



# GET IN THE GAME!

## SPOKANE SOUNDERS U6-U8 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

No Cost Youth  
Development Program

U6, U7, U8

Multiple locations in  
Spokane

Register Online Today!



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## What is the Youth Development Program?

- An inclusive, NO COST program for boys and girls to learn the beautiful game of soccer!
- Age groups for 2022-2023 season will be U8 (2015 birth year,) U7 (2016 birth year,) and U6 (2017 birth year.)
- Dedicated curriculum, soccer education and resources for both players and parents.
- 2 skill-based training sessions per week and one match on the weekend, working with qualified and experienced coaches
- Spokane Sounders training top provided!

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# Meet the Director

- Marc Mason a native of Liverpool, England has immense experience in the game of soccer, in player development and in coach education.
- Marc was a part of Everton FC's Youth Academy system as an U6-U8 phase coach for 6 years, under professional managers David Moyes (West Ham UTD) and Roberto Martinez (Belgium National Team Manager).
- Marc is a UEFA B Licensed Coach, holds an advanced FA Youth Award, achieved a Bachelors with Honors in Sport Coaching and Development and has completed his Masters of Education toward Health, Fitness and Sport Psychology
- Since joining the Spokane Sounders in 2016, Marc has developed a vast amount of players in the game, winning State Cups, Local Cup Tournaments and many Division Championships. Marc has also worked with Elite Players in the development program for Washington Youth Soccer from 2017-2019.
- YDP Director Marc Mason, "U6-U8 is where it all starts for players in England. I feel there has to be an inclusive and cost-free program for these ages that is educational, fun and develops not only the skill of the players, but their grit, their attitude and lifelong excitement to grow in the game, helping them to become a great sportsperson."





# What differentiates our program?

- YDP will be of no cost to our participants.
- Professional academy style coaching and curriculum through Marc Mason.
- Weekly coach education and support to provide the best outcomes for our players.
- This is a no cut program.
- Training Locations will be spread out through different regions of the Spokane Area.
- Curriculum will consist of age appropriate skill-development activities, character development and maximum play-time for all in both training and in games.
- Players will have the opportunity to build relationships, aid in a healthy active lifestyle and learn new skills specifically tailored to each individual player
- The program will be in alignment with Spokane Sounder's 4 Pillars: Development, Competition, Community, and Enjoyment.

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# Become a Part of the Team!

- Through this program we are looking to bring the community together in learning the beautiful game, and in supporting and educating our players.
- Designed and led by YDP Director Marc Mason, the coach education pathway gives community members a chance to become coaches themselves, to learn the game, to learn how to help players grow in the game and provide a supportive environment for players in their soccer journey.
- In joining this program, new coaches will have access to weekly support from Marc through discussion and curriculum building, have a chance to support all players in their growth by leading training sessions and games, and be supported through their coaching journey by the offering of coaching licenses free of charge to those that wish to progress further.

## Want to get in the game? Here is who we are looking for:

**Area leaders:** Community members that have a desire to lead training sessions, games and can be available 2-3 times a week for 1-3 hours. Area Leaders are able to set up and control training sessions for players, offer support and guidance to coaches who support them and work closely with the director to deliver the most impactful sessions possible. These members are educators first, interested in growing the players in their skill and in supporting players through their soccer journey.

**Volunteer coaches:** Community members that are willing to give some of their valuable time in order to support our players and area leaders. These members can help with session management, social/emotional support on the field and increase their knowledge through the coaching pathway.

If you are interested in joining the program and becoming a part of our team, visit the "Youth Development Program" page on our website to find out more:  
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