

Dayton Players Academy (DPA Cobras) 2010 Boys



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DPA Mission

The **Dayton Players Academy (DPA)** is the advanced youth program destination for the U15-U19 players from the surrounding Dayton community clubs of NWC Alliance, Southwest SC, PC United and Oakwood United. The DPA is an institution that aspires to create something meaningful and lasting in the Dayton area. By creating partnerships with other local community clubs of a similar profile, we are able to provide Dayton area players with player development programming that provides U15-U19 competitive teams, a fully integrated Futsal program with multiple tiers, an inclusive Training Academy for players from any club and Outreach to the players in Dayton's urban core who are underserved.

DPA Coaching Philosophy

The DPA coaching philosophy is to provide a truly player-centered approach to player development, where the decisions are prioritized by what we believe is best for the 'Player' first, then by what is in the best interest of the 'Club' and then finally the 'Team.' Our coaches prioritize the enjoyment of the game, creating an inclusive environment where players are empowered to express themselves, take risks and develop a lifelong passion for the game. Our staff focus on nurturing individual skills and tactical understanding tailored to each players' ability and potential. We demand that our coaches are flexible in their coaching methods and strategies, adapting to the evolving needs of the individual players and teams, that they maintain open and honest communication with players, parents and staff and that they lead by example by demonstrating commitment to ongoing education and improvement.

DPA Playing Philosophy

The DPA playing philosophy is to create a “way of playing” that we believe is conducive to player development, aligning the playing philosophy with the club’s long-term player development objectives. Our intent is to maximize the strengths of the players to create a style of play that is possession-based, with the intent to control and dictate the tempo of the game. We encourage an aggressive, proactive approach in attack, focusing on quick ball circulation, combination play and dynamic movement off the ball to penetrate opposing defenses. We promote positional interchangeability and flexibility in formations to adapt to game situations, exploit opponent weaknesses and maximize our strengths. We prioritize defensive solidity and compactness without the ball, maintaining shape, discipline and communication in order to limit the opponent’s scoring opportunities. We aim to develop a structured approach to transition phases, emphasizing quick transitions from defense to attack and vice versa.

DPA Player Development Philosophy

The DPA believes in a player development philosophy that focuses on nurturing the holistic development of the player, both on and off the field, to help them reach their full potential as athletes and individuals. We tailor our training to meet the unique needs, abilities and aspirations of each player, recognizing that every player has different strengths, weaknesses and learning styles. We promote the players playing in their local club environments through the small-sided ages to limit cost and travel as a way to decrease the burden on the families. We prioritize the development of fundamental technical skills that allow the players to master the ball and evolve from being able to maintain possession individually to being able to maintain the ball collectively within their team. We focus on developing tactical understanding through a continuum that moves from positional play and an understanding of team shape and team tactical concepts to a more relational style of play that promotes fluid positional play and adaptability to foster high level soccer intelligence.

2024-2025 Details - 2010

Cost: Showcase \$1250; Elite \$750; Trapped Fall Season \$300

This includes: Coaching, Training, League Fees, Showcase/Tournaments, Referee Fees, Field Costs, Administrative Support, Veo *, Website, Social Media, College Assistance

This fee does not include: uniforms through Macron, additional training or futsal play through DPA

Team Subscription to Veo if desired is \$1500 (roughly \$100 a player)

2024-2025 Details - 2010 Boys Coaching Staff

Showcase: Brian Kohen

- NWC Director of Coaching/DPA Technical Director
- Played at Centerville United Galaxies, Centerville High School, University of Portland, Dayton Dynamo
- 40 years coaching experience including Centerville High School, Wright State University, Ohio South ODP, Ohio South Coaching Education, Centerville Galaxies, No 1 Striker Camp Director, Director of Coaching AFC Lightning
- C License 1996, B License 1997, A License 1999
- Coaching Style/Philosophy: "Practice doesn't make perfect, it makes permanent!"
- "The longest trip I've ever taken in soccer was from my head to my heart."

2024-2025 Details - 2010 Boys Coaching Staff

Elite: Andy Mitchell

- 14 years playing
- University of Cincinnati and Bowling Green University - Masters in Education
- 8 years teaching experience, 15 years coaching experience
- Current Head Coach DPA 09 Girls Showcase 2 and coaches DPA Futsal
- **Coaching Style/Philosophy:** "My coaching style focuses on developing players' skills on and off the field. I prioritize life skills like teamwork, leadership, and resilience, alongside soccer abilities. Through personalized training and mentorship, I instill a growth mindset, integrity, and discipline, preparing players for success beyond soccer"

2024-2025 Details - 2010 Boys Coaching Staff

Trapped Team: Brian Kohen

- NWC Director of Coaching/DPA Technical Director
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- 40 years coaching experience including Centerville High School, Wright State University, Ohio South ODP, Ohio South Coaching Education, Centerville Galaxies, No 1 Striker Camp Director, Director of Coaching AFC Lightning
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2024-2025 Details - 2010 Boys League/Events

Showcase

OSSL

Gateway Showcase (November), Gatlinburg (January), Blue Chip (April), State Cup (May)

Elite

Buckeye

Turf Classic (March), MASC (April), Liberty Cup (May)

6 Player Rule

- Only 6 players from the same high school soccer program (any level of high school teams JVB, JVA, Varsity) can be on the same club team
- Trapped players do not count towards this during the U15 year
- If you do not play high school soccer for any reason you do not count towards this number

How it works for the trapped players in Fall 2024

- Players are selected on their DPA team that will start training in November 2024
- Players who are entering high school and wish to play high school soccer tryout for their high school team
- Players who are in 8th grade in Fall 2024 register for the DPA Trapped Fall Program
- The trapped team follows the U13-U14 training calendar starting the first week of August and plays as a team until the end of October when high school soccer is done and they re-join their regular DPA team
- Trapped team will play in Buckeye and 1-2 tournaments in the fall season

College Assistance – Nati Wallis

- Preparation of marketing materials for teams
- Guidance to players about the college recruiting process
 - NCSA, Field Level
 - Emails to college coaches
 - Finding the right fit athletically and academically
 - How to do highlights
- College Coach Relationship Building

What happens now?

- Register for tryouts in new gotSPORT system
- https://system.gotSPORT.com/programs/6G4598672?reg_role=player
- Offers will be made to current 2010 players in our partner clubs by May 5th. If you want to secure a spot prior to tryouts acceptances by May 13th.
- Tryouts will be held May 16 and 17 - 7-8:30 pm at Patricia Allyn Park
- Additional offers to players will be made at that time.