



## **Academy Accreditation**

### **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 criteria are required to submit necessary proof in form of official documents by a given deadline. After receipt of the documents, the applications will be marked. The total points allotted will determine the Academy rating.

The Academies will be marked on the following criteria:

1. Organizational Hierarchy
2. Details of Technical, Medical and Administrative Staff with contracts that should include the following:
  - i. Designation with Job Description
  - ii. Remuneration
  - iii. Period of Employment
  - iv. Signature of Authorisation and agreement from both parties.
3. Age-Group teams with Player details (Must produce registration documents of each player under the Academy/Club signed by Parents if a minor and authorised club/academy signatory i.e. General Secretary or Head of Administration).
4. Facilities and Infrastructure
  - i. Pitches (Artificial/Natural) and their numbers (Proof of rent/ownership/lease have to be submitted)
  - ii. Residential facilities (if residential academy) – rooms, kitchen, dining area etc.
  - iii. Match Venue – Details of match venue should be provided as where the academy teams play their home matches.
  - iv. Lecture and Leisure rooms.
  - v. Medical/Treatment Room at Training ground and Match Venue.
5. Curriculum and Training Program for all age group teams.
6. Advertisement and Recruitment
7. Equipment provided by Academy
8. Insurance for Players and Staff
9. Age Verification through X-Ray and MRI
10. Grassroots Program (U-6 to U-12)
11. Scouting Program
12. Schooling (If Residential)



13. Competition/Matches organised and participated by Academies.

**In order to qualify or be eligible for Accreditation, an Academy must meet the following criteria:**

1. The Academy must have a minimum of 2 age-groups besides the Grassroots program
2. The age-groups of the academy must have a gap of 2 years between them (not more; not less).
3. All players registered under the academy must be registered with the AIFF Players Registration System (CRS).
4. All Academies have to be registered under the State Football Association.
5. The following marking criteria are deemed mandatory and should be met by the Academies:
  - i. Requirement of Age-Group Teams
  - ii. Facilities and Infrastructure (Refer Criteria 4.)
  - iii. Details of Technical/Administrative/Medical Staff
  - iv. Curriculum and Training Program
  - v. Insurance for Players.
  - vi. Schooling (If Residential).
  - vii. Age Verification

(Any Club/Academy found of age fraud will be banned for a minimum of 2 years from participation in all AIFF organised or recognised competitions, workshops, events and courses)

**Procedure for Academy Accreditation:**

1. AIFF announces Academy Accreditation application deadline by which all submissions have to be made. **(No applications will be accepted after the deadline).**
2. Application has to be submitted with a Non-Refundable fee of Rs. 10,000/- per application.
3. Designated AIFF staff will review and assess the documents submitted by all applicants.
4. Academies failing the assessment on submitted documents will be intimated about their status along with areas of improvement.
5. Academies that provisionally pass the assessment on submitted documents will be notified of dates of Academy inspection.
6. Members of AIFF Accreditation team will travel to all provisionally passed academies for Physical Inspection.
7. The initial assessment will be reviewed based on physical inspection and marks will be allotted for rating the academies.
8. Academies will be rated as per marks obtained and given a star rating.

**(Please note that Accreditation is not the sole criteria to participate in I-League tournaments)**

**Application should be submitted on or before close of business on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

**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**





**Declaration:** I hereby declare that the above information provided along with the submissions are true. In the event of any fudging or misrepresentation of the same, I claim sole responsibility. The All India Football Federation can hereby take any measure or action under its jurisdiction against the entity in such an event.

Authorised Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Secretary of State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal/Stamp of State Association: