



# **Beadling Soccer Club**

## **Pre-Girls Academy (Pre-GA) U12 Program**

**Parent Information Guide | 2026–2027 Season**

### **Program Overview**

The Pre-Girls Academy (Pre-GA) U12 Program is designed to prepare players for the U13 Girls Academy environment while maintaining a strong developmental focus.

This program creates a structured pathway for elite young players within Beadling Soccer Club to experience higher-level training and competition while remaining connected to their local team environments.

The Pre-GA model mirrors the early development pathway used by top national platforms and provides players with exposure to the 11v11 game model, advanced tactical learning, and higher-level competition.

#### **Primary Objective:**

Prepare players for the Girls Academy pathway while prioritizing long-term player development.

### **Program Structure**

#### **Age Group**

U12 Players (2015/2014) (8/1/2014-7/31/2015 Birth Year for the 2026–2027 Season)

#### **Competition Format**

11v11 developmental competition model

#### **Player Pool**

Approximately 16-22 players

## **Player Pool Structure**

The Pre-Girls Academy U12 program operates with a player pool of approximately 16–22 players. This approach allows the club to support the development of more players while creating a highly competitive and collaborative training environment.

At the U12 age group, players develop at different rates. Maintaining a player pool ensures that emerging and late-developing players remain within the pathway and continue receiving high-level training and evaluation throughout the season.

This model also allows coaches to observe player growth over time and make thoughtful decisions as players move toward the U13 Girls Academy level.

Ultimately, the player pool structure reflects Beadling’s commitment to long-term player development and providing more opportunities for young players to progress within the Girls Academy pathway.

### **Match Day Rosters**

Typically 18 players

### **Season Timeline**

August – May

Includes:

- Fall Competition
- Winter Training Period
- Spring Competition

## **Training Environment**

Players will train within a centralized development structure designed to accelerate learning and collaboration.

### **Training Frequency**

2–3 sessions per week

Session frequency will most likely follow 3x per week in the fall, 2x per week in the winter, 3x per week in the spring

### **Training Focus**

- 11v11 tactical understanding
- Beadling playing style principles
- Decision making and game intelligence

- Position-specific development
- Preparation for the U13 Girls Academy level

Training may take place at regional locations across the club footprint to allow players from multiple Beadling sites to train together.

## **Game Schedule**

The Pre-GA program is designed to align with the regional Mid-America competition structure in order to minimize excessive travel while still providing a meaningful competitive environment.

### **Competitive Structure**

- Approximately 12 matches across the season
- Potentially, one regional event in the fall and spring
- Home and away format
- Games scheduled alongside existing Mid-America club match weekends or within the Great Lakes girls pre academy league

This alignment allows families to maintain manageable travel demands while players gain exposure to higher-level competition.

### **Game Format**

- 3 x 25 minute periods
- Size 4 ball
- Development-focused environment
- No standings or championships

The focus is on learning, evaluation, and preparation for the next level rather than results.

## **Additional Competition Opportunities**

Players may also participate in:

### **Friendly Fixtures**

### **Regional Event**

Players may participate in a Girls Academy Regional Event, which provides exposure to clubs across the broader Girls Academy ecosystem. Previously in Bradenton Florida

## **Program Investment**

## **Annual Player Fee**

\$3,000 per player

The program fee supports:

- Girls Academy Pre-Academy League participation
- Coaching and training environment
- Facility costs
- League administration
- Regional competition opportunities
- Hudl Film
- Video Analysis
- Administration Fees

Additional travel costs may apply depending on event participation.

## **Developmental Philosophy**

The Pre-GA program exists to support long-term player development by:

- Reducing early deselection
- Identifying late developers
- Increasing training competition
- Preparing players for the U13 Girls Academy pathway
- Providing families with a clear understanding of the Girls Academy environment

This structure ensures players experience elite standards while maintaining opportunity and development.

## **Player Development Pathway**



## BEADLING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

