

United Development Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the United Development Program (UDP)?

UDP, formerly known as accelerated soccer, is the training program for U9/U10 players that want to receive a higher level of soccer training than recreational soccer can typically provide.

Who will be training/coaching players that participate in the UDP program?

Teams will be coached by qualified parent coaches or by a member of our professional training staff. All UDP coaches and trainers are selected by the Director of Coaching based on coaching experience, licensing, and coaching philosophy.

When are UDP tryouts?

Tryouts are for select teams. Select teams are not allowed at the U9/U10 age groups in Nebraska. For this reason, there are no tryouts. All interested players are welcome to participate in the UDP program and will not be 'cut' from a team.

How are UDP teams formed?

Players will be grouped by ability with the goal of placing like-skilled players together. To achieve this, players will be observed by the UDP coaches and trainers at the free clinics in June and at the UDP training sessions held on Monday nights in June and July.

Does my child have to attend all the UDP free clinics and training sessions?

It is beneficial for your child to attend as many clinics and training sessions as possible for two reasons. First, the more the coaches/trainers see and interact with your child the better job they can do placing him/her on a team with like-skilled players. Second, it's FREE! Attending all training sessions is equal to attending a two week camp!

When will the UDP teams be announced?

Rosters should be finalized by July 23, 2010.

Will there be a lot of travel with the UDP team?

Games are played both in Elkhorn and surrounding areas including Gretna, Bellevue, Fremont, and Lincoln.

What league will the UDP teams compete in?

All U9/U10 recreational and UDP teams participate in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association (ENSA). UDP teams can be placed in division 1, 2, 3. Some of the division 3 teams might compete against some of the Elkhorn recreational teams.

Will new teams be made for the spring season?

No, UDP teams will remain the same for the fall and spring season. Participating in the UDP program is a one year commitment.

How much does it cost to register for the United Development Program?

One year of UDP is \$350.00. This covers registration for the fall/spring league, three tournament entry fees, and all sessions of futsal offered by the club.

Are there any additional costs?

All players must purchase a new uniform for the 2010-2011 soccer year. This uniform will be used for the next three years. Some teams will also have an additional training fee to pay for their coach. Professional coaches may be used for the upper division teams in the U10 age group, this is determined by the Director of Coaching. Professional coaches will also be used if a qualified parent volunteer cannot be found.

How do I register?

Registration is available on our website, www.elkhornsoccer.org, save \$10 by registering online. Registration must be received by June 30 to guarantee a spot on a UDP team.

Why should my son/daughter participate in the UDP program?

The United Development Program is the best training you can receive at this age level. A vast majority of players that participate on a select soccer team began by playing accelerated soccer.