

Academy Accreditation 2017/18

Rules & Regulations

The Academy Accreditation process introduced by The All India Football Federation is a step taken to strengthen and improve the Youth Development System in the country. Through the system, AIFF marks each academy that applies for accreditation on various criteria and gives a star rating based on the total points or marks received.

An academy is categorized under 2 separate heads:

1. Residential
2. Non-Residential

Based on the categories, the criteria are set and the academies are requested to fulfil the same. Academies claiming to fulfil the set criteria are required to upload necessary proof in form of official documents on the Accreditation portal by a given deadline. After successful upload of all required documents, the same will be assessed and reverted upon. The process will be followed by physical inspection at respective sites to verify the uploads. Points will then be allotted to each academy after inspection. The total points allotted will determine the Academy rating.

The following criteria are set for Academy Accreditation. All criteria are deemed mandatory and an academy applying for accreditation must secure minimum points for each as indicated to pass the whole process. An Academy however cannot secure more than the maximum points indicated for each criterion. If they do, they'll only be allotted the maximum points for each.

All Criteria mentioned below are compulsory. Supporting documents for each of the criterion must be submitted/uploaded for verification. Failure to provide supporting documents for each criterion will result in failure of the criteria and in turn failure to secure Accreditation

Points allotment System per head: Points obtained (1 to 5) multiplied by Weightage

1. **Technical Staff:** (Weightage = 5; Maximum points = 150; Minimum points = 40) – Linked to Coach Registration System

To qualify for U-18/U-15/U-13 Leagues:

- a. Academy must have a Head of Youth Development with an AFC B-Certificate assuring to appear for AFC-A on eligibility.
- b. Head Coaches of respective age groups of U-18/19, U-16/15 and U-14/13 must have an AFC C-Certificate, assuring to appear for AFC-B on eligibility.

To pass the criteria:

- a. **Academy must have a Head of Youth Development with an AFC C-Certificate, assuring to appear for AFC-B on eligibility.**
- b. **Head Coaches of respective age groups of U-18/19, U-16/15 and U-14/13 must have an AIFF D-Certificate, assuring to appear for AFC-C on eligibility.**

Points will be allotted for coaches in other age groups also from U-12 to U-5 based on their licenses/coaching certificate.

Points will also be allotted for the following licensed coaching staff:

- a. Fitness/Conditioning Coach
- b. Goalkeeping Coach
- c. Video Analyst

2. **Age-Group Teams:** (Weightage = 3; Maximum points = 50; Minimum points = 10) – data from CRS

To pass the criteria:

- a. **The Academy must have a minimum of two age-groups in the Elite Youth category (U-18 to U-13) separated by a gap of at least 2 years. For eg: U-18 and U-16 or U-15 and U-13 etc. Academies are encouraged to have more than 2 age groups for more engagements and participations in AIFF and other affiliated tournaments.**

Points are also allotted in the following categories

- a. Academies can have as many Children's/Grassroots age-group (U-12 to U-5) as possible.
- b. Participation in official tournaments with 3 or more teams with proper evidence provided with as many competitive matches as possible played throughout the year.

3. **Curriculum: The Academy must produce a curriculum for each age-group under Elite Youth and Children's/Grassroots category. No points will be given for the curriculum but the curriculum will be considered valid or not based on its content by the Head of Youth Development/Technical Director, AIFF. The curriculum must be uploaded in the system for verification.***

4. **Facilities and Infrastructure:** (Weightage = 5; Maximum points = 75; Minimum points = 20)

To pass the criteria:

- a. **The Academy must have a full sized football field meeting the required FIFA dimensions (between 120m x 90 m and 90m x 45m).***
- b. **The quality of the surface must be good in terms of level/safety, uniform grass cover, maintenance and drainage. Points will be allotted on the mentioned factors.**

Points are also allotted in the following categories

- a) Use of Floodlights*
- b) Artificial Turf*
- c) Gymnasium*
- d) Teaching/Video Room*

5. **Medical:** (Weightage = 5; Maximum points = 20; Minimum points = 15)

To pass the criteria:

- a. **Academy must have a qualified physiotherapist (Diploma or Bachelors/Master's degree)***
- b. **Insurance is compulsory for all players.* - Insurance copies must be uploaded by club in CRS for all players in age-groups.**
- c. **First Aid Kit and AED**

Points are also allotted in the following categories:

6. **Management Structure:** (Weightage = 5; Maximum/Minimum points = 6)

To pass the criteria:

- a. **Defined Management structure; separation of technical and administrative functions.***
- b. **Contracts of all personnel employed under Administrative and Medical structure that should include the following:***
 - i. **Remuneration**
 - ii. **Designation with Job Description**
 - iii. **Signature of authorisation and agreement from both parties (employee and employer)**
 - iv. **Term/Period of employment**

7. **Age-Verification Procedure:** (Weightage = 5; Maximum points = 25; Minimum points = 15)

To pass the criteria:

Must upload Birth Certificates and X-Ray Reports* - From CRS

Extra Points will be allotted for submission of MRI reports of all players. – From CRS (Not mandatory)

8. **Scouting:** The Academy must describe the player sources for scouting and the process implemented for it. No points allotted for scouting.*
9. **Schooling:** Academies if residential must submit proof of Schooling for all residential players in each age group.*

Ratings:

1 star – 135 – 170 points

2 star – 171 – 220 points

3 star – 221 – 260 points

4 star – 261 – 300 points

5 star – 301 or more points

In addition to the above mentioned criteria, the following requirements are also mandatory for accreditation application:

- 1. A minimum of 30% of the total players registered for the U-15 and U-13 Leagues must be home grown. (Defn: Home grown player – Any player whose state of domicile is same as the location of the Academy.)**
- 2. A minimum of 20% of the total players registered for the U-18 League must be home grown.**
3. All players registered under the academy must be registered with the AIFF Players Registration System.
4. All coaches employed by the Academy must be registered with the AIFF Coaches Registration system.
5. All Academies have to be registered under the State Football Association of its location.
6. Only one Academy/Club under a common umbrella/parent unit can get accredited and participate in the age-group league from each state.
7. A variation of not more than 5 players can be accepted at the time of Tournament registration from the initial player registration.
8. Academies with a good record of star rating over 2 seasons might be exempted from the inspection procedure in the next season provided accurate updates are provided through documents online.
9. Academies have to provide updates of any technical or administrative changes within 30 days of the same.

Timelines:

1. Academy Accreditation Criteria to be shared on www.the-aiff.com on 1st April, 2017.
2. Online Application Window will be open from the 3rd week of April (Date will be intimated a week before the window opens) till **20th May, 2017**.
3. Application has to be submitted with a Non-Refundable fee of **Rs. 25,000/-** per application.
4. Player Registration renewals will be kept open till **31st May, 2017**.
5. New Player Registrations will be open till **15th June, 2017**.
6. Assessment of uploads/documents will be done over a period of 2-3 weeks which will be followed by Inspection.
7. Academies failing to comply with the criteria after submission deadline will be intimated on their shortcomings.
8. Inspection process will start from **1st week of July**
9. Announcement of results will happen by **1st week of August**.

(Please note that Accreditation is not the sole criteria to participate in Youth Leagues)

The Accreditation will be valid for 1 season only. Fresh applications will be accepted for next season.

***The rules and regulations thus laid supersede all other prior regulations**