



2021 Assessment Process: U8 – U10

What is the Development Program?

The Development Program is more competitive and requires a higher level of commitment and skill level than our club program. Players are assessed and *invited* to be a part of the program. This program starts at the U8 age group and carries on until U18. The number of teams and training groups formed each year and age group may vary based on the pool of players pool and their skill level. Commitment to this program is essential, and attendance and punctuality to games and training are extremely important.

How are players assessed?

North Delta FC wants to ensure that our players are playing in a positive environment allowing them to participate at a level that meets their desires and abilities . For the U8-U10 age groups (current U7 (2014) to U9 (2012), player assessments are completed throughout the Fall/Winter season by both Team Coaches and Technical Staff.

Players will be assessed between October and March, which is the most important evaluation period for players. This assessment period is an opportunity for players to demonstrate their skills and abilities, and achieve a spot on a Development Team for the following season 2021 2022.

The assessment process is a combination of:

- Past Season Assessments by Technical Staff
- Past Season Assessments by Team Coaches
- Ongoing temporary player movement by players training/or playing a game with the next level team – currently, due to the PHO restrictions, player movement is not available; however, if the restrictions are changed, player movement can be implemented for January/February.
- Technical Staff Coaches discussions/meetings with Team Coaches during the season

The selection process will be weighed as follows:



What is the difference between a training group and a development team?

	TRAINING GROUP		DEVELOPMENT TEAM
1 Academy Training Session per week	✓	1 Academy Training Session per week	✓
1 Training Session per week with Club Team	✓	1 Training Session per week with Development Team	✓
1 Game per week with Club Team	✓	1 Game per week with Development Team	✓
Possible tournaments throughout the season	✗	Possible tournaments throughout the season	✓

Training Group: The training group's target is to continue developing players to a more competitive environment in preparation for a *possible* move to a Development team. Players invited to a Training Group will continue to train and play games with their Club team and train in the Academy Program once a week with fellow Training Group players.

Development Team: Players invited to a Development team will be playing with like-minded skilled players in a competitive environment. Players invited to a Development team will train twice a week (one of the sessions will be a part of the Academy Program and will be run by a Staff Coach) with a game on the weekend with possible options to play in tournaments.

How are players selected?

In April/May, the Development & Club level Coaches will have a Player Selection Meeting with the Technical Staff to select players for Development Teams/Training Groups. The Technical staff will have the final approval on the selection of players to ensure that selections are accurate. The club is confident that the ongoing assessment of players throughout the season by our Team Coaches and Technical Staff can properly place like-minded players at their appropriate skill level, while ensuring a fair and transparent process.

When will invites go out to players?

Once players are selected for Development Teams/Training Groups in the player selection meeting, **email invites** will go out simultaneously to all players for each age group.

Once players receive an invite email for a Development Team, they will need to accept the position on the team within 48 hours (unless otherwise noted) and complete registration and payment. If players do not accept the position within 48 hours, the Club will be forced to move on to another player down the list. Please note that player movement can occur at any time, even after selections have been made. The Development Fee of \$250 is non-refundable.

At the time of the invitation, we will announce the team's Head Coach; only in unexpected circumstances would we not be able to announce the coach.