

Soccer Programs

- Overview: FC Harlem's soccer development model consist of five key programs designed for boys and girls of various skill levels from ages 5 to 19. *Participation in all soccer programs requires a commitment to one of our age specific enrichment programs.*
- Soccer in the Schools: Continuing in the legacy of the founder John Alvarez, Soccer in the Schools is part of FC Harlem's community outreach program. FC Harlem uses it high school players to teach basic soccer principles to youth ages 8 to 13 in after school programs in the community.
- Recreational League: Our recreational league targets boys and girls ages 5–14 of any skill level. There are no prerequisites in terms of skill or experience. Since 2006, our recreational league participation has grown from approximately 170 players to over 300. Matches and/or practices are scheduled once a week during the fall (and soon Spring) to accommodate participants that are being introduced to the game. Our Rec League supports and encourages a high level of parent involvement.
- Developmental Program: Players that express an interest in continuing skill development and training may participate in our developmental program, which targets children ages 9–16. This program is designed to have 2 to 3 training sessions per week under a licensed coach employing structured tactics and FC Harlem philosophy. Players that do well in the developmental program will be encouraged to try out for the FC Harlem Travel Teams.

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- FC Harlem Travel Teams: The travel teams currently target children ages 9–16 to represent FC Harlem in various competitive travel leagues. Participation on the travel teams is by tryout only, players are not guaranteed a spot on the teams. In addition to traveling to play teams throughout New York City, member of the travel teams may travel out of the state or country to play tournaments or friendly matches against other clubs.
- Super 20 Teams: The best players in our program ages 17–19 can participate on our Super 20 Teams. These teams compete in the Super 20 League of the United Soccer Leagues (USL), an organization affiliated with US Youth Soccer and the Olympic Development Program.