



## AFC U7 Pool Team Formation Guidelines

### I. Intent

- a. The main focus of the U7 Pool Play teams is to introduce young players to a higher level of competitive play at the end of their U7 recreational schedule. This introduction will be all inclusive with the specific intent of participation an introduction. NOT WINNING!

### II. Team Formation

- a. Open invitations will be sent out via email, social media, or any other communication methods utilized by AFC starting no earlier than April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. All players with interest and commitment will be trained in and play out of the pool.
- c. Players must be registered with and in good standing with AFC/MYSO
- d. Teams will be formed evenly as possible by the coach, with input from the AFC Academy Director and AFC Director of Coaching.
- e. U7 Pool Play teams are forbidden from purposely forming A and B type teams.

### III. Coach Selection

- a. The coach must be selected and agreed upon by the AFC Academy Director and the AFC Director of Coaching.

### IV. Tournament and Friendly Participation

- a. Any and all friendlies or jamborees after April 15<sup>th</sup>, that do not interfere with the MYSO recreational schedule
- b. State Games of Mississippi's noncompetitive bracket is the only tournament that the U7 Pool will be allowed to compete in

### V. Uniform

- a. U7 Pool play teams are required to wear the AFC Academy crest on the left chest portion of their jersey as well as a uniform concurrent with all other AFC Academy D2B and or pool play teams.



## AFC U8 Pool Team Formation Guidelines

### I. Intent

- a. The main focus of the U8 Pool Play team's is the continued introduction of higher level competitive play for U8 Academy players. This continued introduction will be all inclusive with the specific intent of training and skill development.

### II. Team Formation

- a. Open invitations will be sent out via email, social media, or any other communication methods utilized by AFC starting no earlier than November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. All players with interest and commitment will be trained in and play out of the pool.
- c. Players must be registered with and in good standing with AFC/MYSO as well as the AFC Academy program.
- d. Teams will be formed via direction from the AFC Academy Director and AFC Director of Coaching as to best facilitate the development process.

### III. Coach Selection

- a. The coach must be selected and agreed upon by the AFC Academy Director and the AFC Director of Coaching.

### IV. Tournament and Friendly Participation

- a. Any and all friendlies or jamborees after November 15<sup>th</sup>, that do not interfere with the MYSO recreational schedule
- b. The U8 teams may compete in no more than four tournaments which are to include the State Games of Mississippi.

### V. Uniform

- a. U8 Pool play teams are required to wear the AFC Academy crest on the left chest portion of their jersey as well as a uniform concurrent with all other AFC Academy D2B and or pool play teams.