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# **SYSA endorses and invites you to the Fall 2009 ... SEATTLE UNITED Development Academy**

## ***Learn, Have Fun & Train with the Best!***

The Fall 2009 SEATTLE UNITED FC Development Academy provides an outstanding opportunity for serious, young soccer players to challenge themselves and develop the skills necessary for higher level competition. Through games focused on dribbling, ball mastery, precise passing and receiving, shooting and small sided games, players will develop the fundamental skills and techniques essential to moving their game to the next level. Back by popular demand, SEATTLE UNITED FC is proud to bring you the Coerver® Coaching method, used by top clubs worldwide such as Real Madrid, Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United. Go to [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org) and click REGISTRATION to sign up.

The SEATTLE UNITED FC Development Academy curriculum was created and will be delivered by top local coaches, led by COERVER® Coaching technical trainers and SYSA Youth Development staff coaches and technical trainers. The Development Academy consists of 8 (1.5 hour) sessions on Fridays. It is designed to supplement players' current training and matches over the course of their fall season with technical training.

## ***How Do I Register***

Registration is online only at [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org). Click REGISTRATION on the SYSA home page. Payment via Debit or Credit Cards only.

- Cost: \$145. (includes Academy T-Shirt).
- Wear shin guards and cleats and bring water.
- Scholarships available to qualified families. Contact us at 206-274-1318 for more info.
- Questions? Call us at 206-274-1318 or email us at [seattleyouthsoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:seattleyouthsoccer@yahoo.com).

## ***Development Academy Details***

WHO: Boys and Girls, Ages 8-11 (U9-U12)

WHEN: Fridays, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (8 sessions)

WHERE: Shoreline Sports Complex

19030 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98133

Time: Sessions are scheduled between 5 and 7PM

**Space is limited!**

## **Seattle United Development Academy Team**



### **Jimmy McAlister, Academy Director**

- Recipient, Sounders FC Golden Scarf Award
- US Soccer Development Academy Coach
- Sounders Professional Soccer Player Legend
- Former professional player for Seattle Sounders, San Jose Earthquakes, Toronto Blizzard, and Tacoma Stars
- NASL Rookie of the Year (1977)
- Former Member, US National Team (1977-79, 6 caps)
- Coach, US Adult Soccer Natl Champs (Hibernian Saints)
- Coach, Youth Soccer Club State Champs (U12/13/14)
- Coach, State H.S. 4A Back-to-Back Champs (Decatur)
- Inductee, WA State Youth Soccer Hall of Fame

### **SYSA Youth Development Staff**

- Instructors to Seattle's top youth players and teams.
- Top youth development staff coaches and trainers from SYSA select programs.

### **COERVER® Coaching (<http://www.coerver.com>)**

- **TR Stoneback, Academy Technical Director**
- Proven method used by successful youth clubs and academies worldwide.
- Central theme is improvement of individual skills and small team group play.
- Top clubs such as Real Madrid, Manchester United, Arsenal and others utilize Coerver® Coaching method.

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# Feedback from Our Spring Development Academy Participants

*"I think it is a correct thought that players who have better ball handling control will be able to tactically advance sooner and faster, I have noticed a big difference in my daughter's ability to control the ball to a direction she wants to make a pass. For players that are detail oriented and are really interested in becoming a better soccer player, this has been great."*

*"My 11 year old daughter participated and it has been great. She has been to a few clinics as have I as the coach of my younger son's team. All of them have been very well done, but the content of the academy is so different that it is very engaging. It is also very good in that it can give players the tools to work on their games individually. Keep it up!"*

*"This is my son's first clinic/camp. It has been amazing and he is very excited about the skills. It has increased his confidence on the ball and he is finally enjoying playing forward. He used to only want to play in defense or goal. It has made him a better player and me a better coach."*

*"Thought it was great! My kids had a good time and learned a lot (things they aren't learning with their own coaches during their fall soccer season). It was very organized and professionally run. Liked the focus on skill development with drills. Overall felt like a high quality clinic that was worth the cost. I would definitely send my kids again."*

*"I am very pleased with the Academy. Activities started promptly, it was well organized and efficiently executed. I liked the demonstrations at the end, and the drills were unique enough to engage the younger kids. My daughter liked it enough to actually fill in her worksheet at home (for a little while, anyway). As far as comparisons go, I will say that I had to drag my kid to this because of previously uneven experiences with clinics, kick-arounds, etc. She left this one pumped up and looking forward to the next session. I think that speaks volumes. Overall, I was very impressed and hope that you continue to offer these academies."*

*"I think TR Stoneback and the trainers have done an excellent job of introducing the program and demonstrating to the players the value of working to develop their specific skills. My son's skills have improved since he began this program and I appreciate that he was given the opportunity to participate."*

*"This is a tremendous program -- and fits a VERY clear need that we've had in SYSA. I love that it's being offered to younger kids and that it's Coerver. It compares very favorably to the few others I've seen."*

*"The training at the Spring Academy was very good and at a higher level than most that my kids have attended. The coaches were very organized and ran the kids through a good mix of drills. They also showed the kids very good skills."*

*"It has been a very good experience for my daughter. She has not had an exceptional amount of technical training, so the skills that are being taught will be invaluable to her. I am definitely in favor of having more training like this."*

*"My 11 year old son has had a great time. He feels that the exercises are fun and memorable. The atmosphere feels friendly, cooperative, and collegial to him. We'd certainly do it again if it was offered--in fact, we'd likely re-enroll throughout the year if sessions were offered back to back."*

*"I am writing to let you know how absolutely pleased we are with the training. From the program itself to the trainers, my son and I feel it is a top-notch program. Already he has learned many practice techniques to improve his foot skills and coordination, and he has been really impressed with the caliber of the trainers. Of all the training he has had through select soccer and the Sounders YDP, this training has been the most inspiring to him and I see a big difference in his motivation to practice at home after listening to TR talk to the kids and teach them such useful foot skills training techniques. We would definitely sign up for this program if it were offered again. It is well organized, professional, inspiring, relevant and fun."*

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