How to Incorporate Recreation and Academy Programs – Steps for Success

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OBJECTIVES

- ➤ Review examples of both programs and how they serve as a critical role in player and program development.
- > Examine how players best learn to play and enjoy the game.
- A look at opportunities, development, and pathways to integrating both recreation and academy programs.



LEARNING TO PLAY THE GAME

No matter the level of play, what are some influences that help to determine how players learn the game?

- > Environment
- Family & Friends (Peers)
- > Exposure to the game
- > Coaches





RECREATION

~The Game for ALL Kids~

Recreational Video



RECREATION

~The Game for ALL Kids~

- > OPPORTUNITIES
- > CHALLENGES
- > EDUCATION





ACADEMY

~Train to Develop~

Academy Video



ACADEMY

~Train to Develop~

- > INDENTIFICATION
- > DEVELOPMENT
- > EDUCATION





~Together Everyone Achieves More~

Integration Video



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- **ENHANCEMENT**
- > MANAGEMENT
- > EDUCATION





~Together Everyone Achieves More~

Are you currently operating a collaborate Recreation and Academy Program?

- What are your some of your operating standards?
 - Licensed/Professional coaches
 - > Age appropriate and program curriculum
 - > Full time Academy Coaching Director



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Potential opportunities for collaborative integrations

- > Clinics
- Coach mentor program
- Open play and unstructured play







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