhibit a strong work ethic and who display a respect for the game, coaches and fellow players will show well.

HOW WILL THE TEAMS BE FORMED?

Teams will be formed based on ability and number of players trying out. The player pool will be evaluated, and teams formed based on the ability to compete within the clubs designated leagues and pathways. Sr. Staff will evaluate each age group and form complete teams where we are able to.

What team do I Tryout for?

Birth Year	Proper Age Group
2013-2015	Pre-Academy
2012	Academy
2011	Academy
2010	Academy
2009	11U
2008	12U
2007	13U
2006	14U
2005	15U
2004	16U
2003	17U
2002	19U
2001	19U

Can I play for a team older than my birth year ?

****ALL NEW Players to the club & current Sporting Arkansas players not currently playing up an age group:**

You must attend at least the 1st night of tryouts with your proper birth year age group. After you complete first night of tryouts you may attend a tryout for a team 1 year older. Teams will be picked by ability and development potential. Because you have attended a tryout with an older team there is no guarantee that a position will be offered on that team.

League Affiliations

Sporting Arkansas is a founding member of Arkansas Premier Clubs (APC)



Pathways to National Championships

Arkansas Premier League (APL)-

Teams qualify for the APC State Championship by competing in the APL. Winners of APC State Cup receive bids to US CLUB National Cup.



Red River National Premier League

(NPL) Teams that qualify will play in the Red River NPL. The Red River NPL champions will have another pathway US CLUB National Cups.

US Clubs ID2 Program. Our Players will have enhanced opportunities through ID2 at both the NPL and APL levels.

Next Steps After Tryouts

1. Ensure we have your contact info
 - *Contact Phone #*
 - *Email Address*
2. Staff will be working on team selections and formation. Within ten days you will receive a contact/email with one of the following pieces of information:
 - *Offering placement on a team.*
 - *Explaining where we are in the process and what the timeline is for finalization.*
 - *Or an email that we are unable to offer your player placement on a team*
3. The email you receive will explain the next steps needed to confirm an offered position.
4. If for some reason you have not received an email within 10 days from the last tryout please contact us at:

Email all enquires to:
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arkansas.com

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