



JUNIOR GAELS
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM
U9-U12 BOYS & GIRLS



Frequently Asked Questions

What type of development training will be available for U9-U12 players during Fall 2019?

There will be two sessions available per week:

Sundays – one hour outdoor field sessions for 8 weeks

Tuesdays – one hour indoor ABC (Agility, Balance & Coordination) sessions at the Boys and Girls Club, West End Hub for 8 weeks.

*Players can attend a trial session for both the outdoor and indoor Fall programs. See our website for dates and times: www.clipperssoccer.com

What type of development training will be available for U9-U12 players during Winter 2020?

Sessions will be indoors at our new indoor training facility, and players can sign up for 1 or 2 sessions a week for 10 weeks. Training will be Sundays and Tuesday or Thursday depending on age. Players will be grouped by age division. There may be times when girls and boys are combined based on registration numbers. All sessions will be led by our Development Head Coach.

What is the goal of the Jr Gaels U9-U12 Summer 2020 Development program?

Our summer soccer development program is geared towards players who have a keen interest in the sport of soccer. Our goal is to have as many youth as possible playing the game at their desired level at U13.

What process does the Club follow to form development teams?

All players who wish to, can take part in our development program. To be a part of the Summer 2020 program, players need to be registered online before January 31st 2020 and have paid the development player registration fee. Registration will open January 1st 2020. Keep an eye out on the website and emails from the club for changes to this date.

Why do I have to register in January?

Early registration allows us to have an idea of how many players are interested in the development program. This will allow us to secure coaches ahead of time and be best prepared for the season, including order of uniforms to arrive before the season starts.

What if a player registers after January 31st?

All players who register, even after January 31st, will be a part of the development program and train twice a week until the end of August. However, if you register after Jan 31st, you will only be considered for a spot on a development team if space available.

Do all development players get assigned to a team?

We do not want to turn away any players but are limited by the number of players that can be on a roster by Ontario soccer. Because of this, some players may still train twice a week with the development program, but will play their games in house league. Players can be called up from a house team to development team games to a maximum of 6 times a season.

When and how are teams formed?

Our Development Head Coach will have two open sessions to evaluate players in late February/early March. Players will be assigned to teams by March 10th 2020. Teams will be as equally balanced as possible with the exception of U12 where we will likely have to tier our teams in preparation for U13. Our club development head coach will have final say regarding number of players per team and team assignments.

How will coaches be selected for development teams?

Our Development Head Coach will work to identify parents and community members who want to be a part of coaching in our development program. We will provide coach training to all of our volunteers, so that our players are getting the best soccer experience possible. Our Development Head Coach will also be a main support for volunteer coaches, on and off the field.

What are the expectations for players who wish to play on a development team?

Players will train twice a week from April to end of August. Games will be once a week starting after the May long weekend until the end of August. Times and locations will be determined.

It is expected that players will take part on their own (without parent encouragement) for practices and games. Players will be a positive part of their team, encouraging each other to be better Jr. Gaels on and off the field.

What are the fees for the Development Program?

All players will pay \$200 to register in the development program by January 31st 2020. This fee includes a training top and 2 training nights a week from April to end of August, overseen by our Club's Development Head Coach, with support by paid technical staff.

Once a player is assigned to a development team, they will be required to pay the development team fees by April 15th:

- U9-\$310
- U10-\$390
- U11-\$390
- U12-\$390

***New players** will need to purchase a full game day kit by March 15th so that it is delivered by May 15th. The cost for the game day kit will be around \$130 for youth and \$150 for adult sizes.

What do the team registration fees cover?

Team fees cover costs for spring and summer practices, game day expenses, one outside tournament, Development Head Coach support, technical coach support when needed, team league registration fees and Clippers registration fees.

Are there any other important dates to know about?

- All development team players and parents will be required to attend a mandatory team meeting before April 15th 2020 that will include the teams' volunteer coaches, our Development Head Coach and our General Manager. We will review expectations, go over the schedule for the year and have coaches, parents and players sign the Club Code of Conduct.

Are there any additional costs associated with being on a development team?

Yes - If you are a new player you will need to purchase a kit that will include game day jerseys and training gear. Returning players will have the option to buy new items as needed.

Also, a team may submit a budget for team approval that could include:

- Full training kit
- additional tournaments
- additional uniform items (bags, track suits etc)
- coach appreciation gifts
- coach travel costs
- other items

Is there financial support available?

There are several local community organizations that we can direct you to for financial support. Please contact us for information at info@clippersoccer.com (General Club questions accepted as well). We can also arrange individual payment plans.

For fee & administrative questions, please contact Rae-Marie Martin at gm@clippersoccer.com

For Technical & tactical questions, please contact our Development Head Coach Ryan Gardner at development@clippersoccer.com .