



US Soccer Developmental Academy  
& Virginia Rush Developmental Academy Program

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2013 U14/13 Virginia Rush Developmental Academy Program

Monday October 22, 2012 US Soccer began the process of laying out the addition and formation of the U14/13 US Soccer Developmental Academy program to their respective members. Starting in the fall of 2013 the Virginia Rush Developmental Academy Program will include U18/17, U16/15 and U14/13 age group teams in this program. U14/13 programming will be for players born in 1999 and later. While specifics of the program, travel, opponents and events are still to be determined, the following link will allow you to view the overall outline and focus for this program.

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Following a [comprehensive review of elite player development](#) in the United States and around the world, U.S. Soccer created the Development Academy in 2007 to improve the everyday environment for the elite youth player.

The Development Academy is a partnership between U.S. Soccer and the top youth clubs around the country to provide the best youth players in the U.S. with an everyday environment designed to produce the next generation of National Team players. The Academy's programming philosophy is based on increased training, less total games and more competitive games.

The Academy also connects National Team coaches directly with the Academy clubs to develop and identify players and coaches for future Youth National Teams. Each Academy team is evaluated by a member of the Men's Scouting Network at least ten times each year and each Academy club receives two formal evaluations in over 100 categories each year from U.S. Soccer Technical Staff.

The Development Academy is also focused on identifying and developing the next generation of elite referees. U.S. Soccer assigns up-and-coming officials to participate in Academy games at the local level and at national events.

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The Virginia Rush Developmental Academy program will begin training the age specific players this winter and should anyone be interested from outside the club in trying out, please contact Jay Hoffman or Darren Warham at 757-430-3500.