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## **South Houston Academy League**

### **Mission**

**SHAL is designed to provide a soccer gaming league that will develop players to their greatest potential and expose them to the most appropriate level of competition for their individual stage of development.**

### **Objective**

**SHAL was established in to have players of similar ability practice and play games against each other while implementing a consistent curriculum for each age group that has been thoughtfully created and managed by professional staff. Curriculum will be used as a tool for pro staff to educate and guide volunteer coaches as they work with players. SHAL will provide each player with a fun atmosphere where they feel comfortable learning and developing a love for the sport of soccer. The overall goal is to encourage players to practice and continue their development outside of an organized setting using the foundation they have been provided through SHAL.**

### **General Guidelines**

- SHAL will be responsible for organizing, scheduling, and supervising all competitions held in SHAL. This includes but is not limited to practices and games.**

- SHAL will consist of U8 (U7-U8) and U10 (U9-U10) age groups**

- **Playing seasons will be Fall and Spring with a minimum of 9 games each season.**  
Fall runs August – November and Spring runs February – May.
- **End of Season Tournaments will be played at the conclusion of each season.**
- **Each region will have designated professional staff to oversee practices and work with coaches to train players.**
- **All players will participate in a skills evaluation prior to each season, the results of which will be used to place them in appropriate tiers for training and games.**

## **Team Formation**

- **Players will be divided into appropriate tiers based on their skills evaluation**
  - **U8 tiers will play 4v4 games**
  - **U10 tiers will play 6v6 games**
- **Combining similar tiers from all regions will form gaming brackets for league play.**