



Portland Timbers Academy Evaluation Policy

Beginning in 2019, the Timbers Academy will no longer operate tryouts as typically recognized in the youth soccer market. It is the position of the Timbers Academy that ongoing identification and evaluation is a far more productive and valuable method of finding top talent in our territory.

Regular scouting of key age groups is, and has already been taking place.

Over the next few months, Timbers Academy Staff will be collaborating with youth club DOC's regarding players who have been identified by our scouts and recommended for training/evaluation opportunities. Our goal is to provide an evaluation that will lead to selection and inclusion in the Timbers Academy.

Our staff has already started the process and have had ongoing communication with numerous youth clubs in our area. Regular scouting of key age groups has taken place and will continue. Youth club players have been training alongside Timbers Academy players and the evaluation process is ongoing. DOC's please let the Academy Staff know if you believe you have a special player. We will market each full time player and the club that they came from. In addition, if you as a player, would like and think that you are deserve a tryout, please contact your club DOC for a recommendation.

Below is an outline of the process Timbers Academy Staff will follow when identifying and offering a player a training/evaluation opportunity:

1. Player identified through Academy scouting or club recommendation.
2. Academy staff communication to youth club DOC/Coaches requesting player availability for training/evaluation with the Timbers Academy.
3. Academy Staff/Youth Club DOC/Player work collaboratively to secure dates for training/evaluation with the Timbers Academy.
4. Communication throughout the process between Academy Staff and youth club DOC.

Again, we hope to collaborate and work in the best interest of the player, and we think early identification opportunities do just that.

Disclaimers

*In the event the Youth Club DOC does not approve or collaborate during this process, Timbers Academy Staff reserve the option of contacting identified player directly to inform him of his opportunity with the Timbers Academy.