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BUILDING BETTER PEOPLE THROUGH YOUTH SOCCER



CORE VALUES

GUIDED BY THESE CORE VALUES, DEVELOPED FROM OVER 35 YEARS OF THE STORIES, ACTIONS AND PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY





GAME MODEL



PLAYING PHILOSOPHY

- Attack as a TEAM, Defend as a TEAM
- Insight matters, every position plays an important role in all phases of the game
- Proactive movement as a team ON & OFF the ball
- Every Player Wants & Can Handle the Ball Under Pressure
- We Attack Creatively Through, Around & Behind
- Team of Competitors & Ball Winners
- Skilled in the Principles of Defending
- Application of the Player Standards
- Ability to Adapt to the Varying Demands of the Game
- Strong Emotional, Mental and Physical Competency



PLAYER STANDARDS

- Willingness to learning is an expectation, Learning is a habit
- Value and Trust the process, not the one time event
- BE RARE!
 - be Respectful, be Accountable, be Responsible and be Engaged
- Be on time, early is on time
- BE INVESTED.
 - Investment is not a financial statement. You get the most out of what you put intentional time to!
- QUALITY MATTERS.
 - Quantity will never out values or outweighs Quality in everything you do!
- Acceptable Communication equals "the 3 C's"
- "US BUS".
 - The badge, the program and the team comes before the individual
- Cross the White Line Together.
 - Every time we step over the game/training field line, commitment is to the objective of always getting better.
- Opportunity Looks A Lot Like Hard Work
- It is never personal!
- Understand and Value the Competitive Player Equation = "1+1+1=3"



METHODOLOGY

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

PHYSICAL LITERACY

Exercises to improve mobility, stability, strength and endurance

MECHANIST

Exercises/activities to improve technical proficiency with option of tactical insight/aspects

RONDOS & RONDO BASED ACTIVITIES

Exercises to develop both skill and vision, addressing principles of the game

TRAINING GAMES

Small-sided games to reinforce cognitive development

POSITIONAL PLAY

Exercises to promote tactical understanding

CONDITION to REALITY BASED GAMES

Match based games to reinforce tactical understanding and cognitive development

R.E.S.T. PRACTICES

R = Rules

E = Equipment

S = Space

T = Time



HOW WE TRAINING U7 - U8

PILLAR	OBJECTIVE	TRAINING CHARACTERISTICS
TECHNICAL:	 Ball Manipulation Differentiation of surfaces/textures 	
INSIGHT: (Tactical)	 Attacking decision making a.) Can I/we score a goal b.) Can I/we get the ball to someone who can score 	 High Ball to Player Ratio Significant player and ball interaction
PHYSICAL:	INTRODUCTION and EDUCATION to 1. Bilateral and Unilateral Movement/Literacy 2. Acceleration 3. Change of Direction 4. Run Upright 5. Relative Strength	 Players working in pairs Small sided games (SSGs) Basic Physical Movement Development Spatial awareness development Skill development reinforced through psychomotor development
PSYCHOSOCIAL:	1.Confidence with the ball 2.Confidence in the team environment 3.Positive interactions with teammates/staff	

PRINCIPLES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT: (player should be capable by end of age block)

Ball Manipulation

Attacking decision making

a.) Can I/we score a goal

b.) Can I/we get the ball to someone who can score

Control/understanding of athletic movements with and without the ball



HOW WE TRAIN AGE SPECIFIC TRAINING U9-U10

PILLAR	OBJECTIVE	TRAINING CHARACTERISTICS
TECHNICAL:	 Ball Manipulation Differentiation 	
INSIGHT: (Tactical)	 Attacking decision making A. Can I/we score a goal B. Can I/we get the ball to someone who can score Apply immediate pressure on the ball 	 Maximize time on the ball and interactions with the ball. Technical application and technical reinforcement Players working in small groups
PHYSICAL:	INTRODUCTION and EDUCATION to 1. Bilateral and Unilateral Movement/Literacy 2. Acceleration 3. Change of Direction 4. Run Upright 5. Relative Strength	 Small sided games Spatial awareness development Skill development reinforced through psychomotor development Learning to be disciplined throughout sessions/games Teaching focus and discipline throughout training/games
PSYCHOSOCIAL:	 Confidence with the ball Confidence in the team environment Positive interactions with teammates/staff 	

PRINCIPLES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT: (player should be capable by end of age block)

Ball Manipulation

Attacking decision making

- a.) Can I/we score a goal
- b.) Can I/we get the ball to someone who can score

Control/understanding of athletic movements with and without the ball



HOW WE TRAINING U11-U12



PILLAR	OBJECTIVE	TRAINING CHARACTERISTICS
TECHNICAL:	 Running with the ball 1v1 Moves, Change of Direction Moves Proper ball striking techniques Medium and long distance passing Medium and long distance shooting Learning to receive balls out of the air - juggling becomes an expectation Individual defending techniques and footwork 	 Maximize time on the ball and interactions with the ball.
INSIGHT: (Tactical)	 Attacking decision making A. Can I/we score a goal B. Can I/we get the ball to someone who can score Maintain/dominate possession Apply immediate pressure on the ball/pressing principles When, how, who Learning the basics of defending principles - pressure, cover, balance Positional roles and responsibilities 	 Technical application and technical reinforcement Players working in small groups Small sided games Learning to be disciplined throughout sessions/games Teaching focus and discipline throughout training/games Small-sided games to develop basic attacking and defending principles
PHYSICAL:	EDUCATION and ROUTINE PRACTICE to 1. Bilateral and Unilateral Movement/Literacy 2. Acceleration 3. Change of Direction 4. Run Upright 5. Relative Strength 6. General nutrition information becomes an objective	 Condition-based games to develop decision making ability REST Method to Stretch training sessions to prepare players for elite platforms
PSYCHOSOCIAL:	 Cooperation with teammates Self-confidence Confidence in group 	

PRINCIPLES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT: (player should be capable by end of age block)

Ball Manipulation
Differentiation
Control of athletic movement with and without the ball
Own the 1v1
Spatial awareness in relation to ball
Basic in possession principles

HOW WE TRAINING U13-U14



PILLAR	OBJECTIVE	TRAINING CHARACTERISTICS
TECHNICAL:	 Running with the ball 1v1 Moves, Change of Direction Moves Proper ball striking techniques Multiple/Advanced medium and long distance ball striking Advanced "finishing" techniques Learning to receive balls out of the air w/differentiation of surfaces Juggling becomes an standard Heading to win/destroy, pass, provide Advanced individual defending techniques and footwork 	 Utilize the contrast of smaller spaces for possession and bigger spaces for tactical/transition practices. More emphasis places on Team Tactical Principles
INSIGHT: (Tactical)	 Application of individual defending within group & team, collective defending principles Introduction to and application of attacking principles to Entice and Eliminate Opponent, Develop Rhythm/Set Up to Penetrate, Go to Goal, Create & Finish Focus to "finishing" vs shooting Individual starting shape Willingness to proactive run/movement in all 4 phases Recognition to collective actions in Negative and Positive Transition Moments 	 and painting pictures in bigger spaces. Addition of body/core strength. Endurance/cardiovascular systems are main fitness training. Warmups are essential. Cool-Downs are introduced based on load. Small-sided to Larger Group games to develop
PHYSICAL:	LITERACY to 1. Bilateral and Unilateral Movement/Literacy 2. Acceleration 3. Change of Direction 4. Run Upright 5. Relative Strength 6. General nutrition information becomes an objective	 advanced attacking and defending principles, and positional relativity. Reinforce condition-based games to develop decision making ability REST Method to Stretch training sessions to prepare players for elite platforms
PSYCHOSOCIAL:	 Movement from egocentric to task oriented Extrinsic to Intrinsic thinkers Developing Self Assessment Skills = Resiliency Development of Self Belief/Confidence 	

PRINCIPLES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT: (player should be capable by end of age block)

Application of breaking lines in attacking actions thru movement with and without the ball Intention and recognition to create isolation, overloads and possession priorities in collective attacking principles Efficiency within game pressure to perform technical demands/differentiations

Understanding and willingness to perform individual, group and team defending and transition actions

HOW WE TRAINING U15-U16



PILLAR	OBJECTIVE	TRAINING CHARACTERISTICS
TECHNICAL:	 Advanced Crossing and Finishing Receiving the ball under pressure Every position heads the ball Strong possession dribbling under full/physical pressure All distance/ranges applicability Refinement of all prior technical objectives with emphasis to performing at game speed/pressure and positional demands 	 SSG's are now used for warm-up or intro phase of a principle More emphasis placed on Team Tactical Principles and painting pictures in bigger spaces. Maintenance and advancement of body/core strength.
INSIGHT: (Tactical)	 Performance of skill with intention/decision based on pressure, teammates and team tactics Recognition of defending principles per zone Recognition of attacking principles per zone 	 Endurance - cardiovascular & muscular systems are main fitness components of training. Warmups are essential.
PHYSICAL:	EFFICIENCY to 1. Bilateral and Unilateral Movement/Literacy 2. Acceleration 3. Change of Direction 4. Run Upright 5. Relative Strength 6. General nutrition information becomes a Performance Factor	 Cool-Downs are expected parts of training planning. Large Group to Team (11v11) based activities/spaces used to develop advanced attacking and defending principles, and positional relativity. REST Method to stretch training sessions to prepare players for elite platforms. Intro to Understanding of Performance aspect conditions should
PSYCHOSOCIAL:	 Team centric focus first Owning and valuing my role Application of Self Assessment Skills = Resiliency Routine application of Self Belief/Confidence 	be built into a high $\%$ of trainings.

PRINCIPLES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT: (player should be capable by end of age block)

Application of breaking lines in attacking actions thru movement with and without the ball Ability and Intention to create isolation, overloads and possession priorities in collective attacking principles Efficiency within game pressure to perform technical demands/differentiations by positional demand Understanding and willingness to perform individual, group and team defending and transition actions Introduction and Understanding to playing multiple systems

HOW WE TRAINING U17-U19

PILLAR	OBJECTIVE	TRAINING CHARACTERISTICS
•	Polishing toward proficiency in applicable Technical Curriculum Objectives, Principles and Zones	 SSG's are now used for warm-up or intro phase of a principle More emphasis placed on Team Tactical Principles and painting
INSIGHT: (Tactical)	Polishing toward Proficiency in applicable Curriculum Objectives, Principles and Zones	 pictures in bigger spaces. Maintenance and advancement of body/core strength. Endurance - cardiovascular & muscular systems are main
PHYSICAL:	PROFICIENCY to 1. Bilateral and Unilateral Movement/Literacy 2. Acceleration 3. Change of Direction 4. Run Upright 5. Relative Strength 6. General nutrition information becomes a Performance Factor	 fitness components of training. Warmups are essential. Cool-Downs are expected parts of training planning. Large Group to Team (11v11) based activities/spaces used to develop advanced attacking and defending principles, and positional relativity. REST Method to stretch training sessions to prepare players for
PSYCHUSUCIAL: I	Ownership of the individual, team and groups development to the game and person as a whole	 elite platforms. Intro to Understanding of Performance aspect conditions should be built into a high % of trainings.

PRINCIPLES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT: (player should be capable by end of age block)

Ability to reference, attempt and apply the BTT Game Model



ATTACKING

GENERAL PRINCIPLE	ZONE	OBJECTIVE
 Unbalance & Disorganize the opponent. Exploit opponent when unbalanced and disorganized. 	PENALTY BOX "Fearless/Creative/Opportunist"	 Finish Goals Create Goalscoring Opportunities Do what it takes to score! (Slide, Dive, Commit, Toe, Unorthodox doesn't exist, etc.) Body Shape "to goal"
1. Continual effort to break opposition "lines" through movement with and without the ball 2. Create isolation situations 3. Create overload/numbers up situations 4. Attacking decision making (individual to group to team) in the order of the following: A.) can we score a goal B.) can we get the ball to someone who can score, C.) maintain/dominate possession 5. Move the ball from high pressure to low pressure 6. Make runs behind lines, numbers in the box, variance of runs (near, far, drop). 7. Create combinations & midfield/backs penetration/support 8. Utilize space & triangles 9. Push back line up/support the attack & also take preventative action 10. Break lines via through, around and behind passes and movements	ATTACKING 3RD "Go to Goal"	 Not a positional thing, it's a principle thing Movement to create close combinations Must attempt isolation & overload breakdowns to break the final line 1v1 is a great situation, OWN IT! Get the ball into the box! proactive movement to create goal scoring opportunities
	MIDDLE 3RD "Develop Rhythm Set Up to Penetrate"	 Break line with dribble or pass Body Shape "open" = to play forward/penetrate Move ball to unbalance the opponent, to advance into the attacking 3rd
	DEFENSIVE 3RD "Entice and Eliminate Opponent"	 Safety of ensuring & using a PLUS 1 discipline Initial attacking decision Drawing initial line of pressure via the ball in order to advance the ball Body Shape allows us to perform all of the above



NEGATIVE TRANSITION | ATTACKING TO DEFENDING

GENERAL PRINCIPLE	ZONE	OBJECTIVE				
1) Regain Possession2) Delay opponent3) Deny Penetrating Action4) Get organized (compact behind the ball)	ATTACKING 3RD "Disrupt"	1. Prioritize/mentality of,Can I win the ball?Can I force a blatant mistakeCan I win the next ball?				
TEAM TACTICAL PRINCIPLES	2. KEEP THE BALL HERE 3. Disrupt Counter (tactical fouls) 1. Immediate Pressure 2. Delay penetrating actions 3. Establish horizontal and vertical consumptions					
1.) Apply immediate pressure on the ball2.) Willingness/Commit to running/movement3.) Pressure players make play predictable	MIDDLE 3RD "Delay"					
4.) Collective actions of the players "off the ball" to deny gaps and win the ball 5.) Maintain horizontal and vertical compactness	DEFENSIVE 3RD "Deny"	 Immediate pressure to protect goal and deny chances Deny possession by killing penetrative action Immediate collective movement to block the path to the goal Do what it takes to deny goal-scoring opportunities 				



DEFENDING

GENERAL PRINCIPLE	ZONE	OBJECTIVE
1.) Win the ball back immediately2.) Numbers/Compact behind the ball, kill penetrating space3.) Get organized and balanced4.) Remain organized and balanced	hind the ball, kill penetrating space nced ATTACKING 3RD "DISRUPT"	
1.] Willingness and aggressive intention to WIN the ball 2.] Dictate the space we want to defend 3.] Pressing Principles - situational/cues of when, how, who 4.] Recovery/Cover 5.] Communication 6.] Numbers up to equal in defense 7.] Recognition of Zonal to Man Marking Accountability 8.] Individual body/positional shape relative to pressure on the ball 8. opposition movements - Cue's relative to the pressure on ball 9.] Positional lines connectivity to defend together 10.] Assess, anticipate and recognize the defending to attacking action(s)	MIDDLE 3RD "DISRUPT & DELAY" "Support" "Initiate & Anticipate"	 Disrupt & Delay Recover the ball Numbers behind the ball Cover Pressuring teammate Collectively kill penetrating space
	DEFENSIVE 3RD "DELAY & DENY" "Disciplined"	 Delay & Deny Recover the ball Numbers behind the ball Positional Connectivity/Compactness Collectively kill penetrating space
	PENALTY BOX "DENY" "Fearless" "Always Accountable" "Do what to takes to deny"	 1.) Deny scoring chances 2.) BRAVE - shot block/clear/relieve pressure 3.) DOMINATE the 1st & ACCOUNT for 2nd balls 4.) Collectively kill penetrating space, "HOLD A LINE" 5.) Zonal vs Man Marking



POSITIVE TRANSITION | DEFENDING TO ATTACKING

GENERAL PRINCIPLE	ZONE	OBJECTIVE
1) Play forward and exploit gaps 2) Maintain possession if/when the opponent is balanced 3) Immediate attacking mentality	ATTACKING 3RD	1. Prioritize/mentality of,- Can I score?- Can I find someone who can score?- Can we keep the ball to reload toward the first two objectives?
TEAM TACTICAL PRINCIPLES	"PUNISH"	2. KEEP THE BALL HERE 3. Gain an attacking option; I.E. Set Piece, Corner Kick, to keep opponent in negative transition
 Priority of getting forward/breaking lines via the pass and/or dribble Willingness/Commit to running/movement Keep the ball when we can't play forward and exploit gaps Collective actions of the players "off the ball" to play forward, exploit gaps and/or keep the ball 	MIDDLE 3RD "EXPLOIT"	1. Play the ball forward if the counterattack opportunity is present 2. Willingness to add layers joining the attacking 3rd and/or front line 3. Create receiving lines in advance of the ball 4. Maximize space - Spread out - Keep the ball
5.) Connect the first pass	DEFENSIVE 3RD "SECURE"	 Advance the ball forward Establish possession by completing the first pass Create diagonal receiving lines in advance of the ball Maximize space - Spread out - To advance the ball



ATTACKING FOCUS

Red - No to Low Focus

Yellow - Introduction

Green - High Focus

GAME FORMAT	U7-U8	U9-U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15-U16	U17-U19
PRINCIPLES/FORMATION(S)	1-1-2-1	1-2-3-1 1-3-2-1	1-4-3-1 1-4-2-2 1-3-2-3	1-4-3-1 1-4-2-2 1-4-3-3	1-4-3-3	1-4-3-3 1-4-4-2	1-4-3-3 1-4-4-2 1-3-5-2	Team/ Situational Freedom
1. Continual effort to break opposition "lines" through movement with and without the ball								
2. Create isolation situations								
3. Create overload/numbers up situations								
4. Attacking decision making (individual to group to team) in the order of the following:								
A.) can I/we score a goal								
B.) can I/we get the ball to someone who can score,								
C.) maintain/dominate possession								
5. Move the ball from high pressure to low pressure								
6. Make runs behind lines, numbers in the box, variance of runs (near, far, drop).								
7. Create combinations & midfield/backs penetration/support								
8. Utilize space & triangles								
9. Push back line up/support the attack & also take preventative action								
10. Break lines via through, around and behind passes and movements								



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1.) Apply immediate pressure on the ball								
2.) Willingness/Commit to running/movement								
3.) Pressure players make play predictable								
4.) Collective actions of the players "off the ball" to deny gaps and win the ball								
5.) Maintain horizontal and vertical compactness								



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1.) Willingness and aggressive intention to WIN the ball								
2.) Dictate the space we want to defend								
3.) Pressing Principles - situational/cues of when, how, who								
4.) Recovery/Cover								
5.) Communication								
6.) Numbers up to equal in defense								
7.) Recognition of Zonal to Man Marking Accountability								
8.) Individual body/positional shape relative to pressure on the ball & opposition movements								
- Cue's relative to the pressure on ball (positional)								
9.) Positional lines connectivity to defend together								
10.) Assess, anticipate and recognize the defending to attacking action(s)								



POSITIVE TRANSITION | DEFENDING TO ATTACKING FOCUS

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PRINCIPLES/FORMATION(S)	1-1-2-1	1-2-3-1 1-3-2-1	1-4-3-1 1-4-2-2 1-3-2-3	1-4-3-1 1-4-2-2 1-4-3-3 (11v11)	1-4-3-3	1-4-3-3 1-4-4-2	1-4-3-3 1-4-4-2 1-3-5-2	Team/ Situational Freedom
1.) Priority of getting forward/breaking lines via the pass and/or dribble								
2.) Willingness/Commit to running/movement								
3.) If #1 = NO, can we keep the ball when we can't play forward and exploit gaps								
4.) Collective actions of the players "off the ball" to play forward, exploit gaps and/or keep the ball								
5.) Connect the first pass								



BTT SYSTEMS OF PLAY

Age Group U7 - 8 5v5 Focus Learning the Ball Formation 1 - 1 - 2 - 1 Age Group U9 - 10 Focus Learning to Learn 7v7 Formation(s) 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 & 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 Age Group U11 - 12 9_V9 Focus Learning to Train Formations 1-4-3-1 & 1-4-2-2 Age Group U13-14 11v11 Focus Train to Play Formations 1-4-3-3 & 1-4-4-2

Age Group U15 - 19
Focus Play to Compete
Formations 1-4-3-3,1-4-4-2 & 1-3-5-2



11v11