



# Piedmont SC Highlanders Information Guide U8 Academy

Founded in 1976, **Piedmont Soccer Club (PSC)** was established for the purpose of developing, promoting and administering the game of soccer among Piedmont youth.

Our mission is to be the club of choice for youth athletes in the Piedmont community. Promoting exemplary sportsmanship and ethics, PSC will provide opportunities for every age and level to grow through the sport of soccer.

## U8 Highlander Academy.

The main goal of the program is to provide a **FUN** environment for players and families to begin their Highlander soccer experience. **FUN** based sessions with multiple touches on the ball, developing ball mastery.

The U8 Highlander program is a technical based program, where players are taught all the fundamentals of soccer in a pressure free and **FUN** over winning environment.

With fewer games and less travel time, we reduce the time commitment, allowing players to participate in other activities should they wish. This aligns with the PSC philosophy of players participating in multiple sports at the younger ages.



[PiedmontSoccer.org](http://PiedmontSoccer.org)  
[24-7UKSoccerAcademy.com](http://24-7UKSoccerAcademy.com)



# U8 Academy Team Formation

Placement Days for the U8 Highlanders will be held at;

**Witter Football Field (El Cerrito at Jerome Ave, Piedmont CA)**

and

**Alameda Point (Lexington at West Midway, Alameda, CA).**

Players should attend both sessions.  
Full details at [piedmontsoccer.org](http://piedmontsoccer.org)



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# U8 Academy Program Structure

PSC will look to form two separate groups, one for boys and one for girls. Each group will be made up of 8-32 players, who will train for 90 minutes twice a week during the Spring and Fall.

All players will be coached by one of our highly qualified and experience professional staff members and overseen by PSC, Director of Coaching, Dan Chubbock.



Groups will be assisted by parent volunteers, who will help with training and oversee game days. Spring games will be limited to local play-dates and scrimmages, reducing player commitment during this time.

Fall games will require a little more commitment, with the groups entering NorCalPremier's U8 Fall League, which consists of around 8-10 games between September and November. Games will be 5v5, including a goalkeeper. There are no official scorekeeping or standings kept, allowing for the focus to remain on **FUN** and **DEVELOPMENT**.



# U8 Academy Program Goals

- Players have **FUN**, want to return to play again, and develop an appreciation and love of the game.
- Players have **FUN** in an environment where education and development take precedence over winning by any means.
- Players have **FUN** at a club that has the necessary programs and resources to educate all players in the technical, tactical, physical, and psychosocial demands of the game for their level of play.
- Players have **FUN** while they strive to reach their full potential and prepare them to move to the next stage of development.
- The perfect **FUN**, pressure free way to introduce your child to competitive soccer.



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