



## LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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*Providing each and every child with a fun filled experience in a soccer environment*

## PLAYERS' TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL ACADEMY SEASON FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

*This document describes the schedule for the new D.A. Group (2018 births), starting with tryouts in late May, 2024 and running through late April, 2025, when tryouts for the Under 8 travel teams will take place. The exact dates for all training sessions will be determined by Art Hernandez, the head of the Developmental Academy.*

*Cost: Each player will be expected to make four payments of \$450 each to LMSC (\$1800 total). This fee will cover the cost of the coaches' salaries, field rentals gym rentals, equipment and referee fees. Payments will be due on June 15, September 15, December 15 and March 1. Players may send in a check to LMSC or pay via Venmo to LMSC Treasurer Meghan Moore: @MegMooreLMSC*

### MAY & JUNE

- Late May – Tryouts for the new D.A. groups (2018 births only). Two tryouts total for each gender.
- Weeks of June 17 and 24 – Two training sessions a week

### JULY

- Week of July 4 – Holiday Week, no soccer
- Weeks of July 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Two training sessions a week on weeknights. Occasional play-day (4v4 or 5v5 games only) on some, but not all, weekends. Players are excused from any and all activities when they are away on vacation during the summer months.

### AUGUST

- Weeks of August 6, 12 – Two training sessions a week, probably Tuesdays and Thursdays. Occasional play-day (4v4 or 5v5 games) on some, but not all, weekends. Players are excused from any and all activities when they are away on vacation during the summer months.
- Weeks of August 19 and 26 – Fall Break, no soccer

### SEPTEMBER

- Weeks of September 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Two training sessions a week, on weeknights. Play-day (4v4 or 5v5 games) on all Sunday afternoons except September 1.

## **OCTOBER**

- Weeks of October 7, 14, 21, 28 - Two training sessions a week, on weeknights. Play-day (4v4 or 5v5 games) every Sunday afternoon. At some point, practices will switch to the evening, under the lights.

## **NOVEMBER**

- Weeks of November 4 and 11 - Two training sessions a week, on weeknights. Play-day (4v4 or 5v5 games) every Sunday afternoon.
- Weekend of November 16, 17 – Supplemental tryout for each D.A. group. Additional players will be invited to join the current D.A. groups. Current D.A. players do not attend the supplemental tryouts.
- Week of November 25 – Thanksgiving Week, no soccer.

*\*\*\* We will be adding one or more events in November where we will play friendlies against players from other clubs.*

## **DECEMBER**

- Weeks of December 1, 8, 15 – One training session and one night of 5v5 games. One session will be indoors, one will be outdoors (weather permitting).
- Weeks of December 22 and 29 – Winter Break, no soccer.

## **JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH**

- Weeks of January 5, 12, 19 26
- Weeks of February 2, 9, 16, 23
- Weeks of March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Week of April 6
  - One training session and one night of 5v5 games. One session will be indoors, one will be outdoors (weather permitting).
  - One additional outdoor weeknight practice will be added sometime in mid-March, after the start of Daylight Saving Time and after the outdoor grass fields open up.

*\*\*\* We will be adding one or more events in February and / or March where we will play friendlies against players from other clubs.*

## **APRIL**

- Week of April 13-20 – No soccer, Easter break, Public School spring break
- Weeks of April 21, 28 – Under 8 travel team tryouts for 2018 births. Player selection for our Under 8 travel teams. These will be finalized in early May. Travel teams will begin training soon after, under the direction of the individual travel team coaches.