



FEYENOORD ACADEMY

General Mission Statement Feyenoord.

Feyenoord play a leading role in Dutch football and offers the loyal fans a unique experience and source of inspiration. We are proud of each other, the club and its heroes.

Feyenoord means struggle, success and companionship. Respect. No words but deeds..

Vision of the academy.

We try to deliver a clearly cut top sport academy in which the player can develop into a professional football player within optimal circumstances. The ultimate goal is the first team of Feyenoord.

Strategy

An academy in which the activities take place during daytime and evening.

The Feyenoord academy has chosen the following division: under 8 - under 12: training sessions during the evenings; under 13 - under 19 training sessions during the daytime.

The groups which practise in the evenings are largely guided by part time trainers. They work in accordance with a schedule in which the head coach is always being assisted by one of the other trainers or players from our academy who do teaching practise.

Teaching and specialism.

The particular and close co-operation with a so-called top sport college enables us to practise during the daytime with full time trainers (under 13 – under 19 players). The school adapts its time table to our practise schedule. This approach makes it possible to train with several trainers at one group so that the players get optimal attention. Apart from this we work with different specialists : video analyst , sport psychologist, nutrition expert, a trainer who is specialized in running and physical condition and a trainer who is involved in dividing the training sessions in periods of six weeks. As a result of the possibility of training during the daytime we can speak of a fine tuning between Feyenoord, school and the social environment of the player (think of family and friends: e.g. have dinner at his own home at a normal time). He can also take his rest after an strenuous day at school and the academy.

Selection criteria

The groups of under 8 – under 13 have been placed within the amateur branch. These players have been scouted at several amateur clubs in the direct surroundings of Rotterdam. The scouting area of the groups under 12 – under 19 is larger: the whole of the Netherlands and also Belgium and Scandinavia are important . These groups are part of the professional branch of Feyenoord. All players have to stick to the rules they get at the beginning of the season to come. The new teams have to be chosen before the 31st of May as the new players have to be registered at the Royal Netherlands Football Association at that time.

Every player has – during the season - two moments of introspection in which the so called Personal Development Plan will be discussed with his trainer coach will be discussed. This is important for the player as he must be able to be aware of his qualities and try to improve them.

Also twice a year the trainer will discuss the progression of the player (moments of evaluation): the parents have the possibility to be present at these discussions.

Apart from the training sessions every team takes part in the competition, friendly games and tournaments.

