



HIGHLAND PARK SOCCER ACADEMY

Supporting Highland Park High School Soccer since 2004

June 11-14

MPAC

4-6pm

Team Formation Event 2- Open sessions

What time should my player plan to attend the Team Formation-Open Sessions in June?

- Players born 2008-2011 are scheduled for an open session 4-5pm.
- Players born 2001-2007 are scheduled for an open session 5-6pm.

When and how will I know if my player made the team?

- **Player's that have been selected will be informed over email. Please be sure we have your current email by [submitting this form](#).**
- The first round of registration invites for players born in **2009-2011** will be sent via email beginning May 15th and will last through the end of the second team formation event.
- Registration invites for players born **2001-2008** will be sent via email beginning **July 1st** due to North Texas Soccer rules for players U11 and older.

What is the Team Formation Event 2-Open Sessions? How and why is it different from Open Practice?

- Team Formation Event 2 Open-Sessions are the second round of the HPSA 2018-2019 team formation process. These sessions are offered in case a player was unable to attend any of the earlier open-practices and are open to players born in 2001-2011.
- Open Practices are a good way for team coaches to gauge how a player's skills can be developed within the structure of the current team. Additionally, it allows the player practicing with the team to see if it is the right fit for their skills and needs
- For teams 2009-2011, there is a higher priority on May's various Open Practices as registration opens earlier and we can extend invites soon after each player tries out as we do not have to wait until July 1st to extend an invite as we do with our select teams U11 and older.

What does my player need to bring?

- Cleats, shinguards, and a ball properly aired up (Ball Sizes: U7-U8 Size 3, U9-U12 Size 4, U13-U18 Size 5 – *U12 indicates the players are 12 years old or under; many players in the U12 age group will start the season at 11 years old, but will turn 12 by the end of the season*).
- Shirt tucked in, shorts, and socks.
- Plastic water bottles and snacks are not allowed into the facility. There are water fountains located inside the facility.

Which teams are my player eligible to play for?

- Competitive soccer is “age-pure”. This means teams and leagues go by a player’s DOB exclusively to determine team eligibility.
- If a player was born December 31, 2007, they are eligible to play for teams consisting of players born in 2007, 2006, and so on. They are NOT eligible to play with 2008’s—even if they are in the same grade as the player’s on the 2008 team. On a case-by-case basis, players will be invited to play up a year if playing up makes a better fit and supports the team and player’s development.

Do we practice in the summer? The HPSA summer calendar is on pg. 3

- Teams 2009-2011 will have mandatory team practice each Monday/Thursday of the last two weeks of Summer August 9, 13, 16, & 20 from 6-7pm.
- Teams 2002-2008 will have mandatory team practice every Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 6-7pm August 1-August 22.
- Practices will be split between the Moody Family YMCA and Goar Park. More information is provided upon the registration email. (**TUES/THURS Sessions are located inside the YMCA & the MON/WED/FRI sessions are located outside at Goar Park**).
- Prior to the mandatory team practices in August, we will hold our annual Summer Pass program throughout the month of July and through first two weeks of August for our younger players. Summer Pass will be held 6-7pm at Goar Park and the YMCA. These practices are optional, but team players are highly encouraged to attend as many as possible. For those making travel plans, June and July are the best months to travel in order to be in town for the August practices.

What do the annual events look like?

- Visit www.hpsocceracademy.com/events/ for more insight to what an August-May schedule consists of.
- All games and practices are mandatory. Coaches will work with players that participate in multiple sports with the understanding that in the event of a game conflict HPSA is the priority.
- 2018-2019 Teams 2009 and older are given three tournaments a year in addition to a fall, winter, and spring season.
- 2018-2019 Teams born in 2010 & 2011 are given two tournaments a year in addition to a fall, winter, and spring season.

The HPISD Academic Calendar & Facility Policy

- With the exception of our Summer Team Practices in August, if HPISD is closed we do NOT train. We will not have practices throughout the Winter Break, Thanksgiving Break, or on various student and staff holidays in the Spring Semester.
- HP Soccer Academy is the only competitive soccer program with access to the HPISD facilities including Highlander Stadium and the MPAC. We are given access to the facility with the understanding that should an HPHS UIL team require access to the facility during our scheduled practice time, we will allow the HPHS team use of the facility. While HPISD makes the effort to limit how frequently this occurs, please understand there is potential for a few last minute cancellations due to this policy.

The commitment...

- HP Soccer Academy encourages players to engage in other activities and sports, as a multi-sport athlete makes for a well-rounded asset on a team. However, please understand that players develop the most during team training. A consistent lack of attendance at practice will result in a reduced amount of playing time.
- Georgia Soccer provides an in-depth [analysis](#) as to the importance of practices and how different commitment levels will result in different outcomes developmentally on both the team and individual level.

Words that are [blue and underlined](#) have links. Click them for more details.

June		
June 11 to 14	HPSA 2018-19 2001-2011 Team Formation Event 2- Open Sessions 4-5pm: Players born 2008-2011 5-6pm: Players born 2001-2007	MPAC (HP Indoor Facility)
June 11 to 14	HP Varsity Coaches Camp open to all grades K-8 th (1:30-3:30pm)	MPAC (HP Indoor Facility)
July		
July 5-July 31st	HPSA Summer Flexi Pass players 08 and older (Tues/Wed/Fri)	Goar Park & YMCA
July 5-August 6 th	HPSA Summer Flexi Pass players 09 and younger (Mon/Thurs)	Goar Park & YMCA
August		
Aug. 9, 13, 16, 20	Mandatory Team Practice- Boys and girls teams 09, 10, & 11 6-7pm	Goar Park & YMCA
Aug. 1-22	Mandatory Team Practice- Boys and girls teams 08 and older (Tu/Wed/Fri of each week) 6-7pm	Goar Park & YMCA
Aug. 23	First day of 2018-2019 HPISD academic calendar	HPISD
Aug. 27	First day of team practice all teams 2018-2019	Highlander Stadium

Please be sure to review our [FAQ](#). For further questions, please contact us at robertson@hpsocceracademy.com or 214.520.2322.

