



DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Spartans FC aims to provide football development sessions for 'development squads' of between 12 to 16 players with the goal of creating a pathway for talented, aspiring and dedicated players to move onto the highest level of adult football within the club (and beyond). These sessions will normally be in a small sided game environment and are on offer to both players from the 7 v 7 age group up to 11 aside footballers.

Players chosen for these sessions would meet certain criteria which will be determined by the CDO in conjunction with the YSMC and the Head Coaches for each age group.



SPARTANS FC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SQUAD	SPARTANS TRANSITION SQUAD	AGE (Each age group will move up a block).
1. FUNDED BY SPARTANS YOUTH SECTION	1. FUNDED BY SPARTANS ADULT SECTION & YOUTH SECTION.	8 Under 13/14 Mixed Development Squad (8 Kids Each Age Group)
2. MIXED AGE GROUP SQUAD 8/12 FROM EACH AGE GROUP. (DEPENDENT ON MEETING THE CRITERIA)	2. INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP SQUAD	Under 11 / 12 Mixed Development Squad (8 Kids Each Age Group)
3. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION SUPPLIED FROM CDO TO HEAD COACHES	3. SELECTION CRITERIA/INVITE ONLY (SUPPLIED BY HEAD COACH).	Under 9/10 Mixed Development Squad (8 Kids Each Age Group)
4. RUN IN WEEKLY BLOCKS 8/10 WEEKS (Names Supplied to Head Coach ,start of Block).	4. 2 SESSIONS PER WEEK EXTRA (Players will play under Spartans team in ESSDA)	Transition Squad x 3 Age Groups – Mon & Thurs
5. INDEPENDENT SFA QUALIFIED COACH WILL LEAD	5. INDEPENDENT SPARTANS FC COACH TO LEAD	Goalkeeping School (Mixed Age Groups)
6. PLAYER WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS	6. PLAYERS WILL BE COMMITTED TO ALL SESSIONS	
7. PLAYER ASSESSMENT SUPPLIED AFTER EACH BLOCK	7. PLAYER ASSESSMENT SUPPLIED AFTER EACH BLOCK	

PRO-INITIATIVE

1. Run and funded by pro initiative clubs (e.g.: Hibs, Hearts, Livingston, Falkirk)
2. Individual players aged 9/10 invited to sign
3. Selection by initiative coaches
4. Players no longer with Spartans FC (Youth)
5. Coaches are pro initiative club coaches

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Aims, Criteria & Selection
Selection by age group/squad head coach
Must commit to full 8-10 weeks
Talented, aspiring and dedicated players Wanting to progress

Mixed squads	
7aside age groups	2008 & 2007 and 2006 & 2005
11 aside age groups	U13 & U14;

Provided and funded by Spartans FC Youth
Additional 3 rd training session
Independent SFA Qualified (C Badge) Coach
8-10 week blocks
Player assessment form and feedback provided



Aims, Criteria & Selection
Selection by transition coaches
Players aged 8 remain with Spartans FC (Youth) or club they belong to and play in 7 aside games
Players aged 9 sign for pro initiative and play for that team – no longer with Spartans FC (Youth)



Squads
Individual players aged 8 & 9 invited to train

Run by Spartans FC Senior /Youth section & funded by Spartans FC Senior section /Youth
Additional training session (2 Sessions per week)
Independent transition coach provided by Spartans FC



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