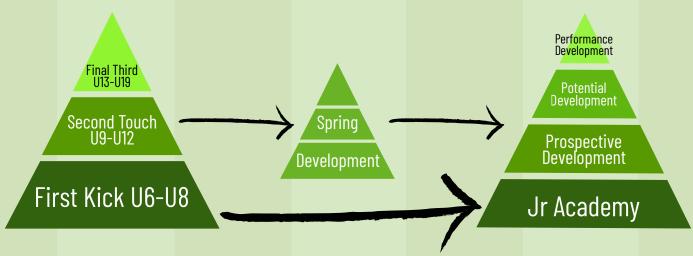
## Harbor Soccer Club Rec Program Pathway - Rec to Premier



At Harbor Soccer Club, we're proud to offer a player pathway that supports kids as they grow in the game, no matter where they begin. Many players get their start in our Recreational Program each fall, and from there, families have two exciting ways to continue their child's soccer journey in January.

For our youngest players, those who complete First Kick Soccer, the next step is our Junior Academy on the Premier side. The Junior Academy is designed for boys and girls ages six to eight who are ready for more soccer in a fun and engaging environment. Practices are held twice a week, with a mix of technical drills, 1v1 play, and small-sided games. This balance ensures that players not only master new skills but also learn how to use them in real game situations. What makes the Junior Academy special is that every child who registers automatically has a place—there are no tryouts—and each player receives professional coaching, a Harbor Premier uniform, and plenty of opportunities to grow their confidence on the field. It's the perfect way to get a taste of Premier soccer while keeping the focus on learning and enjoyment.

For players in our Second Touch Soccer program (U7–U12), the pathway continues through our Spring Development Program (SDP). This program is designed for families looking for more soccer after the fall season and for players who want to "level up" by getting extra touches and experiencing a higher level of play. Spring Development runs from mid-January through April, with two practices per week in Gig Harbor and weekend matches in the North Puget Sound League. Games may be close by or take players as far as Seattle, giving them the chance to test their skills against strong competition from across the region. At \$550 for the season, families receive professional coaching, referee support, field access, and a uniform bundle, making it a comprehensive introduction to Select-level soccer.

Spring Development is also the perfect bridge for families considering Premier Soccer but not quite ready to commit before tryouts. It allows players to keep improving, gain valuable game experience, and feel prepared for April and May Premier team selections.

Together, Junior Academy and Spring Development create a seamless transition from our Rec programs into Harbor's