

**Atlanta Fire United Pike**  
**2023 – 2024 Registration Information**



## **2023-2024 OVERVIEW**

### 1. **PROGRAMS**

#### **Academy Program**

Our Academy Program at AFU Pike introduces youth players in the 7 to 12-year-old age groups to a more competitive soccer environment. Our Academy's philosophy is one of learning how to play the most popular sport in the world with creativity, fun, and attacking soccer. Challenging training sessions conducted by the Academy staff are the key ingredient in the personal development of the players. Training activities are devised to help each player improve technically, tactically, physically, and psychologically. Games are played against top metro Atlanta clubs to create the necessary ratio and platform for development.

This program is designed for players ages 7 through 11. Our Academy program offers competition against other Metro Atlanta Soccer Club Academy Teams. Typically, teams will have 10 games and play in 2 tournaments per season (Fall and Spring) **Tryouts are required. Players are selected for teams based on their overall skill level.**

#### **Select Program**

This program is designed for players ages 12-18 and offers the opportunity to play in state, regional and national league structures. Select teams to participate in GPL. The number of games varies depending on the age group and performance. U13 and U14 teams will have both Fall and Spring season, where U15 and older teams typically compete in regular games in the Fall season only. **Tryouts are required. Players are selected for teams based on their overall skill level.**

## **2023 – 2024 Academy/ Select Tryouts**

### **Tryouts and Evaluation & Team Placement Process**

Our tryout registration is open, and we want any player interested in playing Academy/ Select, AFU Pike for the 2023-2024 soccer year to register as soon as possible if you haven't already. Please keep in mind that registering does not commit you to anything but does help us plan appropriately. **FOR LEGAL PURPOSES, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR TRYOUTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AND MUST BE REGISTERED BY A LEGAL GUARDIAN. LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT AT TRYOUTS TO SIGN IN THEIR PLAYER.**

At AFU Pike our goal is to provide the best possible development platform for every player. Team placement must align with the overall skill level of the player, where the player can be challenged but also find success within the level of play.

AFU Pike will use ID sessions as well as tryouts to evaluate all players. In addition to tryouts, AFU Pike coach and training staff will collaborate through conversations and conferences to ensure each returning player's seasonal play, previous evaluations, demonstrated skill, demonstrated progress & development, maturity, mentality, and overall body of work throughout the 2022-2023 soccer year is factored into their respective team placement for the 2023-2024 season. Current and former coaches as well as program directors are part of the player evaluations.

### **Tryout Timeline**

#### **U9 Bridge, U10 - U12 Academy**

- Field Evaluations: May 30 – June 1
- Placement offers: June 3 - June 6
- Acceptance Letters: June 3 – June 6
- Signing Day / Team meetings:  
\*\*\*Details TBA\*\*\*

#### **U13 - U19 Select**

- Field Evaluations: May 22 - May 24
- Placement offers: June 3 – June 6
- Acceptance Letters: June 3 – June 6
- Signing Day / Team meetings: \*\*\*Details TBA\*\*\*

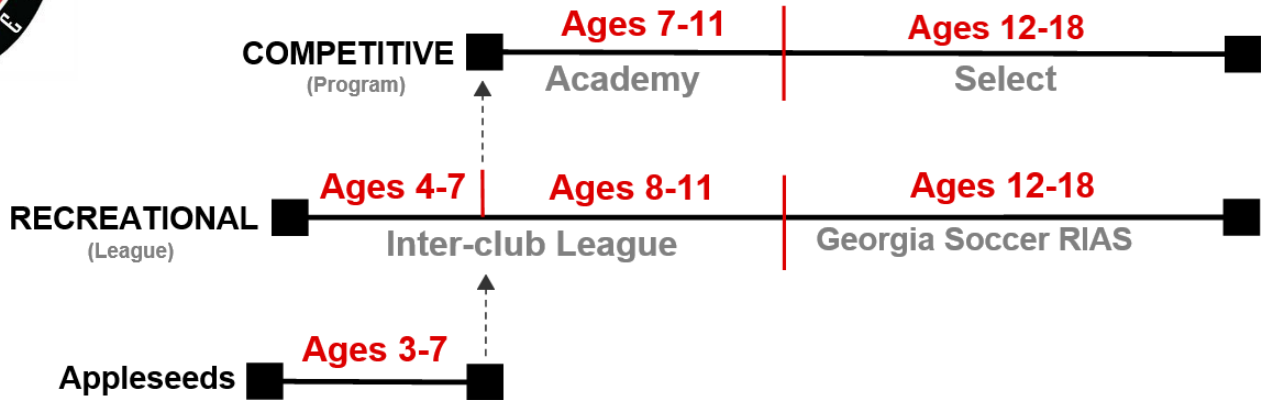
**Acceptance letters will be sent via email by Monday following tryouts and have 48 hours to accept to reserve their spot on the team.**

We truly appreciate your support and understanding during the tryout process. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your coach or other AFU staff member and we will gladly assist you in any way we can.

If you have any specific questions, or have not received an invitation by the Monday following tryouts, please contact the Director of the program that your son or daughter will be participating in.



# Player Development Pathway



## **Recreational Program:**

This program is designed for players ages 4-18 and offers opportunity to learn and enjoy the beautiful game with family and friends in a fun and energetic atmosphere. Our well-established recreation program is the foundation of our club and the starting point for most of our players.

## **Appleseeds Program:**

This inter-club program is designed for players ages 3-4 and is designed to teach basic soccer skills and encourage the love of the game. This program is led by volunteer coaches and meets ONLY on Tuesdays or Thursdays for a 30-minute session.

## **Academy Program:**

This program is designed for players ages 7-11, offers competition against other Metro-Atlanta soccer club academy teams. Our Academy introduces youth players to a more competitive soccer environment.

## **Select Program:**

This program is designed for players ages 12-18 and offers opportunity to play in state, regional and national league structures.

## **2023 -2024 Highlights and Changes**

### **Strength, Conditioning, and Injury-Prevention Program**

- Starting with the 2023 – 2024 season, our Academy and Select programs will pilot a new strength, conditioning, and injury-prevention/ACL-prevention program as a part of their curriculum/training schedule. This program will be led by strength and conditioning specialists and will run through the Fall and Spring seasons.
- Our goal is to expand this training and offer optional training opportunities in the future.

### **Coaching and Staff Additions**

- TBA

### **VEO**

- We will continue to use our VEO camera in training sessions and games.
- Our goal is to use this as a platform to improve training and game play.

## 2023 – 2024 Academy Financial Commitment (U9-U12)

There are three payment options:

1) **Pay tuition in full:**

Payment due upon registration

**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***

2) **Pay tuition in four installments:**

Payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of: June, August, September, and October

**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***

3) **Pay tuition in five installments:**

Payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of: June, August, September, October, and November

**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***

If a payment plan is selected, the first payment is due at the time of registration. If a player registers later than June, multiple payments may process together at the time of registration.

**\*\*\*Any accounts 30 Days or more PAST DUE, will result in the players card to be pulled, meaning your player will not be allowed to participate in games. 60 Days or more will result in expulsion from the team with NO REFUND\*\*\***

Age	Tuition	4 Installments	5 Installments
U9 Bridge	\$200.00	\$50.00 / Month	NA
U10	\$950.00	\$237.50/ Month	\$190.00/ Month
U11	\$950.00	\$237.50 / Month	\$190.00 / Month
U12	\$950.00	\$237.50 / Month	\$190.00 / Month

## 2023 – 2024 Select Financial Commitment (U13)

There are three payment options:

1) **Pay tuition in full:**

Payment due upon registration

**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***

2) **Pay tuition in four installments:**

Payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of: June, August, September, and October

**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***

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Payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of: June, August, September, October, and November

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Age	Tuition	4 Installments	5 Installments
U13	\$1150.00	\$287.50/ Month	\$230.00 / Month
U14	\$1150.00	\$287.50/ Month	\$230.00/ Month

# 2023 – 2024 Select Financial Commitment (U14 U19)

There are three payment options:

- 1) **Pay tuition in full:**  
Payment due upon registration  
**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***
  
- 2) **Pay tuition in four installments:**  
Payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of: June, August, September, and October  
**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***
  
- 3) **Pay tuition in five installments:**  
Payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of: June, August, September, October, and November  
**\*\*\*Tournaments and uniforms are not included\*\*\***

If a payment plan is selected, the first payment is due at the time of registration. If a player registers later than June, multiple payments may process together at the time of registration.

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Age	Tuition	4 Installments	5 Installments
U15	\$850.00	\$212.50 / Month	\$170.00 / Month
U16/U17	\$850.00	\$212.50 / Month	\$170.00 / Month
U19	\$850.00	\$212.50 / Month	\$170.00 / Month



# **Academy Program Overview**

## **Age Groups:**

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Birth Year</i>
<b>U9 Bridge</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>
<b>U10</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>U11</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>U12</b>	<b>2012</b>

## **What's included:**

- Price is for Fall and Spring seasons.
  - U9 Bridge is excluded from this and will be season to season.
- Two training sessions per week.
  - U9 Bridge – All teams
- Three training sessions per week:
  - U10 – All teams
  - U11 - All teams
  - U12 - All teams
- Training Session Length: 70-90 minutes
  - U9 Bridge 60 – 75 Minutes
- Games: minimum of 10 per season (Fall and Spring)
- Game Days: Saturdays and Sundays
  - We will do our best to schedule games after Sunday church services.

## **Free Additional Training Sessions Included:**

- Goalkeeper Training
- Various Clinics
- AFU Pike trainer led sessions.

## **Optional Training/Educational Sessions: (Fees and Dates to be announced)**

- Fall: September/October/November
  - Camps, Skills Programs
- Winter: December/January
  - Camps, Clinics
- Spring: February/March/April/May
  - Camps, Skills Program
- Summer: June/July
  - Camps, Clinics

## Select Program Overview

Age Group	Birth Year
<b>U13</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>U14</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>U15</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>U16/17</b>	<b>2008/2007</b>
<b>U19</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>

### **What's included:**

- Three training sessions per week:
  - U13 – All teams
  - U14 - All teams
  - U15 - All teams
  - U16 - All teams
  - U19 - All teams
- Training Session Length: 70-90 minutes
- Games: minimum of 10 per season (Fall and Spring)
  - For U15 and up, tuition is only for Fall 2023. We will not have a Spring session. for U15 – U19 age groups.
- Game Days: Saturdays and Sundays
  - We will do our best to schedule games after Sunday church services.

### **Free Additional Training Sessions Included:**

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## **What Tuition Pays For**

- **Coach and Trainer Compensation:**
  - AFU Pike makes it a priority to select and retain the finest coaches and trainers in the area.
  - All payments made to the team coach and trainers are paid by AFU Pike registration fees.
- **Continuing Education for Coaches and Trainers:**
  - AFU Pike continuing education a priority for all AFU Pike coaches and trainers.
  - Coaches and Trainers are reimbursed for the cost of Grassroots and USSF coaching courses passed by staff.
- **Player Development Program:**
  - Supplemental player development programs, offered during the season, including striker clinics, goalkeeper clinics and soon to come, Fun Fridays. (Programs differ based on age and team level)
- **GA Soccer Fees:**
  - Registration, insurance and other benefits with the Georgia Soccer Association, US Club Soccer and USYSA and USSF.
- **Referee Fees:**
  - Fees for referees throughout the season
    - Does not include referee fees for tournaments or friendlies scheduled in addition to season game schedule.
- **Club Administration Costs:**
  - Website, On-line registration, office supplies, soccer/field equipment, field usage agreements and staff background checks.
- **Annual Field Maintenance:**
  - Sodding, fertilization, cutting and lining of game and practice fields.

## 2023 – 2024 Academy/Select Uniforms

### General Information:

- 2023 – 2024 is the last year of the current uniform cycle below
- Uniform Kits are **NOT** included in tuition and will need to be purchased for **ALL** players.
  - Estimated costs:
    - 2 jerseys, 2 pairs of shorts, 2 pairs of socks, outerwear is approx. \$226 + tax.
  - Atlanta Fire United bags and training shirts are required for all players. (Not to be purchased if you already have one)
- AFU Pike uses MyUniform through Lloyd’s Soccer. Which is an invitation-based ordering system.
  - Once jersey numbers have been assigned and a club representative enters your information into the site, you will receive an email invitation with instructions to access your account and place your uniform order.
  - The ordering process will guide families through required items and optional items depending on their player’s team and level of play.
- Game jerseys are customized pieces with the AFU Pike logo and player number. Once a jersey is customized, it cannot be returned to Lloyd’s Soccer.
- **All uniforms need to be ordered by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- **AFU Pike, U9 Bridge will order uniforms from squadlocker.com.**

### Jersey Number Assignment/Selection Process:

- Duplicate jersey numbers are not allowed within an age group/pool.
- Jersey numbers for the 2023 – 2024 season will be assigned as follows:
  - Existing AFU Pike players will retain their previously assigned jersey number.
  - New AFU Pike players will be assigned a jersey number by the Directors.
- In the event a player moves to a team with a duplicate jersey number, the moving player will be required to change jersey numbers. A jersey number will be assigned by the Directors.

## Uniform Kits:

In partnership with Nike and Lloyd's Soccer, we are proud to present the 2023 – 2024 uniform kits:

### Training (all teams)



## Uniform Sizing

- If you are uncertain which size(s) would be appropriate for your player, you can visit the Lloyd's Soccer Store to try on samples:
  - 9700 Medlock Bridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30097
  - (470) 767-8196

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