

# UNISUS **SOCCER** ACADEMY

INNOVATIVE **EDUCATION** + HIGH PERFORMANCE **ATHLETICS**



An Everton International Academy  
Affiliate Program Partnership



## **SOCCER ACADEMY AND SCHOLAR-ATHLETE PROGRAM**

At UNISUS, we believe that soccer is more than a sport — it is a powerful catalyst for academic success, character development, and lifelong opportunity. Competitive team sports teach resilience, confidence, teamwork, and leadership. Paired with strong academics and intentional life-skills development, the result is a complete foundation for long-term success.

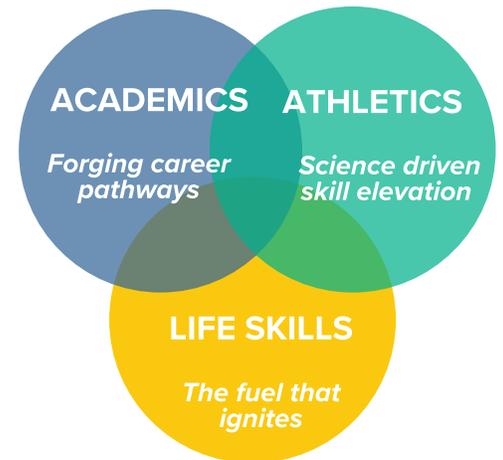
Our academy mission:

**Building Future Leaders On and Off the Field**

# SCHOLAR-ATHLETE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

World Class **Education** + High Performance **Athletics**

**A**<sup>+</sup> World class **ACADEMICS**  
**PLUS** High performance  
**Athletics + Life skills**



By integrating a comprehensive academic program, elite athletic training, and holistic life-skills development, UNISUS Scholar-Athletes graduate prepared not just to compete — but to thrive.

## Academic Pathways - Forging Career Pathways

- World-renown IB Program and/or a British Columbia Provincial Dogwood Diploma
- Post graduation career or employment focused programs with Canadian Universities and Colleges.
- Individualized and customized learning in small classes

## Athlete Development - Science Driven Skill Elevation

- Science driven, professional skills development with experienced coaches
- Video analysis & performance evaluation
- Strength, conditioning, motor skills, and drylands

## Life Skills - The Fuel the Ignites

- Leadership, resilience, mental focus
- Nutrition, sleep optimization, digital literacy
- 21st-century soft skills essential for future careers



# SOCCER ACADEMY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Have you dreamed about a career in the exciting world of soccer as a professional or player? Join a unique program which combines a soccer academy with a world class education.**

The UNISUS Soccer Academy provides a one-of-a-kind development pathway that combines a world-class education with elite soccer training — supported by our Everton International Affiliate partnership.

## **Program suitability:**

The UNISUS Soccer Academy welcomes boys and girls from Grade 6 to Grade 12 (ages 11–18) who are ready to commit to a high-performance training environment. Because our curriculum mirrors the Everton International Academy model, prior playing experience is required—athletes must be able to demonstrate appropriate technical foundations, game understanding, and readiness for advanced training.

## **Players learn inside a holistic model that develops:**

- Resilience and mental focus
- Technical excellence
- Tactical intelligence
- Team-based leadership
- Academic strength

## **Our program prepares scholar-athletes for opportunities in:**

- University soccer
- College showcases
- North American leagues (CPL, USL, collegiate)
- International training experiences (Everton UK)

## MEET OUR HEAD COACH AND TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Dom Doherty is a UEFA B–licensed coach with over 12 years of coaching experience across three continents, including roles with multiple professional clubs. Drawing on his high-level university education and background competing semi-professionally in the UK, he brings a deep understanding of the scholar-athlete pathway and the role soccer plays in lifelong success.

Dom is passionate about developing young players who excel both academically and athletically, and he believes UNISUS is uniquely positioned to support this growth—especially at a time when the sport is expanding rapidly in North America ahead of the World Cup. The UNISUS coaching team is committed to guiding each player through a high-performance environment while supporting their broader development on and off the field.



# TECHNICAL+TACTICAL TRAINING CURRICULUM

Our curriculum follows the Everton International Academy game model, developing players who are technically sharp, tactically intelligent, and adaptable across all phases of play.

**We cover both the in and out of possession linked to the same topic:**

1. Breaking Lines/Defending The Lines
2. Creating and Exploiting Overloads/Defend The Overload.
3. Final Third/Defend The Final Third,
4. Transitions,
5. Game-Based sessions.

## In Possession

Objective: progress with purpose, break lines, and create high-value chances.

- **Building Through the Thirds** - Using the GK & CBs to attract pressure, create overloads, play beyond the press
- **Line-Breaking & Combination Play** - Third-man runs, rotations, and pocket play in central areas
- **Wide Play & Final Third Detail** - Timing of overlaps/underlaps, quality of crosses, finishing movements, box occupation.
- **Positional Play** - Intelligent spacing, width and depth, and securing rest defence behind the attack



## Out of Possession

Objective: defend as a compact, connected, and disciplined unit.

- **Press & Counter-Press** - Recognising triggers (poor touch, back pass, sideline trap) and pressing as a coordinated unit
- **Defend the Lines** - Protecting central channels & half-spaces while controlling distance between units
- **Manage Overloads** - When to delay, when to engage, and how to funnel opponents into designated pressing zones.
- **Final Third Defending** - Box defending, set-play organisation, and winning second balls.

## Transition

Where games are won.

### Defence → Attack

- First thought forward
- Quick wide outlets
- Decision: fast break vs. secure possession

### Attack → Defence

- Immediate 5-second counter-press
- Delay the counter, protect central lanes, regain compactness

## Game Intelligence and Individual Growth:

Across all phases, players work on:

- Reading cues and anticipating play
- Understanding positional roles and profiles
- Using video analysis to connect training behaviours to match performance
- Applying Everton-style front-foot, intelligent soccer

# SOCCER PATHWAYS AND LEVELS OF COMPETITION

## ACADEMIC

### GRADES 6 - 12

Multi-pathways  
to graduation

BC Dogwood  
IB Certificate Program  
IB - Diploma Program  
Career Programs

Apply for entry into  
the best universities  
globally

## ATHLETIC

### GRADES 6 - 12

Soccer Scholar-  
Athlete Program

(Grades 6-12)

University

Collegiate  
(NCAA)

## COMPETITION

### LOCAL LEAGUES

U11/U12  
U13/U14  
U15/U16  
U17/U18

### REGIONAL PLAY

Skill level based  
tournaments

### INTERNATIONAL

Skill level based  
tournaments

Semi Pro  
(League 1  
BC)

Pro  
(USL CPL,  
MLS)

## LEVELS OF COMPETITION

### Local (BC, Canada - League Play)

- ASL League (Academy Super League) – high-performance matches in Vancouver.
- COYSA / TOYSL – structured district league competition.
- Local tournaments & friendlies – skill-building, team cohesion, and competitive consistency.
- BC School Sports. Leading to Provincial Competition.

### Regional (Western Canada, Pacific Northwest & California – Tournaments Only)

We aim to compete in at least 5 regional tournaments per year, providing exposure to higher-level competition across borders. Tournaments are selected based on team readiness.

Potential tournaments include:

- PacNW Winter Classic (Seattle, WA)
- Crossfire Challenge (Redmond, WA)
- Slurpee Cup (Kamloops, BC)
- California College Showcase (San Diego, CA) – high-level competition & exposure to college recruiting
- Surf Cup Select (San Diego, CA) – elite showcase tournament attracting college coaches
- Las Vegas Mayor's Cup (Las Vegas, NV) – top-level youth tournament with college exposure.
- Oregon Youth Showcase (Portland, OR)
- Starfire Xtreme Cup (Seattle/Tukwila, WA)

# ANNUAL UK HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM TRIP



## Finch Farm – Everton FC

A high-performance international experience designed to expose UNISUS athletes to the culture, demands, and standards of top-tier soccer.

## Elite Training at Everton FC

- Technical & tactical sessions delivered by Everton Academy coaching staff
- Exposure to Premier League training methodology and player expectations
- Position-specific development using Everton’s game model and coaching vocabulary

## Competitive UK Fixtures

- Matches against academy-level UK opposition
- Post-match evaluations and individual feedback
- Understanding tempo, intensity, and physicality of the UK youth game

## Professional Analysis & S&C

- Video breakdowns, performance reviews, and GPS-supported analysis
- Strength & conditioning workshops led by Everton performance specialists
- Recovery protocols and injury-prevention strategies used at the elite level

## Soccer Culture Immersion

- Stadium tours (Goodison Park or other Premier League venues)
- Leadership workshops with academy staff
- Coaching seminars, classroom sessions, and tactical case studies

## University Exposure & Pathways

Visits to top soccer- and sport-science–oriented universities, including:

- Wrexham University (soccer Coaching – direct relationship)
- Edge Hill University
- Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)
- Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)
- University of Liverpool

# SOCCKER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The UNISUS SO Academy schedule is designed to enable successful academic advancement with successful athletic progression. All Scholar-Athletes are required to maintain academic competence consistent with their grade level. Teachers monitor academic progress and reassign off-field and on-field training time accordingly to ensure academic progress is met.

## Example Schedule

| Monday                   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                      |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Arrival 08:00-8:20       |  |  |  |                             |
| Academics 8:30-10:10     |  |  |  |                             |
| Break 10:10-10:30        |  |  |  |                             |
| Academics 10:30-13:00    |  |  |  |                             |
| Lunch 13:00-13:30        |  |  |  |                             |
| Academics<br>13:30-16:30 | <b>On Pitch</b><br>In Possession<br>13:30-15:00      | <b>On Pitch</b><br>Out of Possession<br>13:30-15:00  | <b>On Pitch</b><br>Game Based App<br>13:30-15:00 | Academics<br>13:40-15:30    |
|                          | <b>Drylands</b><br>Strength/Condition<br>15:10-16:30 | <b>Drylands</b><br>Technical Analysis<br>15:10-16:30 | <b>Drylands</b><br>S&C/Other<br>15:10-16:30      |                             |
|                          |  |  |  | Bus departs UNISUS<br>15:40 |

### Drylands training includes:

- Strength & conditioning
- Psychology & mindset
- Leadership & character
- Nutrition, hydration & recovery
- Stretching & flexibility
- Endurance/Speed
- Individual Development Plans
- Video / game analysis
- Mental focus
- Breathwork
- Injury recovery

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Commitment Agreement

- All academy students are required to maintain strong academic standing, complete assignments on time, and demonstrate consistent effort in every subject. Academic progress is monitored weekly, and training time may be adjusted if expectations are not met.
- Students must uphold the UNISUS Code of Conduct, incl. exemplary behaviour, respect for peers and coaches, punctuality, accountability, and a positive attitude in both the classroom and on the field.
- Scholar-Athletes are expected to arrive prepared, focused, and ready to learn, demonstrating self-discipline, integrity, and commitment to personal growth.
- Parents are available for parent academy meetings as needed to support alignment between home, school, and academy expectations.

## Team Travel & Tournament Logistics

- UNISUS provides transportation for all league matches and tournaments, ensuring players travel safely and efficiently as a team. Tournament and showcase travel is not included in the academy fee and will be outlined separately each season based on the number of competitions, locations, and schedule.
- A customized travel package will be shared with families, designed to keep costs as low as possible. By traveling as a group, the academy is able to negotiate team rates for accommodation, meals, and travel, and all team movements are coordinated using UNISUS transportation to maintain safety, consistency, and performance readiness.

## Academic and Academy Fees 2026-27

| Tuition Fee                         | Canadian Student                       | International Student |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Grade 4 - 7                         | \$16,590                               | \$26,355              |
| Grades 8 - 12                       | \$18,520                               | \$28,850              |
| Boarding Fee                        | Canadian Student                       | International Student |
|                                     | \$25,150 (5 days)<br>\$33,600 (7 days) | \$33,600              |
| Academy Fees                        |  |                       |
| Soccer Skills Academy Fee           | \$3,300                                |                       |
| Travel Packages available for teams | pending team and tournament play       |                       |

UNISUS Refund Policy applies to all fees.

## Scholarships

UNISUS is dedicated to helping students excel academically, athletically, and in life. Scholarships are available based on **academic merit, leadership, and overall potential as a scholar-athlete**, ensuring that talented and driven students can thrive in our program.



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