

## **MYSA and ECSC Academy information for Spring 2012**

The Academy format is intended to be a transition from the Minibolt recreational soccer program to the Thunderbolt competitive program. It is intended for players who, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, are age 9 to 11. Please see our website for information behind the program philosophy.

Teams are formed based on U10's playing 6v6 and U11 playing 8v8. Every attempt is made to divide teams evenly to promote player development. While winning is an outcome enjoyed by all, no league standings are kept and the focus is on individual player and team development. Teams may or may not decide to enter soccer tournaments.

The registration fee includes 4 weeks of indoor practice time on Saturdays, during which players are trained and evaluated by Director's of Coaching and ECSC coaches. By mid-March, teams will be formed. Your fee also includes scheduling, coaching fees, Siebel Complex fees, referee fees, gotsoccer and MYSA fees, insurance, and the MYSA Showcase tournament.

**Practices** may begin as soon as the weather permits in April and at the discretion of the coach. Two to three practices a week can be expected. **Games** will be scheduled on Saturdays in May and June, with 5 weekends scheduled. ECSC must participate in at least 3 and as many as 5. We can expect one home weekend, while the others will require traveling. **Tournament** opportunities abound and include the Queen City Classic in Helena, the Magic City in Billings, the Can-Am Cup in Great Falls, and the MYSA Showcase Tournament in a different host city each year. All tournament formats are to be 6v6 for U10 and 8v8 for U11. Your registration fee pays for your team to attend the MYSA Showcase Tournament. Any additional tournaments are at the expense of each team.

### **Additional expenses you should be aware of:**

- ## Traveling expenses for your family for away games.
- ## Coach traveling expenses (gas) for away games and tournaments (gas, hotel, food per diem) that is shared by the team.
- ## Uniform expenses. New for around \$90, used for less.
- ## Additional team expenses agreed on as a team (ex: team parties)